

December 13, 2020

SOVEREIGN GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

Of Princeton, New Jersey

Jesus Christ

For by Him were all things created,
that are in heaven, and that are in earth,
visible and invisible ...

And He is before all things,
and by Him all things consist.
- Colossians 1:16-17

Weekly Schedule of Services

Sunday:	10:15 AM	Bible Class
	11:00 AM	Morning Service
Thursday:	7:30 PM	Mid-week Service

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

10:15 am. Bible Class

11:00 a.m. Service: Hymns * Scripture Reading * Message* Hymn.

Scripture Today: Scott K **Scripture Thurs:** Ben M

Nursery Today: Debra K; Kristyn K **Nursery Thurs:** Kristyn K

Bdays: Cheryl D--3rd; Debbie D—17th; Anthony D--26th; Cyril R—30th

Dec Cleaning: Curtis

Proverbs 15: 24: The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.



OUR GOD IS IN CONTROL OF EVERYTHING

Dear soul, think about it: if there is one germ somewhere out there in the universe that is not under His control, then my health, my life, is just a matter of chance or fortune – good or bad! If there is one demon spirit out there some place that is not under God's control, then my hope of salvation would dry up like Jonah's gourd. I would have no assurance at all, for I have no confidence in me (Phil. 3:3).

I am so thankful that when the religious heathen asks me about my God, I can answer with the psalmist, “*Our God is in the heavens; he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased*” (Psalm 115:2, 3). It hath pleased Him to save His people (Matt. 1:21); and He shall not fail (Isa. 42:4). “*Salvation*” in its entirety, “*is of the Lord*” (Jonah 2:9; Phil. 1:6). The God of the Bible “*worketh all things after the counsel of his own will*” and makes “*all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose*” (Eph. 1:11; Rom. 8:28). I hold onto the Lord as tightly as I can, But my assurance is that I am in His hand!

Maurice Montgomery (1939-2015)



Some lose their souls for fear of trials and persecutions. Others lose their souls by the deceitfulness of sin. But most who perish under the sound of the gospel lose their souls by the deceitfulness of riches, the love of money, and covetousness (Luke 8:14; 12:15, 29-34; Mark 8:34-37).

Don Fortner

FREELY

Hosea 14:4 “I will Love them freely”.

Do you understand “freely”?” This is the message of salvation in Christ Jesus our Redeemer. Love flows from heaven in this way. If God did not love us “freely” then He would not love us at all. We did not deserve His love, we did not purchase His love, and we did not even seek after His love.

What does “freely” mean? We use it for that which is given without money and without price. There is no bargaining in it. A man gives “freely” when he gives hoping for nothing in return. This is how God gave. He said, “I will not accept their works in exchange for my love; I will not receive their love as recompense for mine; I will love them all unworthy and sinful though they be.”

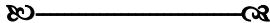
Men give, but no man ever gives freely. There is always some return or honor or recognition attached to men’s giving. But God gives to those who can confer no honor and have no position to cause the giving. They are destitute paupers with nothing in their pockets and no pockets to put anything in.

The Lord gives that which is unsought. He does not give grace to those who seek it, because none ever seek grace until grace has already come. Sovereign grace does not wait for man. Religion says that man is running after God. We say that man is running after all manner of sin and evil, and they do not seek God until His love comes upon them. As the effect of God’s love, men begin to seek Him. We do not entreat the Lord, because we hate Him. His love comes “freely.”

Have you ever asked the sun to shine? No, the sun shines its rays on the earth “freely.” It comes on the blasphemer as well as the child of God. It falls on the farm of the wicked as well as the righteous. The rain falls upon the rock as well as upon the field. Such is the grace of God. It does not come because we ask it, much less because we deserve it. His love is always first. He does not love because Christ died, but Christ died because the Father loved. It comes from His own infinite heart of goodness, simply because He chose to do so. Thank God, He loves me FREELY. I can live with that.

Donnie Bell

Child of God does it appear you will lose all? It appeared that way when Joseph was cast into prison. But do you know what the next word says? “*But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison*” (Gen 39: 21). The hymn writer wrote, “Prisons would palaces prove if Jesus would dwell with me there.” He shall for he promised, “*Lo, I am with you alway.*”



He that turned water into wine to answer the momentary feast can soon convert everything even of evil into good; and rather than that his redeemed shall want anything needful, will bring resources from their enemies’ table.

Robert Hawker



A MEDIATOR IS NOT OF ONE, BUT GOD IS ONE (Gal 3:20)

If someone robs a man of his property, he will hire a prosecutor, convict the robber, seek restitution and more. How much more if the robber blamed the very one he robbed and spewed hatred, maligning him all over town. Even an uninvolved third party whose property was not touched will quickly side with the robbed and condemn the robber. But whoever heard of the one robbed, hated, blamed and maligned providing a mediator for his offender to bring them together in peace?

A mediator is not a representative of one but of two. But God is one of the two, even the offended one that we offended! Yet, though we were guilty and worthy of death, God did not send a lawyer to prosecute nor a judge to condemn. The very God we offended provided the Mediator who represented the interests of not one, but both parties, reconciling us to himself. Even more amazing, the Mediator that God provided is his only begotten Son! Still more amazing “*He*”—the Offended—“*hath made him*”—his Son—“*sin for us, who knew no sin, that we—his ungodly elect—might be made the righteousness of God in him*” (2 Cor 5:21).

How exceedingly great is God’s glory! As high as the heaven is above the earth so are his thoughts above our thoughts! Matchless love! Matchless grace! Melting the hard hearted! Creating peacemakers! “*Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another*” (1 Jn 4: 10-11).