

SOVEREIGN GRACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

"Where The Truths Of God's Word Have Been Taught For More Than Fifty-Nine Years" Since October 21, 1961

1217 Dillon Texarkana, Texas 75501

January 31, 2021

Newsletter Number 806

Brother Randy Johnson, Pastor

Brother Justin Bookout, Song Leader

Pastor E-Mail: pastor@sgmbaptist.com

Pastors Blog: sgmbcpastor.blogspot.com

Churches Web Site: www.sgmbaptist.com

Sermon Audio: sermonaudio.com/sgmbaptist

Please Join Us As We Pray For:

All of Our Military, Their Family's & All the Civilian Workers in The Middle East, Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, and Brother Philip Thornsberry, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Buckie Thompson, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Tyrell Loyd, Ted O'Bonion, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Danny Mollette, cousin Kayla, Lee & Mary Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Matthew Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ronnie Henderson Jr. & Children, Ricky Henderson and Family, Velma Hammond, Don Hammond and Families, Donna Johnson, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Nathan Fails, Jacob Ramsey, Jerry Hughes, Gina, Brother Kelley and Sister Hinson, Patricia Hinson, Diane Thomas, Jace Fails, Jim and Linda Meier, Keith Johnson, Carolyn Davis, Vickie Adkins, Shirly King - Son David - and family, Brother Robert and Sister Jennifer Keller, Christel and her daughter, James Jackson and wife, David Henderson and Wife, Hailey Renee McManus, Little Cam Works, Brother Dan Sullivan the work in Thailand, Brother Raul and the work in Romania, Bro. Sergey Mochalov and the Churches in Russia.

The Pastors Thoughts:

Salvation and Ministries are a revelation not a decision.

"But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood." Galatians 1:15 - 16

In our "today's world" there are so many false conceptions about salvation that it leads to a mass confusion about the true salvation of God. Satan wants this mass confusion because it makes the truth about salvation sound irrelevant and unrealistic. It is the churches and their Pastors that are responsible to echo the truth about salvation in this evil world. Jesus left the gospel in the hands of the church's leadership in the great commission. It is the local churches that have the sole responsibility of holding on to true gospel and carrying it through this lost and dying world. The worldly assemblies do not understand this because it was not given to their charge. It is the church at Jerusalem's charge and her descendants' charge only. Every person or organization like missionaries and mission works are descendants of a local church and held to the same responsibility as their mother church. Paul commanded this young minister and missionary to preach the gospel truth, "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ... Preach the word..." 2 Tim. 4:1-2 Paul went on to say in our text "...when it pleased God... To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen..." This proves that salvation and the power to preach the gospel are those who have had a revelation to do so. It is the local churches that are called "The Pillar and Ground of Truth" 1 Tim. 3:15 "...the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." Paul wrote also these words "immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood" but why not? Because every church, every Pastor, every Missionary, and every Ministry is deity controlled. The gospel is not originally "our message" it is God's message and God's chosen message for salvation, it is our gospel because God put it into our trust. We are all sent by God into the world by God's power to preach His message called the gospel. None of this is a "human power" because it is the Holy Spirit that controls it all. People cannot even understand the simplicity of the gospel message if it is not revealed to them by the Holy Spirit. Do you remember this conversation between Jesus and Peter, "He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? (16) And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. (17) And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." Matthew 16:15 - 17 The only way Peter knew who Jesus was is because the Holy Spirit taught him, it was not a human revelation. Paul said, it was God who caused him to

be born from his mother's womb, saved his soul, and caused him to preach the gospel wherever God sent him to preach it. Why would Paul, or any church, or any Pastor, or any Minister confer with human beings when their entire existence and ministry is accomplished by God's hand and power. If I ever ask my church or another minister a question or for advice, it is only "for data input" all my decisions are made by the Holy Spirit for me and my ministry. Our church is the absolute same, we never ask another outside source anything except for "data input".

Let me conclude with this thought. God does not trust His ministry in the hands of mankind not even His own believers, because we are weak to the flesh, even as Christians and churches. Jesus tells us to "*Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*" Matthew 26:41 The spirit is strong because of the Holy Spirit, but the fleshly side of all Christians is weak. Our worship of God is "spiritual" because it is the strongest part of our being after salvation. Remember the spirit in lost people is dead therefore there is nothing in them that is strong. Therefore, God controls everything by the powerful workings of the Holy Spirit. Not even can we witness the gospel unless we are sent to that person by the Holy Spirit. "*How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? (15) And how shall they preach, except they be sent?*" Rom. 10:14 – 15a. The churches are sent by Jesus to the world and we as individuals are sent by the Holy Spirit. We do not know the elect, they are few and far between, therefore God sends us to the elect or sends the elect to us. Therefore, we all work by a revelation from God, we are not on our own, we get no credit for the saved nor blame for the lost.

He chose you to be trophies of His grace!

By Charles Spurgeon

"You yourselves, as living stones, are being built into a spiritual house for a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 2:5

God builds a palace for Himself in heaven, made of 'living stones'. *Where did He get them?* Has He brought forth the richest and the purest marble from the fine quarries of Paris? No! Christians, look to "the *hole of the pit* where you were dug out of, and to the rock where you were cut from!" You were full of sin. Far from being stones that were white with purity—you were black with defilement, seemingly utterly unfit to be stones in the spiritual temple, which would be the dwelling-place of the Most High God. And yet, **He chose you to be trophies of His grace!**

Goldsmiths make exquisite jewelry from *precious* materials; they fashion the bracelet and the ring from gold. But God makes His jewels out of *base* materials. From the black pebbles of the defiling brooks—He has taken up stones, which He has set in the golden ring of His immutable love, to make them gems to sparkle on His finger forever. He has not selected the *best*—but apparently the *worst* of men—to be the *monuments of His grace!*

A letter from Jonathan Edwards to his daughter Mary:

My dear child,

You may well think it is natural for a parent to be concerned for a child at so great a distance away, so far out of view, and so far out of the reach of communication; where, if you should be stricken with any dangerous sickness, which should issue in death—you might probably be in your grave before we would hear of your danger. But yet, my greatest concern is not for your health, or temporal welfare—but for the good of your soul.

Though you are at so great a distance from us—yet God is everywhere. You are much out of the reach of our care—but you are in His hands every moment! We have not the comfort of seeing you—but He sees you! His eye is always upon you. And if you may but live sensibly near to God, and have His gracious presence, it is no great matter if you are far distant from us. I had rather you should remain hundreds of miles distant from us—and have God near to you—than to have you always with us, and live at a distance from God.

And if the next news we would hear of you, would be of your death, though that would be very sad; yet, if at the same time we had the best grounds to hope, that you had died in the Lord—how much more comfortable would this be to us—than if you died without the grace and favor of God!