

## SOVEREIGN GRACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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### ***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, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ronnie Henderson Jr. & Children, Ricky Henderson and Family, Velma Hammond, Don Hammond and Families, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Nathan Fails, Jacob Ramsey, Jerry Hughes, Gina and Kirk, 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, David Henderson and Wife, Hailey Renee McManus, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Roselyn Pardillo and Family and those that work with her, Brother Dan and Sunny Sullivan the work in Thailand, Brother Raul and the work in Romania, Bro. Sergey Mochalov and the Churches in Russia.

### ***Pastor's thought for the week.***

#### ***God will protect us.***

*"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD." Isaiah 54:17*

As a young minister that had just surrendered to the call to become a minister, this is the first scripture I was introduced too. My Pastor and mentor Elder Harace Hammond showed me this verse and said, "never fear those that fight against you, although they be many and they be powerful, God is our sustainer" (paraphrased) God promised in Hebrews 13:5 *"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."* The sad part about this verse is that most Christians can quote the last 8 words and have no idea what the other part says. The last 8 words gives us strength and stability in the rest of the verse, *"Let your conversation be without covetousness"* meaning let your – style in deportment or character – the way we conduct ourselves in our Christian stability also as Ministers our ministry. Then the Lord continues "and be content with such things as ye have" If we are strong, steadfast, faithful, to the truth and God, we should be CONTENT it our service to the Lord, churches, and His word. Being content is not allowing anyone or any form of substance affect you. Never want more than God provides, if you do it will drive you to lust, and lust will cause you to fall from truth. Our entire life, ministries, and churches are built on the foundation of truth. We all must understand that God controls ALL, not a partial, nothing is out of God's control. Therefore, how do we remain faithful to God and His word which is absolute truth, by understanding that God, *"will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."* These words are our entire foundation to understanding our security in our faith to God, His word of truth, and His church. It Christians, ministers, or churches, fall off this content foundation it could cause them biblical ruin. The absolute key to our success is being content with God's work in our life, because desiring more only leads to failure. If you are poor, it is God's will for you, if you are lacking in anything it is God's will for you, if salvations have slowed it is God's will, if churches are getting fewer and fewer it is God's will, whatever it is in life it is God's will, and we should be content with it. Being content, satisfied, and grateful, with what is in life, as a gracious gift from God thanking Him for what He goes give. God said, *"Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than*

*raiment?"* Matthew 6:25 That is, don't worry about these things in life but be content and learn to live with what God has given you. God is able, He is not weak or incapable, He controls everything, and everything is His predetermined will. *"In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ."* Ephesians 1:11

Therefore, as Christians, churches, and mostly as ministers and pastors we can be faithful to God, His word, and the churches, even to God promised us that *"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn..."* Therefore, we can have the faith to stand firm, and accept that whatever happens is God's ordained will for us. Let them have their weapons, let them use the, but in the end it will not prosper. Our success as Christians, churches, and ministers is not earthly rewarded but heaven rewarded, our standing firm is our victory. Our victory is that the world that hated Jesus crucified Him, without the crucifixion there is not victory for us. The death of so many Christians in our history is not a defeat to God or them, it's a victory. And so can we have victory if we do not allow Satan's weapons defeat us.

### ***The new birth!***

By William Nicholson

*"You have been **born again**, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God!" 1 Peter 1:23*

The new birth is not effected by baptism — yet some have wickedly declared that we are regenerated by baptism, made children of God, and heirs of the kingdom of Heaven. A person may be baptized in infancy, or in riper years — and yet, like Simon Magus, remain "in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity!" Acts 8:23

The new birth is not merely external, nor does it consist in mere religious duties. Some people have been preserved from immoralities, yet they too must be born again.

A man may perform a multitude of religious duties — and yet have an unholy heart.

He may be honest and fair in his dealings — and yet be an enemy to God.

He may be of a generous to others — and yet not of a gracious disposition.

He may be able to say with the young ruler, "All these things have I kept from my youth up," and yet lack the one thing needful.

The new birth is not merely a profession of faith. Not all who profess Christ, possess Him.

The new birth is a change wrought by the power of the Holy Spirit in the understanding, will, and affections of a sinner, which is the commencement of a new kind of life; and which gives another direction to his judgment, desires, pursuits, and conduct.

This new birth is a **divine change**. Thus He who gave man his physical being at first, can alone create him in Christ Jesus unto good works. He alone can enstamp His own image, and make us partakers of a Divine nature. To give life to the dead, and to bring a clean thing out of an unclean — is the work of Omnipotence, and the effect of sovereign grace! *"Who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God!"* John 1:13

### ***Church News***

Our Bible Conference is Friday September 17 and Saturday September 18 they are:

- **Elder Joey Newell** Pastor at Sovereign Grace Baptist Church in Silsbee, Texas
- **Elder Kelley Hinson** Pastor at Landmark Sovereign Grace Baptist Church in Ft. Worth, Texas
- **Elder Robert (Bob) Keller** Pastor at Grace Bible Baptist Church in Denham Springs, Louisiana
- **Elder Larry Wilson** Pastor at Northside Baptist Church in Oakdale, Louisiana
- **Elder Jimmy Nelson** Pastor at Landmark Baptist Church in Haltom City, Texas
- **Elder Ronnie Miller** Pastor at Divide Baptist Church in Divide, Texas
- Thank you all for coming and sharing God's word with us once again!
- Please pray for our conference and our guest Speakers.