

## 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.***

#### **The Whole Armor of God**

*"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Ephesians 6:10 – 11*

Being a Christian is not an easy thing, because being a Christian means being God's child. God has standards for His children, we are not supposed to roam the world. This world is no longer our home for the Christian, it is no longer a good place for us. The world system belongs to Satan, he stole at the garden when Adam gave it to him. God put this world in Adams hands in creation, *"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."* Genesis 1:26 The word "dominion" means to reign or rule which means man has the authority to control the earth. Adam failed in his sin and caused God's created beings that He created in His own image to be separated from Him and allowed mankind to be ruled by Satan. Mankind no longer belongs to God, the rule of the earth no longer belongs to godliness, but to satanic rule. *"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."* 2 Corinthians 4:4 The word "blinded" means - to obscure or cause them to have an inability to see – that is mankind will not see God for who He truly is, they are only unholy because Satan is their father. *"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."* John 8:44 Not just these people but all mankind. This makes mankind to be in the state of "total depravity" or have total inability to do anything good for God. It is this mental capacity that rules the world, which is evil and Satan. People cannot escape Satan's rule because they are blinded by Satanic power giving them the inability to do good or to seek a change toward God. Therefore, salvation must be a transformation by the power of the Holy Spirit, man cannot turn from evil by choice of their own. God said of salvation that we have new natures, natures lost people do not have and will never have if the Holy Spirit does not give it to them.

We who are Christians by God's grace and power no longer belong to this world, we are pilgrims in a foreign land. The world, because of Satan is no longer our friends, no matter what you were before salvation, you are now an enemy to them. The only way Christians and lost people get along is if you move

back into their way of life because they have no ability to move to your new way of life. *“As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.”* Romans 3:10 – 11 Therefore, being a Christian or a child of God and no longer a child of Satan you should we are enemies. Our life is now a battle between godliness and evil, because as Christians we have an adversary in Satan and his world. *“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:”* 1 Peter 5:8 The word adversary means opponent like in battle, and since the world is our battleground includes them. God said, *“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”* Galatians 5:16 Walking in the Spirit is to walk in the scriptures; therefore, we obey God and deny Satan and his evil world. That takes power, power from God, power from His word, power on our part. God in Ephesians chapter 6 defines the armor needed to fight Satan. The whole description here is to obtain the weapons needed of a soldier for battle. They are all needed because if there is one single kink in the armor you leave room to be enticed by Satan. Being fully suited in the armor of God is our only defense we cannot win on our own because we are weak in this flesh. Having the whole armor on means we are *“strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.”* Not our might by God’s might. This gives us the ability to *“able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”* Wales meaning “trickery”, please remember he is sly, shows in the form of light, he will trick you if he can, because he wants us to fail God and walk after him. Listen to God, *“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.”* Ephesians 6:18 - 20

***A thought for you:***

You call Me Master — and obey me not,  
You call Me Light — and see me not,  
You call Me way — and follow me not  
You call Me Life — and desire me not,  
You call Me wise — and acknowledge me not,  
You call Me fair — and love me not,  
You call Me rich — and ask me not,  
You call Me eternal — and seek me not,  
You call Me gracious — and trust me not,  
You call Me noble — and serve me not,  
You call Me mighty — and honor me not,  
You call Me just — and fear me not,  
If I condemn you — blame Me not.

***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.

Our speakers will be staying at the Country Inn & Suites 1918 University Avenue Texarkana, Texas 75503 855-516-1090 Tell them you are here for our Bible Conference, and you will get our rate