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"Where The Truths Of God's Word Have Been Taught For More Than Fifty-Eight Years"

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"A Church Seeking To Please God In Prayer, Song, Preaching, And Worship."

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, Frankie Baldrige and daughter, Buckie Thompson, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family, Lana Paul, Tyrell Loyd, Ted O'Bonion, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Poole, Danny & Nita Mollette, their cousin Kayla, The Muncy Family, Lee & Mary Mollette, Wendell Henderson, 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, Pastor G. L. Burr, Gina, Brother Kelley and Sister Hinson, Patricia Hinson, Diane Thomas and grandson Jace Fails, Jim and Linda Meier, Keith Johnson, Carolyn Davis, Vickie Adkins, Shirly King, Brother Dan Sullivan the work in Thailand, Brother Raul and the work in Romania, Bro. Sergey Mochalov and the Churches in Russia.

The Pastors Thinking:

The rejection of Jesus Christ.

"I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you." John 8:37

Jesus Christ is without question the Son of God, the Saviour that God sent to this world to die for our salvation and shed His blood to wash all our sins away. He was born of Mary who was in the lineage of Abraham and David and therefore Jesus is the rightful heir to King David's earthly throne. *"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:"* Luke 1:32 However, He was rejected of the Jews. John wrote about the Jews rejecting Jesus, *"He came unto his own, and his own received him not."* John 1:11 Since the Jewish Nation rejected Jesus Christ they sought to and did crucify Jesus who was the very Christ they were seeking. This was to show their rejection of Him as God's Son and mankind's God sent Saviour. So, let us ask ourselves, what can we learn from this rejection? It is easy for people to miss the Messiah and live a life of deceitful worship, never knowing the True Saviour. Today, people who are "Christians" by name only, church members by name only, and servants of God by name only, do not know the Saviour of mankind in their heart. While the Jews did not know Jesus nor recognize Him as God's Son, many today while they recognize Him as God's Son, recognize Him not as Saviour, and that is their condemnation. Jesus said, *"He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."* John 3:18 This belief is not in your mind but rather in your heart, *"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."* Romans 10:10 Not with the blood pumping heart, but the spirit which is also known as the inner-man as Paul wrote in Ephesians 3:15 *"That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;"* It is this "inner man" or spirit in man that is God's communication place. It is this spirit that is dead in lost people and until it is made alive and you have absolutely no communications or no inner blessings from God. *"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;"* Ephesians 2:1 This is why Paul wrote in Romans 10:10 *"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness..."* it is the Holy Spirit that quickens your natural dead spirit and causes it

to live, therefore having the ability to have communication with the Holy Spirit. *“And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness...But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.”* Romans 8:10 – 11 It is thru this spiritual communication of God’s Spirit and our living spirit that we are blessed in being able to communicate with God. If your spirit has not been made alive by the Holy Spirit, then (1.) you are not saved. (2.) you cannot have any communications with the Father, and (3.) Jesus the Christ means nothing to you, and you are eternally lost regardless of your status in this life. Just as the Jews never knew Jesus Christ as Saviour, many who claim to know Him and claim to be Christians are just as wrong and just as lost about the Messiah and their eternal status. God’s word has no effect on these people; therefore, they create a religion and form their own doctrine that denies the True Saviour and word of God. They cannot see that God is Sovereign and that salvation is totally in the person of Jesus Christ. They abuse the scriptures, changing God’s truth into a lie, and creating a religion that praises themselves instead of God and Jesus. Just like the Jews are sadly wrong about Jesus so are the “Religionist Christians”. And why do they do this, “... *because my word hath no place in you.*” Therefore, Jesus went on to say, *“And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.”*

John 8:45 The bible is truth, but they seek to distort it because they cannot spiritually understand it if the Holy Spirit does not dwell in them. It is only those who God has truly saved by the power of the Holy Spirit and thru the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ that will ever understand the truth. *“He that is of God heareth God’s words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.”* John 8:47 If you have not truly fled to Jesus Christ then today is the day of salvation if you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. *“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”* Matthew 11:28, - *“And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.”* John 6:65, - For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Romans 8:14

John Newton

In his old age, when he could no longer see to read, John Newton, the author of "Amazing Grace" heard someone recite this verse, "By the grace of God--I am what I am." 1 Corinthians 15:10. He remained silent a short time, and then said:

I am not what I ought to be. Ah! how imperfect and deficient.

I am not what I might be, considering my privileges and opportunities.

I am not what I wish to be. God, who knows my heart--knows I wish to be like Him.

I am not what I hope to be. Before long, I will drop this clay tabernacle, to be like Him and see Him as He is!

Yet, I am not what I once was--a child of sin, and slave of the devil!

Though not all these--not what I ought to be, not what I might be, not what I wish or hope to be, and not what I once was--I think I can truly say with the apostle, "By the grace of God--I am what I am!"

The plank of free grace!

A minister lay dying in Scotland. A fellow-minister called to see him, and inquired, "Well, my brother, what are you doing?"

"Doing?" answered the dying servant of God. "Doing? I will tell you: I am gathering together all my prayers and sermons, all my good deeds and bad deeds — and am going to throw them all overboard together, and swim to glory on **the plank of free grace!**"

"We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved!" Acts 15:11

"It is by God's grace that you have been saved!" Ephesians 2:5

Church Notices:

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 3. Be sure to set your clocks **BACK** one hour.

Happy Anniversary to the Sovereign Grace Missionary Baptist Church in Texarkana, USA She will be 58 years old on Monday October 21. Established in 1961 by eight souls.