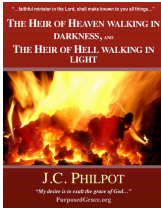


# SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

**July 1st, 2018**

“Remember me, O LORD,  
with the favour that thou  
bearest unto thy people: O  
visit me with thy salvation”

(PSALM 106:4)



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## Happy Birthday!

**Winna Groover - July 6th**

**This evening's podcast will be from PASTOR EMERITUS JACK SHANKS**

**PROVERBS 28:13 — "TWO SINNERS!"**

Recorded on Sunday evening, November 14th, 1999

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## THY GOD REIGNETH!

"HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS ARE THE FEET OF HIM THAT BRINGETH GOOD TIDINGS, THAT PUBLISHETH PEACE; THAT BRINGETH GOOD TIDINGS OF GOOD, THAT PUBLISHETH SALVATION, THAT SAITH UNTO ZION, THY GOD REIGNETH!"

(ISAIAH 52:7)

Note in the verse above that "*Thy God reigneth*" is an integral part of the gospel. To the degree that preachers have lost sight of the exalted, glorified, sovereign Christ—to the same degree they have let the gospel slip away. The gospel is gospel or "*good news*" only in the context of Christ's sovereign power and ability to save sinners who are "*dead in trespasses and sins*" (EPHESIANS 2:1; JOHN 5:21,25; REVELATION 1:17,18).

"*Thy God reigneth*" is the very heart of the gospel hope to conscious, convicted sinners. They need a new heart, a new nature, they need LIFE! And no earthly ecclesiastical powers can help them. Only God can give life. Only One who is "*mighty to save*" can encourage their heart (ISAIAH 63:1, read ROMANS 10:13-15).

Apart from "*Thy God reigneth*" there is no good news for sinners, Adam's fallen race. But with the sovereign Christ of Scripture, there is hope for a Saul of Tarsus, for the most obstinate and vile sinner on the face of the earth, for He is able to pursue, subdue, and renew; and He never fails! Lost soul, call upon Him. Call upon Him now. He is a suitable and sufficient, an able and willing Saviour. [AMEN!]

PASTOR **MAURICE MONTGOMERY**

## A CHOSEN GENERATION

“...YE ARE A CHOSEN GENERATION...” (1 PETER 2:3)

Hail, chosen race, redeemed from sin,  
Dear purchase of Jehovah’s blood,  
Cast out and disesteemed of men,  
But lovely in the eyes of God.  
Objects of His eternal love,  
Selected from the common mass,  
A royal priesthood, called to prove  
The search-less riches of His grace.  
Built on the everlasting Rock,  
That Corner-stone in Zion laid,  
When tempests beat, ye stand the shock,  
Invincible, through Christ, your Head.  
Ye, His peculiar people, shine,  
A nation holy to the Lord,  
By everlasting love divine,  
Given to Christ as His reward.  
And will He not His praise show forth,  
Who called you out of nature’s tomb,  
And freed you, by a second birth,  
From sin’s most just and fearful doom?  
O Thou to whom alone we owe  
Our present and eternal bliss,  
Whose love has granted us to know  
The things pertaining to our peace,  
With mingled thankfulness and prayer,  
We laud thy grace, so freely given,  
In songs our gratitude declare,  
And praise thee as we walk to heaven.

—TOPLADY

## GRACE WHICH WAS GIVEN TO US IN CHRIST

“...BY GRACE YE ARE SAVED” (EPHESIANS 2:5)

A grain of grace of God’s planting is more worth than millions of gold of man’s getting—a more worthy gift than all the gold of Ophir [Egypt]—which God gives to men by their own industry, who shall never see His face; but this is by His Spirit in order to glory. It is a royal gift He reserves in His own hands, to bestow upon those that were His favorites in His eternal purposes. It grows not in everyman’s ground, neither is it sown in every man’s field.

[PASTOR] **STEPHEN CHARNOCK** (1628-1680)

## BELIEVERS' BAPTISM

“AND NOW WHY TARRIEST THOU? ARISE, AND BE BAPTIZED, AND WASH AWAY THY SINS, CALLING ON THE NAME OF THE LORD” (ACTS 22:16)

Baptism is not necessary to salvation. In other words, baptism does not secure or seal our union with Christ, or guarantee any special blessings to the believer. However, baptism is necessary to the child of God because it is taught in the Scriptures (ROMANS 6:1-11). Baptism, the burial of our bodies in water by immersion, is the believer's public confession of faith in Christ. It is the answer of a good conscience toward God, and a picture of salvation by our substitute (ACTS 22:16; 1 PETER 3:21). It is publicly declaring our allegiance and commitment to Christ and his church.

Many of those professing salvation, hang their hopes of heaven upon church membership, baptism, and partaking of the Lord's supper. On the other hand, many who profess to know Christ refuse to submit to any of these, or they feel free to pick and choose which ones. Neither circumstance reflects the attitude of a believing heart. Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and uniting with a local assembly of believers identifies us with Christ and his Gospel; the greatest honor and privilege with which a child of God could be blessed on this earth.

PASTOR **TOMMY ROBBINS** (1948-2011)

## RECONCILED TO GOD

“...WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED THE ATONEMENT.”

(ROMANS 5:11)

I remember, that after my poor heart had wandered from the sweet enjoyment of the Lord, and I had got entangled with some flesh pleasing idols, the LORD brought me feelingly into chapter 16 of Ezekiel, for that chapter contains a solemn figure of the wandering, backsliding heart of a child of God: Almost every sentence of it cut me up, and I said to myself, This is my case. In a spiritual sense, I am this vile fornicator, I have acted this base part; whatever becomes of these base characters in the end, I must go with them. But I think I shall never forget the conclusion, for a blessed one it is: *“And I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: That thou mayest remember, and be confounded, and never open thy mouth any more because of thy shame, when I am pacified toward thee for all that thou hast done, saith the LORD GOD”* (EZEKIEL 16:62,63). This, this is matchless grace. Here the LORD shames us out of our sins, and kisses us into obedience.

PASTOR **WILLIAM GADSBY** (1773-1844)