

# EAGER AVENUE GRACE CHURCH

That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 5:21

## Worship Services

### Sunday, April 28, 2024

10 am: "The True Source of Our Sin" | Matthew 15:10-20  
Matthew Series | Lesson 56  
Bill Parker

11 am: "Seven Vials of God's Wrath (2)" | Revelation 16:8-15  
Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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## The God of the Bible

The God of the Bible is the absolute sovereign of this universe, its Creator, and its Sustainer – *“Yea before the day was I am He; and there is none that can deliver out of My hand: I will work, and who shall let it? (Isaiah 43:13).* There is none that can hinder or thwart His purpose – *“Have ye not known? have ye not heard? Hath it not been told you from the beginning? Have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:” (Isaiah 40:21-22).* In our day, among men, *“there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) but to us there is but one God, the Father, of Whom are all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom are all things, and we by Him.” (I Corinthians 8:5-6).* And *“whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did He in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and in all deep places.” (Psalm 135:6).* And again, *“But our God is in the heavens: He hath done whatsoever He hath pleased.” (Psalm 115:3).*

—A. J. Ison

## What About “Free Will”?

The problem with those who believe that salvation is attained and/or maintained by their “free will” is that they deny what God’s Word says about the nature of salvation by God’s grace, and what God’s Word says about all people by nature as fallen in Adam and born spiritually dead in trespasses and sin. The Bible says that salvation is attained and maintained by the sovereign will of God – ***“For He saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy” (Rom. 9:15-16).*** The Bible also says that by nature man has no will to believe the things of the Gospel wherein God’s glory is revealed in salvation by His grace and power through the Lord Jesus Christ – ***“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned” (1 Cor. 2:14).*** This is the nature of spiritual death, i.e. if left to ourselves, we will not choose God (Rom. 3:10-12). The Bible teaches that in order for sinners to choose the right way of salvation by God’s grace in Christ, we must be born again by the Holy Spirit and given the gifts of faith, and this is not by the will of man. It is by the will of God – ***“But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:12-13).*** Why is it so important that we understand these things? It is because in the salvation of sinners, God alone gets all the glory in and by the Lord Jesus Christ! Saved sinners, those who choose to believe in Christ for salvation and eternal life, know that they did not make the difference between lost and saved. They know that God alone in Christ made the difference. They know that if they believe in and follow Christ as the Lord their righteousness, it is God alone Who made them willing and gave them the desire to receive and believe in Him. They know that ALL of salvation, including faith, is of the Lord and not of themselves.

—Pastor Bill Parker

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Faith can never be something that is organic in every man if only he would, by his free will, exercise it. Faith is precious, God-given faith whereby God calls His sheep. Not one of them will ever be lost, for Christ has redeemed them and is currently seated at the right hand of the Father as their everlasting Surety. His righteousness is their eternal, everlasting righteousness. They are accepted in the Beloved, and they know this by God-given faith.

—Kenny Dyess

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A man never passes the verge of moral humility till self-righteousness be dethroned, till the high and towering imaginations of the man’s own righteousness by the law be leveled by the mighty weapons of the Gospel, and he is brought to submit to the righteousness of God for justification, which is, in the Gospel revealed “from faith to faith.” —Ebenezer Erskine

## Welcome

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We want to welcome Brother Brad Holley into the fellowship of our church family. Brad confessed his faith in Christ in believer's baptism last Sunday. It is our prayer that we will be a means of blessing to Brad and that he will be a means of blessing to us.

## Birthdays

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Mary Margeson - Apr. 29 | Jimmy Casey - Apr. 30

## Prayer Requests

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Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Akemi Okada, Sue Parker, Judy Fletcher, David Tennyson, Banks Margeson, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

## Hymns

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### April 28th services

-Come Thou Fount - 17

-Depth of Mercy - 233

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## Call to Worship

(Tune – How Firm A Foundation – p. 268)

**Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy grace, Oh so free, from the first to the last,  
Has won my affections and bound my soul fast.**

**Thy mercy in Jesus has saved me from hell;  
Its glories to sing and its wonders to tell;  
'Twas Christ my Redeemer Who hung on the tree,  
That opened the fountain of mercy for me.**

**Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
All praise to Thy Spirit; His calling Divine,  
Makes wisdom and pardon and righteousness mine.**

**Secure in Christ Jesus, no power can shake;  
The foundation is laid, and it never can break;  
With God justified, our salvation to bless,  
As we stand in our LORD Who is our Righteousness.**