

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, March 24, 2024

10 am: "Growth of Christ's Kingdom" | Matthew 13:24-43
Matthew Series | Lesson 51
Bill Parker

11 am: "The Glory of the Lamb"
Revelation 14:1-5
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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Election does not prevent the salvation of anybody who wants to be saved. But the distinction needs to be made between a mere desire to escape hell and the desire to be saved from sin. The desire to be saved from hell is a natural desire – nobody wants to burn. The desire to be saved from sin is a spiritual desire resulting from the convicting work of the Holy Spirit, and God's electing grace is the very mother of this desire. To represent election by saying that God has spread the Gospel feast, and a man comes to the table hungering for the bread of life; but God says "No, this is not for you, you are not one of my elect," is to misrepresent the Holy Doctrine. Here is the truth – God has spread the feast, but the fact is nobody wants to come to the table. "They all with one consent began to make excuse." God knew just how fallen nature would act, and He meant for His table to be filled, so, He tells His servant to go out and compel them to come (Luke 14:23). Were it not for the redemptive work of Christ there would be no Gospel feast; were it not for the compelling work of the Holy Spirit there would be no guests at the table. A mere invitation brings nobody to the table. —C. D. Cole

Any sinner who truly desires salvation God's way according to His Word, by His grace, all in and by the Lord Jesus Christ, based on the glory of His Person (God manifest in the flesh) and the merit of His finished work of redeeming His people by His obedience unto death (His blood and righteousness imputed alone) shall be saved. The Lord said, "**All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out**" (**John 6:37**). This is the truth of God's election of grace and of God's redeeming and regenerating grace. Before the world began, God chose a people and placed all of the responsibility of their complete salvation on His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ came into the world to redeem them by His death on the cross as their Surety, Substitute, Redeemer, Life-Giver, and Preserver (**Gal. 4:4-6**). He was raised from the dead because in His death for His people (God's elect, His sheep), He fully satisfied the justice of God against them for their sins and established the perfect righteousness by which God has justified them (**Rom. 4:25**). And because we all fell in Adam into a state of sin, spiritual death, and depravity, which is evidenced in our natural ignorance and unwillingness to believe in Christ and repent of our dead works (**1 Cor. 2:14**), He sends the Holy Spirit to bring us under the preaching of this Gospel, impart to us spiritual life (new spirits), new hearts and new knowledge, which is the gift of faith from God, and bring us to repentance of our dead works and idolatry. The Holy Spirit then indwells us to keep us ever looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith (**Heb. 12:2**) and Who preserves us unto glory. This is the complete work of God's grace in and by the Lord Jesus Christ.

—Pastor Bill Parker

An old preacher evaluating his ministry over the years said, "I have tried diligently to preach God as He really is, to sinners as they really are, and to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Mediator between the holy God and sinful men, the all-glorious Redeemer Who accomplished, by Himself, the reconciliation of His people to God (**2 Cor. 5:18-21**). I have tried, to preach:

- (1) A God you cannot satisfy by your efforts,
- (2) A law you cannot keep,
- (3) An obedience you cannot render,
- (4) A righteousness you cannot produce,
- (5) A love you cannot give,
- (6) Sin you cannot get rid of,
- (7) A Judgement you cannot face on your own merits,
- (8) A repentance you cannot produce,
- (9) A faith which God alone can give.

I have preached to you a Christ Who fully satisfied God FOR sinners and Who freely saves the vilest of sinners. I urge you to look to Him, believe Him, trust Him, and confidently commit your guilty soul unto HIM. Simply hug up to HIM in childlike faith and trust, and all will be well with your soul. In HIM there is no condemnation."

—Copied

Prayer Requests

Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Akemi Okada, Sue Parker, Melissa Riggins, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Baptism

Following the messages today, Melissa Riggins will confess her faith in her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in believer's baptism. Thank God for His grace in Melissa's life and salvation.

Lord's Supper

Next Sunday, we will serve THE LORD'S SUPPER following the morning messages. We will have our usual covered-dish dinner afterwards.

Hymns

March 24th services

Look to the Lamb of God - 216

The Cleansing Wave - 227

Call to Worship

(Tune – Sweet Hour of Prayer – p. 361)
(Words written by Pastor Jim Byrd)

Amazing love, how rich and free,
That God would shed His grace on me;
 Forgive all my iniquity,
 And save my soul eternally.
Redeeming love, amazing grace,
That Christ would come to take my place;
 To bear my sin and then to die,
 The law's demands to satisfy.

Amazing love, how can it be,
That Christ would die on Calvary?
For by that death He ransomed me,
 From condemnation I am free.
Redeeming love, surpassing thought,
What wondrous grace the Lord has wrought;
 He drank the cup of justice dry,
 The law's demands to satisfy.