

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 11, 2021

10 am: "Surety of a Better Testament"

Hebrews 7:22
Jim Casey

11 am: "The Water and the Blood" | 1 John 5:6
Randy Wages

Live Stream

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The Power That Worketh In Us

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." (Eph. 3:20-21)

The grace, love, and mercy of God shown toward us in and by the Lord Jesus Christ are more than doctrines we believe. They are dynamic powers of God implanted within our hearts to motivate and drive us in the obedience of faith as we seek to follow and honor Christ in our lives. God the Holy Spirit is the sovereign Agent who imparts these graces to us. He does this by giving us a powerful revelation of God's glory in our full salvation by the Lord Jesus Christ and the power of Christ's blood and righteousness for our complete forgiveness and justification before God. He imparts faith to believe in Christ and submit to His righteousness whereupon we are given such a real sense of God's love to us that we cannot help but seek to worship and honor Him in all that we think, say, and do.

—Pastor Bill Parker

This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

1 John 5:6

Birthdays

TAMMY HALL - APR. 13TH
KANDICE DRAKE - APR. 14TH

Hymns

April 11th services

Glory to His Name - 489
Rock of Ages - 126

Pastor Bill Parker

I am preaching this Sunday (4/11) at Sovereign Grace Baptist Church in The Dalles, Oregon, where Brother Norm Wells is the pastor. Elders Randy Wages and Jim Casey are preaching here in my absence. Please pray for us as we deliver God's Word to His people. Lord willing, Debbie and I will return home Monday evening. Please pray for us as we travel home.

Saved By Grace

In reading the Scriptures, I not only find that salvation is by God's grace alone, but also that grace is shown to sinners in a way that honors His justice in the punishment of sin through the death and resurrection of Christ. What does the Bible say about divine grace?

(1) GRACE WAS GIVEN TO SOME SINNERS IN CHRIST FROM OLD ETERNITY. *"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began" (2 Tim. 1:9).*

(2) GRACE IS FREELY GIVEN BUT ALWAYS ON THE BASIS OF THE SUBSTITUTIONARY DEATH OF CHRIST. *"Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:24).*

(3) GRACE IS A SOVEREIGN GIFT OF GOD. *"And He said, I will make all My goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy" (Exod. 33:19).*

(4) GRACE WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY ADDITIVE FROM MAN. *"Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work" (Rom. 11:5-6).*

(5) GRACE FOR GUILTY SINNERS IS ONLY TO BE FOUND IN CHRIST. *"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).*

(6) GRACE IS THE POWERFUL MOTIVATING PRINCIPLE THAT GOVERNS A BELIEVER'S LIFE. *"For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace" (Rom. 6:14).*

(7) AS GRACE IS THE THEME OF OUR SONG IN THIS WORLD, SO IT WILL BE IN ETERNITY. *"By the grace of God I am what I am" (1 Cor. 15:10).*
—Pastor Jim Byrd

Call To Worship

(Tune – I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord – p. 188)

Words written by Pastor Gary Shepard

**Complete in Christ the Lord.
No trusting in my best.
Wrapped fully in the garment of
Imputed righteousness.**

**Complete in Christ the Lord.
By faith His fullness known.
The Father looks at me and sees
One as His very own.**

**Complete in Christ the Lord
No better could be had.
For none can by their doing here
To His completion add.**

**Complete in Christ the Lord.
Though circumstance be grim.
Above it all does God declare,
"Ye are complete in Him."**

An Important Word for Sinners Saved by God's Grace

Does the Gospel, the good news that God saved you from sin and judgment by His great love and mercy through the obedience unto death of the Lord Jesus Christ, cause your heart to rejoice and your soul to be flooded with gratitude? Does the fact that you could have been a vessel of wrath prepared for destruction, but instead you are a vessel of mercy, which God prepared beforehand for glory, cause you to marvel and ask, "Why me?" If this is the case, then, how can you complain, grumble, and despair over life's trials, changes, and even tragedies? Think about it – God has done the greatest thing imaginable in sending His Son to die for your sins and work out a righteousness for you (Rom. 8:31-34). He tells you that because of Christ, you cannot be separated from His love, care, and protection (Rom. 8:35-39). Surely, you can trust Him to provide for lesser needs.

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