

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 18, 2021

10 am: "The Exodus"

Christ in the Old Testament

Lesson 26 | Exodus 12:29-51

Bill Parker

11 am: "Works That Glorify God"

1 Peter 2:11-12

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Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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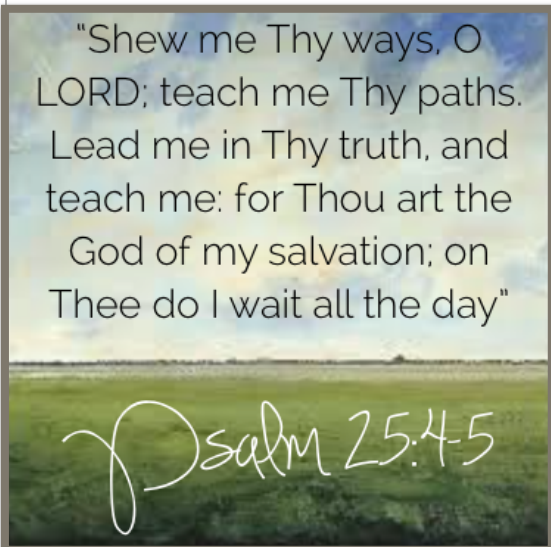
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Honest Acknowledgments of a Believer

I find to this day seven abominations in my heart: (1) Inclinations to unbelief. (2) Suddenly to forget the love and mercy that Christ manifests. (3) A leaning to the works of the law. (4) Wanderings and coldness in prayer. (5) To forget to watch for that I pray for. (6) Apt to murmur because I have no more, and yet ready to abuse what I have. (7) I can do none of those things which God commands me, but my corruptions will thrust in themselves – "When I would do good, evil is present with me." These things I continually see and feel, and am afflicted and oppressed with; yet the wisdom of God doth order them for my good. (1) They make me abhor myself. (2) They keep me from trusting my own heart. (3) They convince me of the insufficiency of all inherent righteousness. (4) They show me the necessity of flying to Jesus. (5) They press me to pray to God. (6) They show me the need I have to watch and be sober. (7) And provoke me to look to God, through Christ, to help me, and carry me through this world. Amen.

– John Bunyan (author of Pilgrim's Progress)



Birthdays

MARY ABIGAIL PAYNE - APR. 18

Hymns

April 18th services

Glory to His Name - 489

Blessed Assurance - 255

Eternal Life

All life is surrounded by a great circumference of death; but to the believer in Jesus Christ, beyond this surrounding death is a boundless sphere of life. He has only to die once to be done with death for ever.

Who Really Is a “Christian”?

Who really is a “Christian?” I put that name in quotation marks because I use it as a quote from the book of its origin, the Bible. There is a great temptation to use it as it is generally accepted now rather than how it is Biblically used. When we first meet this word in the Bible it is in Acts 11:26 – “And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.” It was a name that believers in the early church did not give themselves but rather a name of contempt cast upon them by the enemies of Christ. This was how Agrippa used it toward Paul, “Are you trying to persuade me to be a Christian?” It was not fashionable as it is today but a name of persecution and ridicule. Their identification with the true Christ caused them to be called “Christians.” It was not simply the moral people or the religious people who were called by this name; it was those who confessed faith in Christ as He was then. Likewise today, it is not those who are moral, religious, or even those who claim to believe the Bible who are truly Christians. It is those who identify with Christ as He is revealed in the true gospel! The “jesus” of today’s false religions is simply the one that Paul called “another jesus.” The true Christ is distinguished by the gospel concerning Him. It is the “preaching of the cross” that is offensive to men because it declares salvation to be in Christ alone, by grace alone and through His cross death alone! Paul said to the Galatians who were being deceived by those who preached a mixture of law (works) and grace, “And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased.” (Galatians 5:1) The offensiveness of the cross lies in Who is the cause of it (God Himself), Who is really hanging on it (God in flesh), who He is dying for (His people) and what He actually accomplishes in that death (their full salvation from all their sins). True Christians still suffer for their identification with the true Christ! “Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.” (1 Peter 4:16)

-- Pastor Gary Shepard

Call To Worship

(Tune – What a Friend We Have in Jesus – p. 354)

**Precious Savior, friend of sinners
We, as such, to Thee draw near
Let Thy Spirit dwell within us
With that love that casts out fear.
Matchless Saviour, let us know Thee
As the Lord our Righteousness
Cause our hearts to cleave unto Thee
Come, and with Thy presence bless.**

**Open now Thy precious treasure
Let Thy word here freely flow
Give to us a gracious measure
'Tis Thyself we long to know.
Come and claim us as Thy portion
Let us all find rest in Thee
Leave us not to empty notions
We would find our hope in Thee!**

Covenant of Grace

By the covenant, I mean that engagement which God hath laid upon Himself, to bestow on them for whom Christ hath died, all good which is commensurate to their nature, and by virtue whereof all blessings corporal, spiritual, and eternal, do flow down unto them. I call it an engagement, because God by promising makes Himself a debtor, though not to us, yet unto Himself, being bound in justice to perform His word and promise. All the mercies we receive, they are the fruits and effects of this engagement (Zech.9:11). It is the only plea we can use to God, both for the things of this life, and that which is to come; and by virtue hereof, we may claim and confidently expect from Him all things whatsoever which we stand in need of, and are good for us. Now I say, that promise or covenant by virtue whereof, we obtain both grace and glory, good things, present and future, is not conditional to us; I say, to us; for to Christ it was conditional, though to us it be free; to Him it was a covenant of works, though to us it be a covenant of pure grace. There is not so much as one blessing doth descend to us, but He hath dearly bought it, even with the price of His own blood; for which cause He is called the Mediator, Witness, and Surety of the Covenant.

-William Eyre (From "Justification Without Conditions" –1654)