

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 21, 2024

10 am: "Truth or Traditions?"

Matthew 15:1-9

Matthew Series | Lesson 55

Bill Parker

11 am: "Seven Vials of God's

Wrath (1)" | Revelation 16

Bill Parker



Live Stream

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“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.” (2 Peter 3:18)

As sinners saved by God’s grace, and as true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, we should ALL without fail strive for growth in grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We should ALL desire to see more growth in grace in ourselves. But as we strive for and desire to see this growth and gain this knowledge, there are two things we always need to keep in mind: (1) All growth and all knowledge of Christ comes to us, not by our own power or goodness, but by the power and goodness of God as He, by the Holy Spirit through His Word, continually causes us to grow and teaches us more and more of Christ as our Lord and Savior. (2) No matter what degrees of growth and knowledge God brings us to, we will never reach within ourselves the perfection of righteousness that can only be found in Christ, the Lord our righteousness. In fact, the more we grow in grace and in knowledge of Christ, the more we will look away from ourselves and fix our spiritual eyes upon Christ Who is our ground and cause of godly assurance of salvation. —Copied

Only Christ Can Set Us Free

When the Lord spoke to His hearers of the freedom that He gives His people as He reveals truth to them, He said, ***“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32).*** The unbelieving Jews answered by saying, ***“We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest Thou, Ye shall be made free?” (John 8:33).*** This is one of Satan’s greatest deceptions. A famous author once said, “The best way to keep a prisoner from escaping is to make sure he never knows he is in prison.” Unbelievers are in bondage to Satan, sin, and the deception of self-righteous works and religion. It is Christ Who reveals the truth of this spiritual bondage to us and sets us free by showing us His way to save us by His grace. In and by Christ, we are set free from the law’s power to curse us and condemn us and from sin’s power to kill us. In Christ, we are totally forgiven of all our sins by His blood and declared perfectly righteous by the merits of His obedience unto death as our Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer. This sets us at liberty to serve Him as we are motivated by grace, gratitude, and love. When Christ sends the Holy Spirit to reveal the grace and power of His glorious Person and finished work on the cross, He sets us free to be ***“the servants of righteousness,”*** which is a bondservant of Christ (*Rom. 6:18*). Christ then indwells us by His Spirit and His Word to keep us in this liberty forever, and He tells us to ***“stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage” (Gal. 5:1).***

—Pastor Bill Parker

“For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, WHO IS OUR LIFE, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.” (Colossians 3:3-4)

A miser well knows what it is to have fellowship in his heart with gold, which is his god. The man of pleasure finds fellowship in his affections with the delights of sense. The ambitious man feels in his mind the joy of fellowship with the honors of this world. Every natural man enjoys comfort from that object his heart is set on and his affections go after. Is the spiritual man, of all others, left destitute of the enjoyment of fellowship with his beloved object, God in Christ? Verily, if so, he is of all men most miserable. But, blessed be our gracious Lord, this is not our case. Though a mere formal professor may react satisfied with the form and shadow of godliness, yet a real convert to Jesus finds the life, power, and substance of truth from Jesus, his living Head. From sweet heartfelt experience, he cries out with the beloved disciple, ***“Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ” (1 John 1:3).*** And with David he says, ***“Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that carnal men have had the greatest increase of all their earthly enjoyments,” (Psa. 4:7).*** —William Mason

True assurance lies in this – BEING SURE OF CHRIST! We are sure of Who He is and what He has accomplished in our full salvation. The Spirit of God has given us faith to believe the record of God. Our confidence is in Him alone. ***“And we believe and are sure that Thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God” (John 6:69).*** Assurance is the result of God-given faith in Christ.

—Pastor Gary Shepard

Prayer Requests

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

Birthdays

Ralston Sparks - April 25

Hymns

April 21st services

-All Hail the Power - 42

-Amazing Grace - 236

Call to Worship

(Tune – Rock of Ages – p. 126)

God of love, Whose truth and grace
Reach unbounded as the skies;
Hear Thy creature's feeble praise,
Let my ev'ning sacrifice
Mount as incense to Thy throne,
On the merits of Thy Son.

All my sins imputed were
To my dear incarnate God;
Buried in His grave they are,
Drowned in His atoning blood;
Lord, Thou canst not me condemn,
Righteous and complete in Him.

In my Saviour's right, I claim
All the blessings He hath brought;
For my soul the dying Lamb,
Hath a full redemption wrought;
I in glory soon shall shine,
I am His, and He is mine.