

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 23, 2023

10am: "Fruits Worthy of Repentance" | Lesson 7

Matthew 3:7-10

Bill Parker

11am: "Believers Shining as Lights" | Philippians 2:14-30

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Live Stream

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“Gather My saints together unto Me; those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice. And the heavens shall declare His righteousness: for God is judge Himself. Selah.” (Psalm 50:5-6)

What Will This Gospel Reveal of You?

The preaching of free justification does not make antinomians but it will reveal them. These who would go on in their sin, in disregard to God's plain commands, sometimes make appeal to the freeness of God's grace. They use grace to excuse their course of sin and disobedience. But had they not heard the gospel of grace, these individuals would have used something else to excuse their Godless conduct. Believers in grace do not continue in sin that grace might abound. It is not grace but sin which is the cause. What will this Gospel reveal of you? —Pastor Gary Shepard

“Consider and hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death; Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; and those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved. But I have trusted in Thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation. I will sing unto the LORD, because He hath dealt bountifully with me.” (Psalm 13:3-6)

God Will Remember Our Sins No More!

My memory is often a very troublesome thing to me. I remember my sins and shortcomings when I think of times that the reality of my sinfulness, even though I am saved by God’s grace, when my inner sins of the flesh seem to rise like cream to the top and expose me not only to myself but to others. These are times when I am made especially aware that I need God’s grace in Christ at all times. I pray with the psalmist, ***“O remember not against us former iniquities: let Thy tender mercies speedily prevent us: for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for Thy name's sake” (Psalm 79:8-9)***. God’s answer to this prayer is the only comfort a true believer can have, and it comes in God’s grace to forgive us our sins in and by the Lord Jesus Christ. God says to His children, ***“For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more” (Heb. 8:12)***. And how can a holy and just God not remember our sins which we all too often cannot forget? It is through the precious blood of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who came to earth as our Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer to purge our sins away by His obedience unto death on the cross. So, when we are plagued with the memory of our sins, the answer is to look to Christ and realize that God will not impute our sins to us, and He will not keep them on record to bring them against us when we stand before Him. We have Christ’s blood which has washed our sins away and His righteousness to justify us completely.

—Pastor Bill Parker

Nothing In Us

There is nothing in us, or done by us, that we can plead before the LORD for His blessing. We, in the matter of our justification before God, renounce everything but the Person, blood, and righteousness of Christ, so, in our approaches to the Majesty of heaven, we must renounce everything but the name, the blood, and righteousness of Jesus, Who for our comfort said, ***“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it you” (John 16:23)***.

We come before God, and look to ourselves, we tremble, and wonder the LORD does not cut us down, as cucumbers of the ground. When by living faith we are enabled to look to Christ, we feel something of that humble boldness Paul speaks of – ***“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter in the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh” (Hebrews 10:19-20)***.

This new and living way, which is Christ and Him crucified, is the only ground upon which we can plead the promises of God, and look to Him for blessing. And Christ and Him crucified is the only ground upon which a just and holy God can meet and bless such guilty sinners as we are; for in Christ, ***“mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.”***

—John Kershaw (1834)

Lord's Supper

Next Lord's Day (April 30), we will partake of **the Lord's Supper** following the morning message and enjoy a fellowship lunch afterward.

Birthdays

Ralston Sparks - Apr. 25th | Mary Margeson - Apr. 29th

Prayer Requests

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

Hymns

April 23rd services

Come Thou Fount - 17

Depth of Mercy - 233

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 Christ's, and Christ is mine.