

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 3, 2022

10 am: "Christ and the Purity of Grace"

Christ in the Old Testament

Lesson 73 | Ezra 4:1-6

Bill Parker

11 am: "Righteousness by Faith"

Romans 10:4

Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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The events transpiring on this globe right now are NO ACCIDENT, therefore we should not act and react as those who have no hope. We should be sensible, doing what we can responsibly do to protect ourselves and our families, but ultimately what we DO or DO NOT DO is not the true source of our continued existence on this planet. When I look and consider the futility and temporal nature of this place we put so much value in, I think of John's words concerning the God Who "loved me and gave Himself for me."

Revelation 4:11 – "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created."

—Pastor Richard Warmack

In Times Like These

Whenever we face times of trouble and even crises here on earth, the words of some wise men may help us to a point, but only the Word of God can give us the spiritual and eternal comfort we need to help us through hard times. God's Word assures us that He is actively working "all things after the counsel of His own will" (Eph. 1:11), and that He is also working all things "together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose" (Rom. 8:28). Notice that this does not say that all things are good. It says that God controls and directs all things, good and evil, for His glory and the good of His children. God's Word also tells us that "the king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: HE turneth it whithersoever HE will" (Prov. 21:1). This means ALL kings and rulers of nations. God even uses evil kings to work His sovereign will in the ultimate salvation of His people in Christ and in the ultimate condemnation of the wicked. God's Word tells us, sinners saved by grace who have been given the gift of faith, that we are to live our lives looking to and resting in the Lord Jesus Christ, "the Author and Finisher of our faith" (Heb. 12:2).

We pray that the Lord will bless us with wise and compassionate leaders and not put us under the burdens of evil, self-serving tyrants. But whatever God does, He does it out of His wisdom for His glory and for the spiritual and eternal good of His chosen people who are spiritually and eternally blessed and headed for glory because of His grace through the glorious Person and finished work of righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. Read the words of the psalmist in *Psalm 121* –

(1) I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

(2) My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

(3) He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

(4) Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

(5) The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.

(6) The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

(7) The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul.

(8) The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

—Pastor Bill Parker

Any work done by the sinner that is imagined to be a difference-maker in their being saved is a “dead” work or “fruit unto death.” “Dead works” refers to any attempts of our own to attain or maintain salvation’s benefits – anything that proceeds from us that we imagine makes a difference in our going to heaven – in our eternal salvation. Such works are appropriately called “dead” works because those who are spiritually “dead” perform them, because they are fruitless in that they do not accomplish what they were presumed to be able to accomplish (one’s own salvation), and because the ultimate end of those who never repent of dead works is eternal death.

—Elder Randy Wages

How does God accept the imperfect works and worship of His people? It is only by the merits of the blood of Jesus Christ and upon no other ground. In Christ, based upon His perfect righteousness imputed to us, God receives and accepts both our persons and our works and worship. This was pictured in the Old Testament by the mercy-seat where the high priest of Israel entered into the holy of holies with the blood of the lamb from the brazen altar. This pictured Christ our High Priest bringing His own blood into the presence of God and obtaining mercy for all whom God has given faith to believe in and receive Him. We are accepted with God only in the Beloved.

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Birthdays

PATSY PARR - APRIL 4TH

Hymns

April 3rd services

The Solid Rock - 272

Nothing But the Blood - 212

Prayer Requests

Winston and Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Frank Dell, Cathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leonard Qualls, Cassie Broxton, Nancy Byrd, James Mwali and the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Call to Worship

(Tune – O God Our Help – p. 10)

(Words written by Pastor Gary Shepard)

**It is a mystery so great
That for eternity,
God has determined all my hope
To be in Christ not me.**

**By faith alone can I believe
That I'm a righteous one.
Not by the things that I might do
But through what Christ has done.**

**Greater it is that I on earth
Might unto God draw nigh;
Not in my person here below
But Christ who lives on high.**

**What Jesus did on my behalf
Two thousand years ago;
Is my salvation then and now
And I am glad it's so!**