

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 4, 2021

10 am: "The Lord's Passover (2)"
Christ in the Old Testament
Lesson 25 | Exodus 12:8-14
Bill Parker

11 am: "God's Chosen
Generation" | 1 Peter 2:6-10
Bill Parker

Live Stream

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Healing by the Stripes of Christ

"By His stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24). We must not think that by self-loathing, self-deprivation or self-humiliation we will be healed of the disease of sin. The healing of the soul is in the humiliation of Christ, not in ours; in His agonies, not ours; in His death, not ours. To rely on or trust in anything other than the crucified Redeemer is to set up a rival to Christ. Do not beat up on self thinking that God will be more pleased with you. God is only pleased with His Son. Look outside of sinful self to the crucified, buried, risen and exalted Christ. Spiritual healing is by the stripes of the Savior, not the stripes of the sinner.

– Pastor Jim Byrd

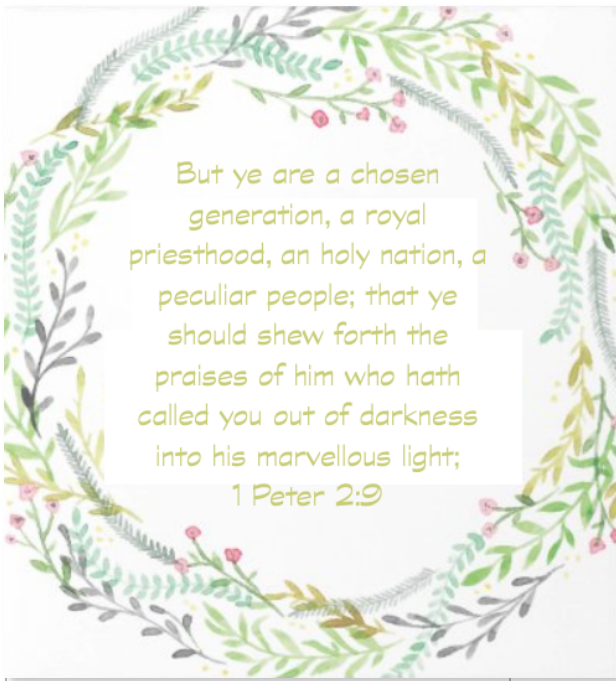
What About Religious “Holidays”?

Today is what the world calls a “religious holiday.” Religious “holidays” (i.e. “holy days”) are so very important, and even sacred, to the lost religious world. This includes so-called “Christian holidays.” Even true believers think of these days and approach them differently. Some simply ignore them. Others go to war against them and call anyone who engages in any of the activities an idolater. Some jump headlong into most of the activities associated with these days. Some simply enjoy these days as opportunities to spend time with their families. Most of the time, our ways of dealing with

these days are matters of conscience and liberty. As the apostle wrote in dealing with wrong judgments in these areas between weak and mature believers in *Romans 14* – “*One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it ...*” (*Romans 14:5-6*).

All this being said, let us be clear. We as true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ do not worship or celebrate any day. We worship and celebrate Christ and our salvation in and by Him every day. We do not engage our minds in the idolatrous thoughts and ideas of false religion on any day. For example, we do not celebrate “*Easter*” (*Acts 12:4*), a word that means “*Passover*.” We celebrate Christ Who is our Passover. And if you choose to celebrate the resurrection of Christ on this day, remember that we celebrate His resurrection every day. What the religious world does with any day (even Sunday) is irrelevant as to determining what we as true believers should or should not do. Either way, we should take this opportunity to preach the true Gospel of the death and resurrection of Christ and point sinners to Him and His righteousness on this day as we should every day.

—Pastor Bill Parker



Birthdays

PATSY PARR - APR. 4TH
STEVE YOUNGBLOOD - APR. 10TH

Hymns

April 4th services

He Lives - 132
Look, Ye Saints - 141

Pastor Bill Parker

The Lord willing, next Wednesday (4/7) I will be flying to The Dalles, Oregon, to preach for Pastor Norm Wells and the congregation of Sovereign Grace Baptist Church. The meeting will begin on Friday evening and run through Sunday. I plan to return home the following Monday evening. I covet your prayers for me as I travel and as I preach the Gospel to our brethren there. Also, please pray for Elders Randy Wages and Jim Casey as they prepare to preach here in my absence. May the Lord bless us in His goodness, mercy, and truth in Christ our Lord and Savior.

Call To Worship

(Tune – Take My Life – p. 393)

Christ is risen, let us sing,
 Glory, honor, praises bring;
 Law and justice magnified
 By our Lord Who bled and died. (R)

Christ is risen, O what grace,
 To our God alone we trace;
 Peace with God and blessedness
 Through imputed righteousness. (R)

Christ is risen, blessed hour,
 In God's plan, by sovereign power;
 For His sheep that they might live,
 Them eternal life He gives. (R)

Christ is risen, O what love;
 Now He reigns and rules above;
 Sin and death no victory,
 Christ alone has set us free! (R)

What Does the Resurrection of Jesus Christ Prove?

Men waste their time trying to prove to the world that Jesus Christ arose from the grave. The Bible gives us ample record of the eye-witnesses that should settle this matter beyond doubt. What we should spend our time telling people is what the fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ proves. It proves several great things upon which true believers can depend:

(1) It proves that, as our Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer, Christ died under the penalty of our sins. The one offering of Himself for our sins imputed to Him was enough to satisfy our debt to God's justice in full (*Heb. 10:14*).

(2) It proves that Christ's death not only paid the penalty of all the sins of all for whom He died, but also brought forth righteousness by which God is just to justify them. Jesus Christ "*was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification*" (*Rom. 4:25*). This is the righteousness of God freely imputed (charged) to all for whom Christ died.

(3) It proves that Jesus Christ is the Author and Giver of spiritual and eternal life to all whom He justified. The Bible calls the justification of God's elect – "*by the righteousness of ONE [Jesus Christ] the free gift came upon all men [all for whom He died] unto justification of life*" (*Rom. 5:18*). Where the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ has been imputed, spiritual life will be imparted by the Holy Spirit in the new birth.

(4) It proves the eternal security of all for whom Christ died. Christ is alive and seated in the heavenlies ever living to make intercession for all His people. "*We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous*" (*1 John 2:1*), and He is "*the Author [Beginner] and Finisher [Completer] of our faith*" (*Heb. 12:2*). As long as Jesus Christ lives, none for whom He died and arose can perish.

– Pastor Bill Parker