

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, August 15, 2021

10 am: "Christ in the Brazen Serpant"

Christ in the Old Testament
Lesson 42 | Num. 21:4-9
Bill Parker

11 am: "Our Father's Loving Chastisements" | Heb. 12:3-10
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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That page is the brightest, in which most of Christ is found. That sermon is the brightest sermon, in which most of Christ is heard. That life is the brightest life, in which most of Christ is seen ... without Christ religion is a sunless firmament; the home is no abode of peace; and prosperity is an adverse flood. Without Christ, birth is no boon, life is no gain, and death is a downfall into an unfathomable abyss ... Can I know this and not beseech men to make Christ their all?

—Henry Law

The Only Evidence of Salvation

When it comes to the issue of evidence of salvation, we must stay with what God's Word tells us. People's opinions in this matter are useless. God's Word plainly tells us that the only true evidence of salvation is God-given faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as He is identified and distinguished in the glory of His Person (Who He is) and in the power and success of His finished work of redeeming His people from their sins and working righteousness for their justification before God (what He accomplished in His death, burial, and resurrection). The Gospel is the **"power of God unto salvation TO EVERY ONE THAT BELIEVETH"** (Rom. 1:16). **"Christ is the end of the law for righteousness TO EVERY ONE THAT BELIEVETH"** (Rom. 10:4). This is belief of the truth, not a lie (2 Thess. 2:13-14). This is the gift of God given to His people and the fruit of Christ's obedience unto death as their Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer (Eph. 2:8-10). This is the work of the Holy Spirit in the new birth when He imparts spiritual life to God's people and convinces them of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and brings them to receive Christ by faith (John 16:8-11; 1:12-13).

Whether or not our faith in Christ is genuine rather than false can only be determined by the gifts and graces of the Spirit that accompany true God-given faith in Christ. These would be such things as repentance of dead works and idolatry, love for the brethren and for the Word of God, perseverance in the faith and in the warfare between the Spirit and the flesh as we strive to obey God's Word as motivated by grace, love, and gratitude. All self-examination as to whether or not I am "in the faith" must begin with a serious and Scriptural examination of the doctrine I profess. Is my doctrine according to God's Word of grace in and by the Lord Jesus Christ, or is it the fabrications of self-righteous religionists? The Word of God is clear on this matter –

Romans 6 – (17) But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. (18) Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

2 John (9) Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. —Pastor Bill Parker

Birthdays

Dennis Vandzandt - Aug. 17th | Jane Sparks - Aug. 19th | Kathryn Cox - Aug. 19th
Charlotte Pannell - Aug. 19th | Mariel Moore - Aug. 20th

Request Special Prayer For:

Winston and Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Charles Thorne, Audrey Asher, Al Hatsell, Martha Thompson, Frank Dell, Cathy Robinson, Ron Gregg (a brother in Ashland, KY), and Bobbie Wright. Also, pray for Brother James Mwale in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

August 15th services

Rock of Ages - 126

Pass Me Not - 235

Call To Worship

(Tune – Doxology)

(Words written by Pastor Gary Shepard)

All praise to God for all His grace,
That grace that reigns in righteousness.
A just God and a Savior He,
This way He must forever be.

From old eternity was wrought,
A purpose of His grace to show.
Eternal love then did design,
To send the Son down here below.

Christ came and lived the perfect Man,
Submissive to the Father's will.
Then on the cross He died to save,
And there His blood did freely spill.

That sacrifice for sins then made,
The debt to justice satisfied.
Now all for whom He suffered there,
Must now be freely justified!

A Real Redemption

There are those who believe that Jesus Christ died so man would have a chance of being saved. I do not know that I hate anything more in my soul than to hear someone say that Jesus Christ died so as to make salvation a possibility. It makes Jesus Christ so little, that He should do so much, and after all, only give us a chance of being saved. What an insult it is to the Lord Jesus Christ to fix the eternal honor of God in the salvation of sinners upon chance, and that chance to be managed by a poor sinful creature. No, no. Thanks be to God for immortal realities and certainties. What is said concerning what Christ has done? He has *“put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself” (Hebrews 9:26)*. *“He redeemed us from the curse of the law” (Galatians 3:13)*. He has *“obtained eternal redemption for us” (Hebrews 9:12)*. *“He has redeemed us to God” (Revelation 5:9)*. To the honor of the Eternal Trinity, it is said, not that the redeemed shall have a chance, but that *“the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away” (Isaiah 51:11)*. The Lord Jesus Christ has done this great work and He is gone to heaven shouting “victory” for *“God is gone up with a shout; the Lord with the sound of a trumpet” (Psalm 47:5)*. He rose from the grave as a demonstrative proof that sin was destroyed, law satisfied, God honored, and His people eternally and everlastingly saved. —William Gadsby