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 18, 2024

10 am: The Grace of Forgiveness Matthew 18:21-35 Matthew Series | Lesson 68 Bill Parker

11 am: Behold, the Tabernacle of God | Revelation 22:1-8 Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

(1 Peter 1:3)

"Reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ, our Lord." (Romans 6:11)

Our sins were crucified with Christ. They were put to death when He died, for He was our covenant head, and we were legally represented by Him. The law has no more right to condemn us that it has to condemn Him. Justice is bound to deal with us as it has with our Saviour. "He that is dead is freed" from the sin for which He died; so are we! If we do not see this complete mortification in Him, sin will reign in us. No sin can be crucified in heart or life unless it be first pardoned in conscience. If the believer does not see HIS PERFECT DEADNESS IN CHRIST, he will open wide a door to unbelief. If a believer does not see HIS COMPLETENESS IN CHRIST, he leaves room for attacks of self-righteousness and legalism. If Christ be not all, self will feed personal merit and importance. —William Romaine

Saved By Christ

If salvation depends upon our being or doing anything, we shall inevitably be lost. Thank God, it does not; for the great fundamental principle of the Gospel is that Christ is all; man is nothing. It is not a mixture of Christ and man – it is all of Christ.

The peace of the Gospel does not rest in part on Christ's work and in part on man's work; it rests wholly on Christ's work, because that work is perfect – perfect forever, and it renders all who put their trust in Him as perfect as Himself! Christ must either be a whole Saviour or no saviour at all. The moment a man says, "Except you be this or that, you cannot be saved," he totally subverts the Gospel; for in the Gospel I find Christ coming down to me just as I am – a lost, guilty, self-destroyed sinner; and coming, moreover, with a full remission of all my sins, and a full salvation from my lost estate, all perfectly wrought by Himself on the cross.

—C. H. Mackintosh

Men set their own standard by which they measure themselves and declare themselves righteous. They are like Henry I of England who made the length of his own arm the standard of measurement. The apostle Paul warns us against this. "For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise" (2 Cor. 10:12). God's standard of holiness and righteousness is not changed; HIS arm is not shortened! His standard for man is the GodMan, Jesus Christ. But the Standard is also the One by which He reaches out in grace to save and give righteousness by which sinners are "accepted in the Beloved." "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear" (Isa.59:1). —Pastor Gary Shepard

If We Would Have Mercy...

If we would have saving mercy, it must be through Christ. Outside of Christ, there is no saving mercy. We read in the old law that none might come into the holy of holies, where the mercy-seat stood, but the high-priest. This signifies that we have nothing to do with mercy but through Christ our High-Priest. That the high-priest might not come near the mercy-seat without blood is to show that we have no right to mercy but through the expiatory sacrifice of Christ's blood (*Lev. 16:14*). If we would have mercy, we must be in Christ. Mercy swims to us through Christ's blood! —Copied

A good conscience is the sunshine of the soul. It is the work of grace. When the sinner is awakened to a sense of his guilt and danger; when he is led to see the all-sufficiency of the atonement of Christ; when he is enabled by faith to receive the atonement; and when the precious blood of Christ is applied to his conscience by the Spirit, then the soul, bowed down under a sense of guilt, obtains rest, and the conscience, goaded by tormenting fears, enjoys peace. The conscience, thus pacified and purified, becomes, in the scriptural sense of the term, a good conscience. Almighty God is no longer dreaded as an enemy but feared as the Father; and sin is no longer cherished as a friend, but resisted as a foe.

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Birthdays

Charlotte Pannell – Aug. 19th | Jane Sparks – Aug. 19th | Kathryn Cox – Aug. 19th | Mariel Moore – Aug. 20th

Prayer Requests

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

Hymns

August 18th services

- -Take the Name of Jesus with You 63
- -Hallelujah, What a Savior! 127

Call to Worship

(Tune – Be Thou My Vision – p. 334)

Jesus, my Savior, and Lord of my life, I will exalt thee in calm and in strife. Thou my salvation, my comfort and stay Thy will be done as you guide on my way

Righteousness given, by grace I am free, No condemnation for those who believe. Source of my life and my glorified end. God has forgiven me of all my sin.

Mercy and justice are met in accord, Christ is my Surety Who took justice's sword. There on the cross where He died in my place, Jesus my Savior and Giver of grace.

Lord of all glory, my Lord over all, I worship Thee and upon Thee I call. Praises and honor to Thy holy name, Sing of Thy greatness and Thy truth proclaim.