

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 6, 2023

10 am: "Our Priority Is Christ"

Matthew Series | Lesson 21

Matthew 6:25-34

Bill Parker

11 am: "Necessity of Love & Zeal"

Revelation 2:1-7

Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” (1 Corinthians 2:14)

This verse most certainly describes all people as we are naturally born fallen in Adam and spiritually dead and depraved in trespasses and sins. The main evidence of this spiritual death and depravity is that, if left to ourselves, we will not believe the true Gospel and run to Christ for all of salvation, forgiveness, righteousness, and eternal life. As someone wrote, “So great is the depravity of unregenerate man that, although there is nothing that he needs more than the Gospel, there is nothing that he desires less.” This does not mean that unregenerate people cannot attain to great heights in human morality and religion, but, as someone else wrote, “Religion can change the HABITS; it takes the grace of God to create a NEW HEART!” Is it any wonder that true salvation is totally by God’s free and sovereign grace in and by the Lord Jesus Christ, based on His obedience unto death, His righteousness imputed to us, and that we must be born again by the Holy Spirit to have a desire for this great salvation and to receive it by God-given faith? Thank God that He sent His Son into the world to save us by His death on the cross and that He sent His Spirit to us to intervene in our lives, bring us to the Gospel, and give us a new heart to desire and receive the things that glorify and honor Him!
—Pastor Bill Parker

Christ took the form of a servant while He retained the form of God! It is exactly that which makes our salvation possible and achieves it. It was to SAVE sinners that Christ Jesus came into the world. He did not come to help them to save themselves, nor to induce them to save themselves, nor even to enable them to save themselves. He came to save them! —Hendriksen

“Now to Him that is of power to stablish you according to my Gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the OBEDIENCE OF FAITH:” (Romans 16:25-26)

The ***“obedience of faith”*** is a most remarkable thing. The weakest believer obeys God most directly when he believes Him, more than any other act. The command of the Gospel is to “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.” Believe on Him whom you cannot see according to that which you’ve heard through the Word of truth, the Gospel. Obedience and disobedience, according to language scholars, are related to “hearing.” Disobedience being “mishearing” and obedience being “submissive hearing.” The essence of disobedience is refusal to hearken, and obedience is bowing the hearts ear to listen in submission. God has said that the “just shall live by faith.” He tells us by the psalmist that He has “magnified His Word above all His name.” He is most glorified by His people when He is believed by them. The seraphim in the presence of God cry “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.” But even as they do this, they in no way exalt and glorify God as the justified sinner does here on earth by relying and resting on His Word. They believe His record that He has given to them eternal life in Christ the Son apart from their works! Great is he that sees and believes, but greater is he that sees not but believes anyway. When the apostle writes in Hebrews 11 of the exploits of believers therein named, he says they did these things “by faith.” Seeing not, they believed the promises of God. When the Spirit of God writes in the New Testament about Abraham’s greatest work, He says several times, “Abraham believed God!” Men are always wanting to do great works for God. “Then said they unto him, “What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent.” (John 6:28-29). Glorify God...Believe Him!

—Pastor Gary Shepard

“Lord, enable us to worship You today in spirit and in truth, from our hearts as guided and motivated by Your Holy Spirit as He leads us once again to look to, rest in, and follow Christ, our Lord, Savior, and Preserver.”

Lord willing, Debbie and I will be flying to Ashland, KY, Monday to spend time with our family. Brother Randy Wages will be preaching in our 11:00 a.m. service next Sunday, August 13. THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M. NEXT SUNDAY. Debbie and I will return home the following week.

—Pastor Bill Parker

Prayer Requests

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

Hymns

August 6th services

-My Faith Looks Up to Thee - 259

-I Love Thy Kingdom - 188

Birthdays

Alisha Jackson - Aug. 7th | Edith Ann Tennyson - Aug. 9th

Call to Worship

(Tune – O For a Thousand Tongues – p. 46)

**Arise, my soul, my joyful powers,
And triumph in thy God;
Awake, my voice, and loud proclaim,
His glorious grace abroad.**

**He raised me from the depths of sin,
The gates of gaping hell,
And fixed my standing more secure,
Than 'twas before I fell.**

**The arms of everlasting love,
Beneath my soul He placed,
And on the Rock of Ages set,
My slippery footsteps fast.**

**Arise, my soul! Awake my voice!
And tunes of pleasure sing;
Loud hallelujahs shall address
My Saviour and my King.**