

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, December 22, 2024

10 am: "The Lord's Sorrow"

Matthew 23:27-39

Matthew Series | Lesson 85

Bill Parker

11 am: "Peace on Earth"

Luke 2:14

Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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The Word Made Flesh

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14) What an amazing thought – Christ, the Son of God, was made flesh and became Godman for the salvation of His people given to Him by the Father before the world began. And why was He made flesh? It was to die for the sins of His people imputed to Him. This was the penalty of sin – death, but not just any death. It had to be HIS death, for only God in sinless human flesh could accomplish the redemption of His people from sin. Herein is the righteousness of God accomplished for the justification of all for whom Christ lived, died, and arose. “Amazing grace, how sweet the sound!”

—Pastor Bill Parker

Jesus, the Savior

“Thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). Joseph received a visit from the angel of the Lord with specific instructions. The baby to be born of a virgin, Joseph’s espoused wife, was to be called “JESUS” and the reason for such a magnificent name was this: *“for (because) He shall save His people from their sins.”* Such a name suited Him then and suits Him now that He has been exalted for, He is able to save to the uttermost all who come to God by Him. If, while being held in the arms of Mary He was *“JESUS”* the Savior, what is He now that He sits upon the throne of universal sovereignty? Did not Simeon, when he saw the promised Christ proclaim, “mine eyes have seen Thy salvation?” If, when His mother nourished Him, He was *“JESUS”* the Savior, what is He now that the heavens have received Him? If, when He labored in Joseph’s workshop He was *“JESUS”* the Savior, what is He now that He is exalted over all flesh to give eternal life to as many as the Father gave Him? If He was *“JESUS”* the Savior when He granted mercy to a dying thief, what is He now that He is enthroned above all principalities and powers? If He was *“JESUS”* the Savior when upon the cross He offered Himself to God as our Substitute, to deliver His people from divine justice which demanded death for sin, what is He now that He has by one offering perfected forever them that are sanctified? What is He now that He sits at the right hand of God, expecting till His enemies be made His footstool? I’ll tell you Who He is – He is still *“JESUS,”* the Savior of His people. Glory to His Name!

—Pastor Jim Byrd

The Dayspring From on High

“And Thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for Thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto His people by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the Dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace” (Luke 1:76-79).

Truly it was so when Jesus came; for a long night of Jewish darkness and ignorance had covered the earth, and gross darkness the people. Look, my soul, at Jesus under this blessed similitude. Though it be evening with thee, this Dayspring will give light, and the promise will be fulfilled, “at evening time it shall be light” (Zechariah 14:7). Jesus was the Dayspring in the everlasting council and purpose of Jehovah, when He stood up, the Light of His people from all eternity. And when, in the fulness of time, He came, it was to fulfill all the shadows of ordinances concerning Him. And what is it now, in every individual instance of His visiting His people, but as “the Dayspring” of their souls? When first, from a state of nature, He calls them to a state of grace, is it not “the Dayspring from on high”? And in all the after-stages, during a life of grace leading to glory, is not every renewed manifestation of His love as “the Dayspring from on high”? And what will it be after the night of death, when Jesus shall come “to be glorified in His saints, and admired in all that believe,” but the same? Jesus will then be “the Dayspring,” and “the Morning Star” of that everlasting day, whose sun shall go down no more. Precious Dayspring of my God! Arise daily on my poor soul, and fill my heart with light and glory. —Robert Hawker

Birthdays

Beverly Hayes - Dec. 22nd | Travis McKenzie - Dec. 28th

From the Pastor

Debbie and I will be leaving after the service to travel to Ashland, KY, to spend time with our family there. Lord willing, I will be back to preach for next Sunday services.

Hymns

December 22nd services

-Joy to the World - 87

-Silent Night - 85

Prayer Requests

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

Call to Worship

(Tune – Love Divine – p. 2)

**Come Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all Thy people art;
Dear desire of all who know Thee,
Joy of every longing heart.**

**Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King;
Born to reign in us forever;
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

**Unto us a Son is given,
Unto us a Child is born;
Christ our Surety for salvation,
All for sinners, grace adorn.
By God's sovereign determination,
All by grace for blessedness;
Jesus is our hope of salvation,
All by His own righteousness.**