

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 February 21, 2021

10 am: "Salvation is God's Work"
Romans 8:28-31
Jim Casey

11 am: "Trophies of God's Grace"
Ephesians 1:6
Randy Wages

Live Stream

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Jesus Christ, God manifested in the flesh, was nailed through His hands and His feet to a cross. He bled for us, for without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. He shed His precious blood as of a Lamb without spot and without blemish. He was the perfect sacrifice and the ONLY one that God will ever accept. Any man that wants to know the true and the living God must go through Jesus Christ. It is Jesus Christ alone that God will accept. We are made accepted by God only through Jesus Christ, the One who gave His life as a ransom for us.

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The grace of God influences both the understanding and the affections. Warm affections without knowledge, can rise no higher than superstition; and that knowledge which does not influence the heart and affections will only make a hypocrite.

—John Newton

“Whose Heart the Lord Opened”

“And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul” (Acts 16:14).

According to today’s popular false “Christianity,” it is the sinners who, of their own free will, open their own hearts to receive the Word of God and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. But that is certainly not the teaching of God’s Word concerning the natural, sinful, and depraved hearts of all sinners by nature. God’s Word says clearly that the natural man will not, of his/her own will, receive the things of the Spirit of God. God’s Word says that, if left to the judgments and desires of our natural hearts, we will remain dead, wicked, and deceived in unbelief. The natural man will not receive the things of the Spirit of God (**1 Cor. 2:14**), and that it takes a powerful, invincible, and gracious work of the Holy Spirit to give us new hearts and open our hearts to receive His Word just as He did for Lydia. This involves the impartation of spiritual life through the Word of God in the Gospel of salvation by His free and sovereign grace in and by the Lord Jesus Christ. By His Spirit, the Lord teaches us and convinces us of our own sinfulness and our need of His grace in the righteousness of Christ as the Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer of His people. Like Lydia, God opens our hearts to receive Christ and His Word. And if God gives us a new heart and opens our hearts, there is no possibility of our not receiving Christ and His Word (**John 1:12-13; 6:37-45**).

How, then, can we know that the Lord has given us a new heart, that we are born again by the Spirit? We know when He opens our hearts to receive Christ and His Word (**Rom. 6:17-18**). We know when He convinces us of sin, righteousness, and judgment as we stand in Christ (**John 16:9-11**). We know when He brings us to confess our sin and depravity, the iniquity of our own works, and brings us to submit to Christ as our only righteousness before God (**Rom. 10:1-4**). We know when He gives us the gifts of faith in Christ and repentance of dead works and idolatry (**Eph. 2:8-10**). This is the Lord’s work of opening our hearts to receive Christ and His Word.

—Pastor Bill Parker

Mercy is, properly speaking, the name of Jesus. For David, speaking of grace, and pleading for it before the Lord saith, as an argument and plea for receiving it, “There is mercy (that is, there is Jesus) with Thee” (Psalm 130:4). And when Zacharias prophesied, under the influence of God the Holy Ghost, at the coming of Christ, he said it was “to perform the mercy promised” (Luke 1:72). Jesus is the Mercy promised.

—Robert Hawker

Great Comfort

The comfort of a believer's heart lies not in a mere "feeling" that "everything will be all right." It lies in the Spirit of God's application of truth to our hearts and minds. It is comfort based on the promises of God who cannot lie, die, change or fail in any way. Oh, it does produce wonderful feelings. But these feelings are the product of the assurance of faith, faith based upon that which is given us by God's grace through the merits of Christ's righteous blood.

—Pastor Gary Shepard

Hymns for 2.21 services

When I Can Read My Title Clear - 497
Be Thou My Vision - 334

Birthdays

PAUL PAYNE - FEB. 21ST | EVEAN RENFROE - FEB. 22ND | MARSHA MCKENZIE - FEB. 24TH

Debbie and I are in Dahlonega, GA, this weekend for the wedding of Ashlyn Jones (Frank and Nicki's daughter) and Alex Mattle. I will perform their ceremony Saturday evening. We want to congratulate and send our prayers and best wishes to this couple in their marriage and life together. May the Lord bless their union in His mercy and grace in Christ.

Please pray for the men who are preaching here Sunday in my absence. The Lord willing, Debbie and I will return to Albany Sunday afternoon. —Pastor Bill Parker

Call To Worship

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

**Dear Lord, into Thy faithful hands
My welfare I commit;
And to Thy righteousness alone,
For safety I retreat.**

**Sorrows and agonies and death,
Thou didst endure for me,
When all the sins of God's elect
Were made to meet on Thee.**

**Though worthy in myself of hell
And everlasting shame;
I cannot dread the frown divine,
Accepted in the Lamb.**

**Still on Thy merit, gracious Lord,
Enable me to lean;
Ever in Thee may I be found,
My hiding place from sin.**