

# 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 26, 2023

10am: "Christ, the Sun of Righteousness" | Lesson 114  
Malachi 4  
Christ in the Old Testament  
Bill Parker

11am: "The Warfare of Grace"  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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Our looking to Christ by God-given faith and mourning for Him in repentance contributes nothing to our justification in the court of heaven, and does nothing to blot out our sins before God. That was accomplished when Christ died as our Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer. Yet, until we are enabled by God the Holy Spirit to look to the Savior, our consciences carry the load of guilt, sensing the wrath of God upon us. When we look to Christ, He speaks peace to our souls, removes guilt from us, blots out our sins, and justifies us, as John Gill put it, "in the court of conscience." Zechariah is here describing the experience of redemption, justification, forgiveness, and cleansing in our souls. He describes the accomplishment of these things at Calvary in verse 7; but *Zechariah 12:10-13:6* describes the believing sinner's experience of grace that is the product of Christ's experience in His obedience unto death for His people. All the Levitical purifications under the law pointed to this Fountain of Christ's meritorious blood, this ever-flowing and overflowing Fountain. —Copied

The life of the resurrected Christ is spiritual life which He freely and powerfully gives to all of His people (God's elect chosen in and given to Christ before the foundation of the world). The way they are known, and the way it is known that they have been given spiritual life by the Spirit, is that in an act of God-given faith, they come to Christ for all salvation – the forgiveness of sins, righteousness, eternal life, and glory. Christ said, ***“All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out”*** (John 6:37). Christ also said that all of these would be totally and finally saved. He would not lose any of them – ***“And this is the Father's will which hath sent Me, that of all which He hath given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day”*** (John 6:39). Christ went on to say, ***“And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day”*** (John 6:40). So, the first question we must consider and ask ourselves is NOT, “Was I chosen and given to Christ before the world began?” It is NOT, “Have I been given the Spirit of life?” The question is this – “Have I seen, with the eyes of faith, the Son, and do I believe on Him according to the Scriptures?” If we have, the first two questions answer themselves with a resounding “YES”!

—Pastor Bill Parker

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## Submission to God

Salvation and submission are inseparable things. When we are saved by grace, we are brought to submit to God's way of saving us and forsake our way. Thus, any and all religious zeal and outward righteousness apart from the truth of the Gospel of Christ is rebellion against God! This is because it is a failure to submit to the righteousness of God in Christ! This is what Paul said of his own people and what must be said of all outside of Christ – *“For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God”* (Rom. 10:3).

—Pastor Gary Shepard

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## The Blood of the Everlasting Covenant

O the everlasting salvation that we have in Jesus Christ! He is the same, and will be the same forever and ever, and the righteousness He has wrought out for us is like Himself, AN EVERLASTING RIGHTEOUSNESS. It covered our first parents. It is true, they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves, but God rejected them, as He will reject our self-righteousness, and clothed them with the skins of beasts that had probably been slain in sacrifice. Abraham had to look to this Jesus for righteousness, and so had the prophets, and so have we.

IT IS AN EVERLASTING RIGHTEOUSNESS, covering all the election of grace in ages gone by, covering them all today, and that will cover them all tomorrow, making them accepted in the presence of a holy God. As it is written, we are — “ACCEPTED IN THE BELOVED,” beheld all fair and perfect in the Lord Jesus. And as respects the blood of this salvation, it is —THE BLOOD OF THE EVERLASTING COVENANT.

All the church of God in ages past have been purged from sin in the blood of Jesus; and the church of God at this day is looking by faith to the blood of the slaughtered Lamb. It will be the same to us tomorrow and as long as we live, and when we have gone to glory we shall shout, “VICTORY THROUGH THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB AND THE WORD OF HIS TESTIMONY” HIS BLOOD WILL STILL MAINTAIN ITS POWER.

—John Kershaw

## Birthdays

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Reid Jackson - Feb. 28th

## Prayer Requests

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Winston and Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Frank Dell, Cathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Cassie Broxton, Akimi Okada, Babs Baldwin, Sue Parker, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

## Hymns

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February 26th services

Immortal, Invisible - 34

Man of Sorrows - 127

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## Call To Worship

(Tune – Love Divine – p. 2)

Let us sing the King Messiah,  
King of righteousness and peace;  
Hail Him, all ye ransomed people,  
Never let His praises cease.  
How transcendent are Thy glories,  
Fairer than the sons of men;  
While Thy bless'ed intercession  
Brings us back to God again.

Majesty combined with meekness,  
Righteousness and peace unite;  
Look, my soul, be still and wonder,  
Grant us, Lord, Thy glorious light.  
Blest are all that touch Thy sceptre,  
Blest are all that know Thy name;  
Grace hath put us in the number  
Of the Saviour's family.