

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, January 14, 2024

10 am: "God's Wisdom Vindicated" | Matthew 11:16-24
Matthew Series | Lesson 41
Bill Parker

11 am: "Judgment and Wars"
Revelation 9:12-21
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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On true doctrine rests the worship of the true and living God. From error in doctrine springs the worship of a false god. There is a tendency among many religious people to undervalue true doctrine, to exalt morality at the expense of the character of God and the teachings of our Lord, and to deny the importance of a sound creed. I do not doubt that a sound creed has often covered an unsound life. But when I hear it said, "People do not believe the doctrines of sovereign grace and substitution, but they love the Lord and are saved," I wonder and ask, "What then was the Bible written for?" Is it no standard of truth? Are we to believe what appeals to us and deny the rest? God forbid! God's Word declares the oneness of truth and condemns EVERY DEPARTURE FROM THE TRUTH AS A DIRECT ATTACK ON GOD HIMSELF! Do not tell me that a man's heart is right with God when his head contains a creed of error and denies the Person and work of the Redeemer. —H. Binary

The Children of God

Forasmuch then as THE CHILDREN are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil” (Heb. 2:14). We who are saved by God’s grace in Christ are children of God by divine election as we were chosen in Christ before the world began. Christ was made flesh and blood (His sinless humanity) because the children are partakers of flesh and blood. This enabled Him to die for our sins and bring reconciliation between God and His children. The Holy Spirit gives us life in the new birth because we already are the children of God – *“But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. AND BECAUSE YE ARE SONS, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father” (Gal. 4:4-6).* Now, it is true that, even as children of God and elect before the world began, we fell in Adam into sin and death, and we are naturally born spiritually dead, depraved, and showing no evidence of being children of God. Before we are born again by the Holy Spirit, we are lost children, and by nature, in our own spirits, children of Satan, no different than children of wrath. Thank God for His grace to choose us and adopt us into His family where we are full-fledged children of God.

—Pastor Bill Parker

When you stop and think about it, most everything that passes for a church or worship in our day can be duplicated by about any social or fraternal group or organization. There can be associations, friendships, gatherings, activities, study, giving and much more. What distinguishes the true Church from all these organizations? I will tell you – the preaching of the Gospel of the grace of God in Jesus Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit!

—Pastor Gary Shepard

Christ Fulfilled His Surety Engagements

Through His undertakings and performances, through His meritorious death and life, through His blood and righteousness they have redemption, remission of sins, and eternal salvation, for “God is the portion” of His elect forever; with whom there never was, is, nor can be any restraint, obstruction, or alienation. THEIR INDISPUTABLE RIGHT IS SECURE IN THEIR ETERNAL UNION WITH CHRIST, and in their plenteous enjoyment proceeding in divine communications of life, from “the fullness of Him that filleth all in all – for it pleased the Father, that in Him should all fullness dwell.” Christ in undertaking our redemption was “made under the law,” and obnoxious to the wrath of God; and in that capacity obedience was His duty, and vengeance His due; and by the amplitude of His obedience unto death, and the preciousness of the life which He laid down, He so completely fulfilled His surety engagements, and gave such honor to the law as made “an end of sins,” and brought in “everlasting righteousness.” And it is my humble opinion that he who has a just apprehension of the infinite value of the righteousness of Christ, will never form any conceptions of a righteousness of his own in the sight of God, in time or eternity.

—John Johnson (1758)

Prayer Requests

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

Birthdays

Jerry Wages – Jan. 17th | Harold Riggins – Jan. 17th | Javon Jones – Jan. 18th | Richman Margeson – Jan. 20th

Hymns

January 14th services

Blessed Assurance - 255

He Hideth My Soul - 258

Call to Worship

(Tune – Immortal, Invisible – p. 34)

(Words by Pastor Jim Byrd)

**Christ Jesus the Savior came down from above,
In covenant mercy and infinite love;
The Lord of creation a servant became,
To save all His people from sin, guilt and shame.**

**Enthroned in His beauty and all glorious,
The God of creation was made like to us;
The Word was made flesh and laid glory aside,
What grace and affection for His chosen bride.**

**Our Prophet, High Priest and our eternal King,
Descended from heaven salvation to bring;
Em-man-u-el came, the Lord with us on earth,
Behold a great myst'ry - the dear Savior's birth.**

**O what a Redeemer is Jesus our Lord,
He paid all our sin-debt, to God we're restored;
Redeemed by His blood, He our ransom has paid,
And clothed in His beauty His saints are arrayed.**