

# 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 15, 2023

10am: "Christ, the Goodness & Severity of God" | Lesson 108  
Nahum 1  
Christ in the Old Testament  
Bill Parker

11am: "Put On the New Man (conc.)" Ephesians 4:24-31  
Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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## In Him

Two small words, "*in Him*," which, in and of themselves, are insignificant. One is a common preposition, the other a personal pronoun. Yet, these two words are full of grace and truth. In these two words are found the very essence of the Gospel. Why? Because the person of the pronoun refers to the Lord Jesus Christ, the God Man, the Savior of sinners. The simple preposition describes the glorious position and relationship of every believer in Christ. God "*chose us IN HIM*," (*Eph. 1:14*); we are "*justified IN HIM*," (*1 Cor. 6:11*); we are "*the righteousness of God IN HIM*," (*2 Cor. 5:21*); "*the forgiveness of sins IN HIM*," (*Eph. 1:7*); we are sanctified and redeemed *IN HIM* (*1 Cor. 1:30*); we have "*peace with God IN HIM*," (*Rom. 5:10*); *IN HIM* we have died to sin (*Rom. 6:2*); *IN HIM* we are "*alive to God*," (*Rom. 6:11*); *IN HIM* we have assurance of faith (*1 Jn. 2:5*); *IN HIM* "*the love of God is perfected*" in all those who believe (*1 Jn. 4:12*); and *IN HIM* we have "*obtained an inheritance*" of eternal riches (*Eph. 1:11*).

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## Convinced By God

Brethren, since the Lord God in Christ Jesus and by His Spirit revealed Christ in me, to show me the glory of Christ's Person (God manifest in the flesh), the power and success of His death to redeem me, His righteousness imputed to me for my justification, and His power to give me the gifts of life, faith, repentance, and perseverance, I have been completely and immovably convinced of the Gospel of God's free and sovereign grace in and by the Lord Jesus Christ. God Himself has brought me to faith in Christ and repentance of dead works. God Himself has established my heart with grace, and, like the apostle Paul, ***"I KNOW whom I have believed, and am persuaded that HE IS ABLE to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day (2 Tim. 1:12).***

As the years go by, I grow, and will continue to grow, in grace and in knowledge of Christ. I have become more skillful in the Word of righteousness and my heart has been more and more established with grace. I learn more and more about Christ and the great salvation with which the Lord God has blessed me. I have been, and will be, corrected on many issues, especially concerning the right interpretation of God's written Word. The Lord will cause me to change my mind on some issues related to His Gospel. BUT OF THIS I AM SURE – Whatever I learn, whenever I am corrected, and whatever issue God teaches me and changes my mind, THE GOSPEL HE HAS REVALED TO ME AND OF WHICH HE HAS CONVINCED ME, HAS NEVER, AND WILL NEVER, CHANGE! Throughout my life as a believer, and throughout my future, this Gospel has always been and will always be the revelation of God's glory in the Person and work of Christ Who died for my sins, put them all away, and brought in a perfect righteousness based on which God is just to justify me completely and forever. This is the same Gospel by which God exposed my sinfulness and depravity and showed me the only way of salvation by His free and sovereign grace in and by the Lord Jesus Christ and by His effectual, redeeming work. If God grants me new light on what HE has already revealed, this light will never deny, challenge, confuse, or change the Gospel. It will never cause me to question my salvation. It will never confuse or divide true brethren in the faith. It will only confirm that which God has already convinced me in revealing Christ to me by His Holy Spirit. Another thing to consider is this – I may differ with a brother in Christ over a non-Gospel, non-vital issue, but that brother has been just as convinced by God of the same Gospel that I believe. We do not differ on the Gospel and the ground of salvation.

—Pastor Bill Parker

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By bringing to Christ for all salvation in all of its blessings and benefits, and all based on His obedience unto death as our Surety, Substitute, Redeemer, Intercessor, Provider, and Preserver, God establishes our hearts with grace, and sets within our hearts godly motives and desires for obedience.

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Evangelism is a declaration of God's righteousness through the faith of Jesus Christ, "that HE hath done this" unto a people that shall be born. ***"They shall come, and shall declare HIS righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this" (Psa. 22:31). "Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe..." (Rom. 3:21).***

—Renat Ilyasov

Some say that "religion is a crutch." "True religion," as James calls it, is that and more. It is the very arms of God under each of my arms. Arms called grace and mercy! They lifted me out of my sin, set my feet on the Solid Rock and carries me every day to eternal glory. Grace and mercy are the arms of God extended to me in the arms of the man Christ Jesus! *"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms ..."* (Duet. 33:27). —Pastor Gary Shepard

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## Birthdays

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Jerry Wages - Jan. 17th | Harold Riggins - Jan. 17th | Richman Margeson - Jan. 20th

## 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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January 15th services

Grace Greater Than Our Sin - 209

Take My Life - 393

## Call To Worship

(Tune – This Is My Father’s World – p. 39)

(Words by Horatius Bonar, 1861)

**Not what my hands have done, can save my guilty soul;  
 Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.  
 Not what I feel or do, can give me peace with God;  
 Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear the awful load.**

**Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;  
 Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within;  
 Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to Thee,  
 Can rid me of this dark unrest and set my spirit free.**

**Thy grace alone O God, to me can pardon speak;  
 Thy pow’r alone O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.  
 No other work save Thine, no other blood will do;  
 No strength save that which is divine can bear me safely through.**