

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 16, 2022

10 am: "Ordered and Sure in Christ" | Christ in Old Testament Lesson 62 | 2 Samuel 23:1-5
Bill Parker

11 am: "The Mind of Christ Within Us" | 1 Cor. 2:14-16
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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True Godly, Christ-Honoring Assurance

True Godly, Christ-honoring assurance of salvation cannot be enhanced by our working more. It cannot be improved by our striving to love and serve one another. True Godly, Christ-honoring assurance of salvation comes by looking to, trusting, and resting in Christ more and more for ALL salvation, from its origin to its culmination in glory. This is why all true believers, sinners saved by God's grace, are told to ***“labor therefore to enter into THAT REST” (Heb. 4:11)***. This is the rest that Christ entered into after He finished the work of redeeming us from our sins and establishing righteousness for us by which God has justified us and from which He gives us spiritual and eternal life.

—Pastor Bill Parker

Upon This Rock

The Lord said unto Peter, ***“That thou art Peter, and UPON THIS ROCK I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matt. 16:18)***. So many people mistakenly think that Christ was revealing that Peter was the rock upon which He would build His church. This is not only wrong, it is blasphemy. For the church of the living God could never be built by or upon any mere man, much less a sinful man. The Lord spoke these words in response to Peter’s confession – ***“Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matt. 16:16)***. Christ is both the divine Builder of the church and the divine Rock (foundation) upon which the church is built. The true church (made up of God’s elect, Christ’s sheep, justified and redeemed sinners, regenerated and called by the Spirit to faith in Christ) is built by Him upon the foundation of His glorious Person (God manifest in the flesh) and His finished work of redemption to save His people from their sins and accomplish for them the righteousness by which God justifies them and gives them spiritual and eternal life. —Pastor Bill Parker

It Is Finished!

When Christ was dying on the cross for the sins of His people, He cried out, ***“It is finished” (John 19:30)***. What was finished (brought to its full and final completion and culmination)? Consider the following:

- (1) The whole will of God in regard to the salvation of the elect and the ground of redemption (***Heb. 10:7***).
- (2) The whole work His Father had given Him to do in saving His people from their sins (***1 Tim. 1:15***).
- (3) The Old Covenant law and all types and ceremonies (***Heb. 10:9-14***).
- (4) The righteousness of God performed, perfected, and which is imputed to believers (***Rom. 3:19-24; Rom. 10:4; 2 Cor. 5:21***).

The proof of the accomplishment of all that He came to do was His resurrection from the dead (***Acts 17:31***). Salvation and eternal life are gifts of God, not of works on our part, but through the Person and work of our substitute, the Lord Jesus Christ (***Eph. 2:8-9; 2 Cor. 5:18-21***). As the hymn writer wrote, "Tis finished: the great transaction's done; I am my Lord's and He is mine." Nothing need be added to His finished work. As we enter another new year of life here on earth, let us each consider how that what Christ finished for us is our beginning and our foundation for eternal life —Copied

Simplicity That is in Christ

Brethren, do not allow anyone to corrupt your minds from the ***“simplicity that is in Christ” (2 Corinthians 11:3)***. Men will get bogged down in their rational discussions and explanations trying to explain the mysteries of the inner workings of grace. They will complicate the plain teachings of God’s Word and take their pet scriptures out of context to prove their positions. They will go so far as to divide brethren over matters they themselves do not fully understand. But that which brings and holds us together is the single message of Christ and Him crucified, and all who believe in and love Christ see and know, by the power of the Holy Spirit within, that they have nothing in which to glory but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (***Galatians 6:14***). This is the work of Christ by His Spirit within.

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Birthdays

JERRY WAGES - JAN. 17TH | HAROLD RIGGINS - JAN. 17TH | JAVON JONES - JAN. 18TH
RICHMAN MARGESON - JAN. 20TH | BILL SPARKS - JAN. 22ND

Hymns

January 16th services

Blessed Assurance - 255 | Sun of My Soul - 77

Prayer Requests

Winston and Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Frank Dell, Cathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leonard Qualls, and the Gospel mission in Malawi, Africa.

Call to Worship

(Tune – Immortal, Invisible – p. 34) (Words by 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.

All praise to the Savior, our Refuge is He,
In Christ we are safe throughout eternity;
Come now and adore Him Who made us His choice,
Let all of His people in Jesus rejoice.