

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 21, 2024

10 am: "Revelation That Brings Us to Christ" | Matthew 11:25-30
Matthew Series | Lesson 42
Bill Parker

11 am: "Little Book–Big Message" | Revelation 10:1-11
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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“For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.” (Proverbs 2:6)

One of the many definitions of “wisdom” is “the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make good decisions and judgments.” When it comes to salvation and a right relationship with the Lord God, wisdom is what He gives to His people by His Word – ***“out of His mouth.”*** But wisdom begins with revealed knowledge and understanding of God’s way of salvation by His grace through the Lord Jesus Christ Who Himself IS the very wisdom of God (***Prov. 8; 1 Cor. 1:30***). There is no wisdom apart from the knowledge and understanding of Christ crucified and risen from the dead. The Apostle Paul wrote that we who preach the truth ***“preach Christ crucified,”*** and this is ***“the power of God, and the wisdom of God” (1 Cor. 1:23-24)***. Apart from the Lord revealing this knowledge and understanding of Christ to us, we cannot make good decisions or judgments in matters of salvation and spiritual life. Every decision and every judgment will be wrong! Wisdom, knowledge, and understanding begins when we know how to approach God and be accepted in our persons, our works, our worship, and our prayers. And this is approaching God in the merits of Christ’s blood and righteousness, for He is our only worthiness and virtue before God.

—Pastor Bill Parker

Blessed Indeed!

The blessedness of a child of God cannot be affected by the physical circumstances or the cares of the world. We were blessed in Christ with all spiritual blessings before the world was made (**Eph. 1:3**). Believers have a spiritual welfare that cannot be changed by sickness; we have a life that will never die, a Savior Who is ever faithful, divine justice that is fully satisfied, and eternal riches which will never be lost. Children of God have a treasure laid up where moth and rust cannot corrupt, a foundation that can never be shaken, and an inheritance reserved in the heavens. We have an irrevocable pardon, a righteousness approved by God Himself, a Friend Who sticks closer than a brother, and a salvation that is as secure and eternal as the throne of God. We have the almighty God as our Father, the reigning Son as our Advocate and the eternal Spirit as our Comforter. Yes, we are blessed indeed! —Pastor Jim Byrd

“For the kingdom is the LORD’S: and He is the Governor among the nations. All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before Him: and none can keep alive his own soul. A seed shall serve Him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. They shall come, and shall declare His righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that He hath done this.” (Psalm 22:28-31)

Christ Our Impeccable Surety

“For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens” (Heb. 7:26).

It was necessary that we should have such a surety and satisfier as was not only innocent, but immutably so, that could not by any means be bespotted by sin, and this is what the apostle intimates in **Hebrews 7:26** – *“holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners,”* and from sin. Had He only been holy, without being IMMUTABLY so, the election of God had not stood firm; for since God chose some to bring to glory, and that in Christ, it had been a tottering and uncertain resolution had the perfecting the redemption of His chosen ones depended upon the transactions of a mutable person, that could not eternally secure Himself from offending. Had it been possible for the Redeemer to sin, it had been possible for the absolute decree of God to become vain, and of no effect.

—Stephen Charnock

“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.” (1 Corinthians 2:12)

False, self-righteous, works-based religion always gives with the right hand, but subtly takes back with the left. They offer freedom, but then crown their so-called freedom with mercenary or legal demands for their idea of righteousness. Not so with the salvation of God through His Son and applied by His Holy Spirit. HE DOES NOT GIVE US SALVATION, then CONDITION IT ON OUR OBEDIENCE. By the Holy Spirit, He makes all who are His to *“know the things that are FREELY GIVEN to us of God,”* and that salvation knowledge causes those beloved of God to love Him.

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Prayer Requests

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

Birthdays

Bill Sparks - Jan. 22nd | Tim Hall - Jan. 26th | Janet Fletcher - Jan. 26th

Hymns

January 21st services

-Look to the Lamb of God - 216

-Hallelujah, What a Savior! - 127

Call to Worship

(Tune – O Worship the King – p. 1)

**Oh, what shall we do our Saviour to praise,
So faithful and true, abounding in grace;
So strong to deliver, so good to redeem
The weakest believers who rest upon Him.**

**How happy the man whose heart is set free,
The people who can be joyful in Thee;
Their joy is to walk in the light of His face,
And sweetly to rest in His comfort and grace.**

**Their daily delight shall be in His name,
They shall by His grace His righteousness claim;
This righteousness wearing and cleansed by His blood,
Bold shall they appear in the presence of God.**

**Our Saviour alone, the Lord let us bless,
Who reigns on His throne, the Prince of all peace,
Who evermore saves us by shedding His blood;
All hail, blessed Saviour, our Lord and our God.**