

# 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 3, 2021

10 am: "Bethel - The House of God" | Christ in the Old Testament  
Lesson 13 | Genesis 28:10-22  
Bill Parker

11 am: "God So Loved the World"  
John 3:16  
Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.  
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***"OR EVER THE SILVER CORD BE LOOSED, OR THE GOLDEN BOWL be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern." (Eccl.12:6)***

This English translation - ***"or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl"*** is ONE WORD in the Hebrew, and it is the same word translated ***"SPRINGS"*** in ***Psalm 87:7***. If you know anything of the words of ***Eccl.12***, you know it is talking about human life, and its fragile nature and sudden end. In other words, ALL FLESH comes to the same end ultimately, DEATH. But the physical life of all comes from the Lord – ***"For in Him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also His offspring" (Acts 17:6)***. But for those eternally loved of God, those chosen in Christ their Surety before the foundation of the world, and redeemed by Him at Calvary, ALL THEIR SPIRITUAL LIFE is IN HIM too. —Pastor Richard Warmack

## LORD'S SUPPER

Sunday Jan. 3, 2021

THERE WILL BE NO  
FELLOWSHIP MEAL  
FOLLOWING LORD'S SUPPER

## “Touched With the Feeling of Our Infirmities”

*“For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.” (Hebrews 4:15)*

The person of Christ as God in human flesh is a marvelous mystery which we cannot grasp in its fullness and depth. But the Scriptures tell us that it was necessary that He be made flesh and dwell among us to fulfill the conditions of our salvation. As God in sinless human flesh, Christ had to fulfill all righteousness for us so that God is just to justify us. One of the things Christ experienced on our behalf was that He was *“touched with the feeling of our infirmities.”* This involved the weaknesses and limitations of human existence without our innate sinfulness. He hungered and thirsted. He grew weary and sorrowed. Ultimately, He was able to die for our sins imputed to Him so that we who believe are justified by His righteousness imputed to us.

He *“was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”* Our Savior can truly sympathize with us in our temptations because He experienced the same in His own humanity. But, unlike us, when He was tempted, He remained sinless within Himself. Though He was (and is) fully human, He was not a sinful human. For example, when He was upon the mount of temptation and after not having eaten for forty days, Satan tempted Him to deny His Father's glory in order to relieve His hunger. Like us, in His humanity, He was just as hungry as we would have been (*Matt. 4:2*). But, unlike us, He had no sinful inclination or desire to deny His Father in order to relieve His hunger (*Matt. 4:4*). Unlike us who are still plagued with the contamination of sin, Satan had no ally in the Lord – *“Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me” (John 14:30).*

The fact that there was no sin IN Christ does not deny or diminish the fact that, for our salvation, He was MADE sin (*2 Cor. 5:2*). He was made sin by the Father through the legal act of imputing (charging) the debt of the sins of His people to His account, making Him responsible to pay that debt by His suffering unto death on the cross. In this great act, as our Surety, He remained perfect and sinless within Himself. But He was certainly *“touched with the feeling of our infirmities”* as He suffered unto death all the consequences of our sins imputed to Him. All the pain and anguish He experienced was due to our sins imputed to Him but did not make Him sinful or a sinner. He was truly *“touched with the FEELING of our infirmities,”* but He was never contaminated with the corruption of our sins. —Pastor Bill Parker

### Please note!

We will serve THE LORD'S SUPPER following the messages today. We have taken precautions to provide the elements of this memorial supper in a way that protects all of us from any contamination of the Covid-19 virus. Let us worship the Lord as He instructed us in this blessed ordinance.

### Birthdays

Williams Sparks - Jan. 4th  
Jack Cox - Jan. 5th  
Jordan Drake - Jan. 5th  
Carolyn Hayes - Jan. 9th

### Hymns

Jan. 3rd service  
My Savior's Love - 452  
Immortal, Invisible - 34

## Call to Worship

(Tune – Come Thou Fount – p. 17)

(Words by Pastor Jim Byrd)

**In this house, O great Jehovah, God of everlasting days;  
Humbly now we all assemble, to begin this year with praise.  
Lord we thank Thee for Thy mercies, which to us are new each day;  
And with gratitude we bless Thee, Thou hast led us all the way.**

**Bless'ed Lord and only Savior, Thou didst full salvation bring;  
We would praise Thee without ceasing, of Thy glories we will sing.  
With the promise of Thy presence, now we face another year;  
Since Thy hand shall always guide us, free us from all doubt & fear.**

**Lead us on our pilgrim journey, guide us safely by Thy grace;  
Keep us looking unto Jesus, till we finish life's short race.  
Then receive us into glory, O Thou God in Whom we trust;  
Take our souls away to heaven, and protect and guard our dust.**

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## Matchless Grace - John Bunyan

O Thou Son of the Blessed! Grace stripped Thee of Thy glory. Grace brought Thee down from heaven. Grace made Thee bear such burdens of sin; such burdens of curse as are unspeakable. Grace was in Thy heart. Grace came bubbling up from Thy bleeding side. Grace was in Thy tears. Grace was in Thy prayers. Grace streamed from Thy thorn-crowned brow! Grace came forth with the nails that pierced Thee, with the thorns that pricked Thee! Oh, here are unsearchable riches of grace! Grace to make sinners happy! Grace to make angels wonder! Grace to make devils astonished!

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The glorious good news of the Gospel is that, "***It is finished.***" Justice has been satisfied, righteousness has been established. The believer rests exclusively in a finished work. On the other hand, the religious moralist strives daily under a crushing weight of duties and expectations, looking to a future judgement on his performance, where he may, or may not, be rewarded. For the believer, this judgement occurred at the cross, and there is no possibility of future condemnation. The believer is counted by God to be the very righteousness of God in Christ (***2 Cor. 5:21***). Therefore, the believer is a joint-heir with Christ and shall inherit all things (***Rom. 8:17,32***). "***Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth***" (***Rom. 8:33***). I would encourage you to take the time to read all of ***Romans 8*** and prayerfully consider these glorious truths. —Brother Kenny Dyess