

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 8, 2023

10am: "Christ, the Messiah-King of Israel" | Lesson 107 | Micah 5
Christ in the Old Testament
Bill Parker

11am: "Put On the New Man"
Ephesians 4:24-32
Bill Parker

Live Stream

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A Prayer for God's People

Oh, precious Lord Jesus, cause Thy people to rejoice in Thy full and finished salvation. By Thee, all that believe are justified from all things (*Acts 13:39*). Here then, Lord, give Thy people grace to rest. Let there be nothing wavering, nothing unsettled, in our faith because everything in the covenant of grace is "**ordered, and sure in all things**" (*2 Samuel 23:5*). Oh, for faith, in lively exercise, to believe "**the record God hath given of His Son**" (*1 John 5:10-11*). "**Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee**" (*Isaiah 26:3*). Let all Thy faithful therefore of this present hour, as were the disciples of old, be strong in the grace which is in Christ Jesus, and, like them, be filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.

—Robert Hawker

“Now the God of hope fill you with all JOY AND PEACE IN BELIEVING, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost” (Romans 15:13). “Joy and peace in believing” is the blessedness, comfort, and assurance that comes to us ***“through the power of the Holy Ghost”*** Who brings us to conviction of sin to the point that we find hope neither in ourselves nor our best efforts to keep the law, and to conviction of righteousness in and by the Lord Jesus Christ in Whom we ***“abound in hope.”*** As we are brought by the Holy Spirit to look to and rest in Christ for all salvation, we overflow with the certain expectation of all grace here and all glory hereafter because HE has secured us in salvation by His obedience unto death for us. There, “joy” above anything and everything that this world offers because this is the “joy” of eternal happiness. There is “peace” with God because Christ has made “peace” by the blood of His cross whereby He satisfied the justice of God against our sins and fulfilled all conditions of peace between God and sinners. How do we know all this is true? It is because God said it in His Word. How do we find this “joy and peace”? It comes “in believing,” not just “believing” anything or something, but “believing” in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Lord our righteousness, as He is identified and distinguished in God’s inspired Word. This “joy and peace in believing” is the gift of God through Christ, and it brings to turn away and repent of any other ground of joy and peace. For there is no everlasting joy and no eternal peace but in Christ Who is our Surety, Substitute, Redeemer, Life-Giver, Preservers, and our Intercessor with the Father in heaven. —Pastor Bill Parker

Years ago, someone asked me why we do not have “altar calls” or “invitations” at the end of our services. I found this article written by an unknown pastor long ago. This article answers the question of why we today do not have “altar calls” or “invitations” as many in false religion do. —Pastor Bill Parker

We do not give “altar calls” or so-called “invitations” at the close of the service, nor do we pressure men, women, or children to make a “decision,” be baptized, and join the church. In the preaching of the Gospel, people are called upon to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and come to Him. This is a heart work conducted entirely between the sinner and the Saviour by the power of the Holy Spirit. The command and example of Scripture for confessing Christ is baptism and uniting with His people. If, through the preaching of the Gospel, God by His Spirit has graciously revealed to your heart the reality of your sins and the only hope of forgiveness and righteousness, of salvation in all of its blessings and benefits by God’s grace through Christ; if He has given you faith to believe on Him for all of your salvation, and you would like to confess Him in baptism and/or unite with this assembly of believers, please let me know. We gladly receive and accept anyone whom the Lord brings into the fellowship of faith – ***“And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved” (Acts 2:47).***

The word “satisfaction” has at least two meanings. First, it has to do with meeting and filling up that which is required. Secondly, with pleasing or making content the one satisfied. Christ is both to God and His believing people! He has satisfied all that God’s law and justice required and because of this, also satisfies the one who is brought by the Spirit to believe on Him. He pleased God and therefore pleases all who trust Him. God says, ***“This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.”*** We say, ***“As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.” (Psalm 17:15)*** —Pastor Gary Shepard

There never was, nor ever will be the least particle of holiness in the world, but what flowing from Jesus Christ, is communicated by the Spirit, according to the truth and promise of the Gospel.

—John Owen

Birthdays

Carolyn Hayes - Jan. 9th | Amy Hiers - Jan. 12th | Paul Payne - Jan. 14th

Prayer Requests

Winston and Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Frank Dell, Cathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Cassie Broxton, Akimi Okada, Babs Baldwin, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

January 8th services

The Solid Rock - 272

Blessed Assurance - 255

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 and 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.**