

# 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 July 14, 2019

10 am: "A Sincere Desire to See Sinners Saved" | Romans Series Lesson 51 | Romans 9:1-3  
Bill Parker

11 am: "The Danger of Apostasy" | Hebrews 6:1-8  
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## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.  
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## Our Time on Earth is Short, But Let it Be Full

*"Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." (Psalm 16:11)*

Our time on earth is short. We all know this, and as we approach and reach old age, we know it more and more. We find that many things in this life that took up so much of our time, that made us so happy, as well as the things that grieved us most are, in light of eternity, really not as good or bad as we thought. How do we put things in perspective? It is only by the grace of God in Christ and living out of HIS fullness as our fullness. The Lord God shows us the *"path of life"* – where we come from, where we are, and where we are going. As we by the grace of God stand in Christ, washed in His blood and clothed in His righteousness, filled with His Spirit, our path is sure unto eternal glory. Without Christ, all paths lead to eternal death. We live in and by Christ's life continually in His presence. And though we may lose sight of this glorious truth at times, He never leaves nor forsakes us, and He never lets us totally fall away from Him. But when we know His presence, we know the *"fulness of joy."* In His *"right hand"* of power, acceptance, and grace, *"there are pleasures for evermore."* Whatever time we have on this earth, let us live it in the fullness of the grace, love, and truth of Christ our Lord and Savior. Let us realize evermore that *"in HIM we live, and move, and have our being"* (Acts 17:28).

—Pastor Bill Parker

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, 2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. 3 And this will we do, if God permit. 4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, 5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, 6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. 7 For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: 8 But that which beareth thorns and briars is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned.

*Hebrews 6:1-8*

## Sympathy

We express our sincere sympathy to Janet Fletcher and family. Janet's husband and our brother, Marvin Fletcher, passed away Sunday, July 7, 2019. May the Lord comfort them in their loss.

## Hymns

### July 14th services

**When I Can Read My Title Clear - 497**  
**Look, Ye Saints! - 141**

## You That Know Righteousness

“Hearken unto Me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings” (Isaiah 51:7).

Would you or I count ourselves among God's people who **“know righteousness”**? If we truly **“know righteousness”** we have been taught and convinced by God the Holy Spirit that there is no righteousness in our works or within ourselves. We know that righteousness is perfect satisfaction to God's law and justice THAT CAN ONLY BE FOUND IN THE GLORIOUS PERSON AND FINISHED WORK OF CHRIST, THE LORD OF GLORY. We know that we must always look outside of ourselves and to **“Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith” (Heb. 12:2)**. This is when God's law is established within our hearts, for **“Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth” (Romans 10:4)**.

—Pastor Bill Parker

## “Cleanseth”

The apostle John is used of God to tell us this good news, **“The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.”** If I understand correctly, the tense of this word **“cleanseth”** is the linear tense which signifies a continual action. This means that the efficacy of Christ's blood in washing away our sins is constant at all times and in all circumstances. It is constant when we are confessing our sins and when we are not. When we are conscious of them or not. His sacrifice was sufficient to make an end of our sins in the sight of God's holy justice forever. Before the court of heaven they are no more. But there is somewhere else that our sin is often a matter to be settled, in our conscience! It is here that we are often found without peace and troubled. It is only when the Holy Spirit brings this word to our minds and applies it to our consciences that we can rest and experience the peace of God. It is in this great truth believed that we get relief from the accusing conscience. The blood of Jesus has cleansed us from all sin, is cleansing us from all sin, and shall cleanse us from all sin! His blood, not our works. His blood, the blood of the Lamb of God. It is the blood of Jesus Christ who is God manifest in the flesh. It is sinless, God-satisfying blood. It is the precious blood that cleanseth us from ALL sin!

—Pastor Gary Shepard

## Call To Worship

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

I bless the Christ of God, I rest on love divine,  
And with unfaltering lip and heart, I call the Saviour mine;  
His cross dispels each doubt, I bury in His tomb,  
Each thought of unbelief and fear,  
Each lingering shade of gloom.

I praise the God of peace, I trust His truth and might,  
He calls me His, I call Him mine, My God, my Joy, my Light;  
In Him is only good, in me is only ill,  
My ill but draws His goodness forth,  
And me He loveth still.

‘Tis He Who saveth me, and freely pardon gives,  
I love because He loveth me, I live because He lives;  
My life with Him is hid, my death has passed away,  
My clouds have melted into light,  
My midnight into day.

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## Look to Christ, Not Your Obedience

Those who profess to believe on Christ but who do not seek to follow the Lord and honor Him in their lives have an empty and worthless profession. Christ said, *"If ye love me, keep my commandments."* A sinner who has been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and brought to genuine faith in the Son of God will seek to *"adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things"* (Titus 2:10). Though we know we are sinful in ourselves, yet we do seek to glorify the Lord as we go about our daily activities. However, we must never look to our obedience (which is imperfect at best), in any measure, as the means of acceptance with God. Those who seek God’s approval by any other way than the blood and righteousness of Christ will someday learn they made a fatal mistake. —Pastor Jim Byrd