

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 7, 2024

10 am: "Betrayed, Killed, and Raised" | Matthew 17:22-27
Matthew Series | Lesson 64
Bill Parker

11 am: "Christ, the Righteous Warrior" | Revelation 19:11-21
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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“Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshiped, And said, Naked came I out of my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.” (Job 1:20-22)

This man (who was a sinner saved by God’s almighty grace) LOST ALMOST EVERYTHING in this world that he possessed — his livestock, his properties, even his sons and daughters, all of it directed, NOT BY SATAN, but under the watchful, sovereign, omnipotent eye and power of the GOD WHO LOVED HIM. Yet, by God’s grace and for God’s glory this man ***“fell down upon the ground, and worshiped.”*** LET THAT SINK IN! As regenerated and converted sons and daughters of God, we have within us the Spirit of the living God, or as Paul declared, ***“Christ IN YOU, the hope of glory.”*** May we all by God’s grace follow the example of this sinner saved by God’s grace when God’s providence deals harshly with us while in these vile bodies.

—Pastor Richard Warmack

Christ, “Who Loved Me, and Gave Himself For Me.”

Galatians 2:20

See my soul, how Paul is forever using Jesus, and feasting for ever upon Him. Oh, seek grace to do the same. He saith, Jesus loved him; the Son of God loved Paul. Now love from any object is valuable, but from the first, and best, and greatest of all Beings, what invaluable love is this? And who did Christ love? "Why me," saith Pau;, ***"who was a blesphemer, a persecutor, and injurious."*** And how do you know, Paul, that Jesus loved you? ***"He gave Himself for me,"*** saith Paul. ***"Gave Himself"***? Yes, Himself! Not His gifts only, not His grace, not His mercy, though all creation is His. And whatever He gave must have been an undeserved mercy; for I merited hell, when He bestowed upon me heaven. But even heaven, with all its glories, is nothing, saith Paul, to what Jesus gave me; for He gave ***"Himself for me."*** Oh, my soul, wilt thou not look up, wilt thou not be encouraged to hope, to believe, to hang upon Jesus, for the same. Oh, for faith to believe. Precious Jesus! Thou Author and Finisher of our faith, grant me this mercy! And while I read these sweet words concerning Thee, Who loved and gave Thyself for poor lost sinners. Oh! Like Paul, and with the same assurance of faith, cause me to add me, me – Jesus “loved me, and gave Himself for me.” —Robert Hawker

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD" (Amos 8:11). We would all fear a famine in our land leaving us without any physical water or food. But this is far from the worst kind of famine – a famine that leaves us without being able to hear God’s Word. God’s Word is salvation as it, in the power of the Holy Spirit, leads us to Christ for salvation. The Gospel is the saving revelation of Christ in the glory of His Person (God manifest in the flesh) and the success of His finished work as our Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer. When this Word is gone, we can be assured that all of God’s elect have been called into His kingdom. —Pastor Bill Parker

The comfort of a believer’s heart lies not in a mere “feeling” that everything will be alright. It lies in the Spirit of God’s application of truth to our hearts and minds. It is comfort based on the promises of God Who cannot lie, die, or fail in any way. Oh, it does produce wonderful feelings. But these feelings are the product of the assurance of faith, faith based upon that which is given us by God’s grace through the Christ’s righteous blood. —Pastor Gary Shepard

The natural man has concluded there must be something more required for entrance into the everlasting kingdom of God than Jesus Christ and His merits. "Surely," says the sinner who is unconvinced of the thoroughness of his sinfulness, "there must be something I must do or contribute in order to be saved." Do not the Scriptures say that the way to eternal life is a narrow way? It is narrow in the sense that there is only room for the righteousness of Christ. If you think that your self-righteous works are required for salvation, then you are laden with excess baggage which God will not allow. Christ alone is the way to heaven. There is no room for His imputed righteousness and your manufactured righteousness (which is, in reality, only unrighteousness). If God were to permit your righteousness to pass through, in addition to Christ's, He would have to allow for a broader way, which He will never do! The way is so narrow that nothing but the righteousness of Christ will enable believing sinners to safely pass through into glory.

—Pastor Jim Byrd

Birthdays

Mary James Fuller - July 8th

Prayer Requests

Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Sue Parker, Judy Fletcher, David Tennyson, Monica Hayes, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

July 7th services

-Look Ye Saints - 141

-My Faith Looks Up to Thee - 359

Call to Worship

(Tune – O God Our Help – p. 10)
(Words written by Augustus Toplady)

**We bless Thee, Lord, for all the fruits, all in Thy hands to give;
The righteousness that grace imputes, and faith alone receives.**

**In Thee we have a righteousness, by God Himself approved;
Our rock, our sure foundation this, which never can be moved.**

**Our ransom by Thy death was paid, for all Thy people giv'n,
The law Thou perfectly obeyed, that they might enter heav'n.**

**As all in Adam sinned alone, in his transgression died,
So by the righteousness of One are sinners justified.**

**We to Thy merit, gracious Lord, with humblest joy submit,
Again to Paradise restored, in Thee alone complete.**