

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, June 12, 2022

10am: "Christ, the Hope of Israel"

Christ in the Old Testament
Lesson 82 | Psalm 130
Bill Parker

11am: "In the Last Days - Part 2"

2 Peter 3
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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The Power of God

I do fear that I fail to have the confidence I ought to have in the gospel of our sovereign God. Paul said, *"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16)*. Though it be in the hands of a weak preacher and weak witnesses, this does not diminish or restrict its power. The Gospel is not weak in power, but we are often weak in faith. Oh, God, grant to us faith and confidence in your sovereign power through that great instrument, the Gospel. Awaken your people from spiritual death and call them from darkness to light with this Word. It is the *"Gospel of Christ"* the sovereign, successful Savior and cannot fail. It is the summons of the King, and none of His sheep will successfully resist it. I am ashamed of my lack of confidence, but I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ. Lord, give your word success and increase in us a confident faith!
—Pastor Gary Shepard

Saved by Grace

I will not work my soul to save,
For that the Lord has done;
But I will work like any slave,
From love to God's dear Son.

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Birthdays

Susan Wages - June 17th

Hymns

June 12th services
Blessed Assurance - 255
My Savior - 226

Prayer Requests

Winston and Patricia Pannell,
Alex Wages, Audrey Asher,
Frank Dell, Cathy Robinson,
Lori Ann Loosier, Leonard
Qualls, Cassie Broxton, Nancy
Byrd, James Mwali and the
mission in Malawi, Africa.

In reading the Scriptures, I not only find that salvation is by God's grace alone, but also that grace is shown to sinners in a way that honors His justice in the punishment of sin through the death and resurrection of Christ. What does the Bible say about divine grace?

(1) GRACE WAS GIVEN TO SOME SINNERS IN CHRIST FROM OLD ETERNITY. *"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began" (2 Timothy 1:9).*

(2) GRACE IS FREELY GIVEN BUT ALWAYS ON THE BASIS OF THE SUBSTITUTIONARY DEATH OF CHRIST. *"Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:24).*

(3) GRACE IS A SOVEREIGN GIFT OF GOD. *"And He said, I will make all My goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy" (Exodus 33:19).*

(4) GRACE WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY ADDITIVE FROM MAN. *"Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work" (Romans 11:5-6).*

(5) GRACE FOR GUILTY SINNERS IS ONLY TO BE FOUND IN CHRIST. *"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).*

(6) GRACE IS THE POWERFUL MOTIVATING PRINCIPLE THAT GOVERNS A BELIEVER'S LIFE. *"For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace" (Romans 6:14).*

(7) AS GRACE IS THE THEME OF OUR SONG IN THIS WORLD, SO IT WILL BE IN ETERNITY. *"By the grace of God I am what I am" (1 Corinthians 15:10).*

—Pastor Jim Byrd

Call To Worship

(Tune – Be Thou My Vision – p. 334)

**Jesus, my Savior, and Lord of my life,
I will exalt Thee in calm and in strife.
Thou my salvation, my comfort and stay
Thy will be done as you guide on my way**

**Righteousness given, by grace I am free,
No condemnation for those who believe.
Source of my life and my glorified end.
God has forgiven me of all my sin.**

**Mercy and justice are met in accord,
Christ is my Surety Who took justice's sword.
There on the cross where He died in my place,
Jesus my Savior and Giver of grace.**

**Lord of all glory, my Lord over all,
I worship Thee and upon Thee I call.
Praises and honor to Thy holy name,
Sing of Thy greatness and Thy truth proclaim.**

The Power That Worketh In Us

“Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.” (Ephesians 3:20-21)

The grace, love, and mercy of God shown toward us in and by the Lord Jesus Christ are not only doctrines we believe, they are also dynamic powers of God implanted within our hearts to motivate and drive us in the obedience of faith as we seek to follow and honor Christ in our lives. God the Holy Spirit is the sovereign Agent who imparts these graces to us. He does this by giving us a powerful revelation of God's glory in our full salvation by the Lord Jesus Christ and the power of Christ's blood and righteousness for our complete forgiveness and justification before God. He imparts faith to believe in Christ and submit to His righteousness whereupon we are given such a real sense of God's love to us that we cannot help but seek to worship and honor Him in all that we think, say, and do.

—Pastor Bill Parker