

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 25, 2023

10 am: "A Right View of God's Law" | Matthew Series
Matthew 5:29-37 | Lesson 15
Bill Parker

11 am: "The Meaning of Revelation" | Revelation 1:1-3
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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The death of Jesus Christ was and is so powerful and effectual that it alone secured and insures the complete salvation of all for whom He lived, died, and arose. It is the very righteousness of God to enable God to be both a just God and a Savior. Consider the following words written by Augustus Toplady, the author of "Rock of Ages."

From whence this fear and unbelief?
Hath not the Father put to grief
His spotless Son for me?
And will the righteous Judge of men
Condemn me for that debt of sin
Which, Lord, was charged on Thee?

Complete atonement Thou hast made,
And to the utmost farthing paid
Whate'er Thy people owed;
How then can wrath on me take place
If sheltered in Thy righteousness,
And sprinkled with Thy blood?

Christ "only is my rock and my salvation," the Scriptures say. Tell me anything contrary to this truth, "He only is my rock and my salvation," and it is a heresy. And bring to me any heresy and by comparing it with, "He only is my rock and salvation," you will have found out why it is a heresy.

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The Ultimate Sorrow of Life Without Christ

The history of a certain young man is recorded in Matthew 19, Mark 10, and Luke 18. This young man had everything we can imagine as to the glories of life here on earth. He was rich, powerful, and moral. But he lacked one thing – the perfection of holiness, righteousness, and love which would qualify him for eternal life and glory in heaven (*Mark 10:21; Luke 18:22*). The state of his heart was one of pride and self-righteousness because he imagined he could attain these things by his works under the law. Do you or I imagine we are better than this young man? If so, our end will be the same as his – ***“he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions”*** (*Matt. 19:22*).

The lesson of this young man's life is that we are all sinners. From the worst of us to the best of us, we have no righteousness, no perfection of love for which to recommend us unto God or qualify us for heaven (*Rom. 3:10*). It also shows us that by nature we do not desire these things GOD'S WAY, but insist upon attaining them our way (*Rom. 3:11-12*). What is the answer for us? The answer is profound and yet simple – IT IS CHRIST THE LORD AND SALVATION BY GOD'S FREE AND SOVEREIGN GRACE IN HIM ALONE. True holiness, righteousness, and the perfection of love can only be found in this glorious Person Who is God in the flesh and in His perfect work of redemption in the shedding of His blood for the sins of His people. God commands us to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved. This salvation is not deserved or earned by us; it is a gift of God's grace. This salvation is not the product of our so-called "free will" or our works (*Rom. 9:16*). If it were, we could say that we were better than this young man. He was unwilling to come to Christ for salvation, and he was working diligently to earn salvation by works of the law. True salvation is the product of God's sovereign will and Christ's righteous work for His people (*Rom. 10:4*). The lesson of the life of this young man is this – Life, whether in youth, middle age, or old age, without Christ will end up in nothing but sorrow. —Pastor Bill Parker

Ambition which begins and ends on one's self is unworthy. Our ambition should be to live unto Christ for His glory and in His grace and truth. In this we pray that we will be a blessing to others. If God imparts these great purposes in our heart, and we follow Christ closely and faithfully, we know He is working in us, and we shall never lack His divine guidance, ***“for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure”*** (*Php. 2:13*).

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“That no flesh should glory in His presence” (*1 Corinthians 1:29*). Man's religion is to build up the creature. God's religion is to throw the creature down in the dust of self-abasement, and to glorify Christ.

—J. C. Philpot

Prayer Requests

Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Akemi Okada, Sue Parker, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

June 25th services

- Come Thou Almighty King - 6
- Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove - 158

Birthdays

Connie Qualls - June 27th | WIP Payne - June 29th

Call to Worship

(Tune – O For a Thousand Tongues – p. 46)

**Great God! Thy glory and Thy love,
Our humble songs employ;
In mercy from Thy throne above,
Look down and cause our joy.**

**Thy presence and Thy glory, Lord,
Fill all the realms of space;
O let Thy presence, by Thy word
Divinely fill this place.**

**This hymn begins the solemn sound
Of holy worship here;
May ev'ry saint with joy abound
And reverential fear.**

**Eternal Spirit! Heav'nly Dove!
Descend and fill this place;
Reveal the Saviour's matchless love,
The wonders of His grace!**