

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, March 10, 2024

10 am: "Why Christ Spoke in Parables" | Matthew 13:10-17
Matthew Series | Lesson 49
Bill Parker

11 am: "Satan's Fleeting Victory (1)" | Revelation 13:1-10
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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"In the year that King Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple" (Isaiah 6:1). The result of the death of the king that Isaiah admired so much and then seeing the Lord of glory on His throne, had a tremendous effect upon the prophet.

(1) He was made to have a deeper realization of the truth that God is holy. He heard the seraphim crying to one another, ***"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory" (Isa. 6:3).***

(2) He was made to see his, and everyone else's, sinfulness. ***"Woe is me; for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts," (Isa. 6:5).***

(3) He was made to see that there is forgiveness and cleansing with the Lord. The Gospel of the grace of God, the ***"live coal" (vv. 6-7),*** comes to sinners in, through, and by the Lord Jesus Christ and His saving death and resurrection. ***"Thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin is purged."*** By the suffering and death of Christ, His sinful people are washed, cleansed and justified. ***"By His stripes we are healed" (read Isaiah 53:5-6).*** —Pastor Jim Byrd

How We Should Treat Those Who Do Us Wrong

The love that God commands us to express, as His dear children, is the highest love of all and should reflect His love for us in Christ. It is the perfection of love that motivates us to love one another as we love ourselves, and it goes so far as to tell us to love and pray for our enemies. Read the words of the psalmist, David, when he was persecuted by Saul, when many false charges were brought against him by his courtiers, and when he was the scorn and derision of the people –

“False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge things that I knew not. They rewarded me evil for good to the spoiling of my soul. But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom. I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.” (Psalm 35:11-14)

This kind of love can only come to us by God in Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. And in striving to attain this kind of love, we are reminded of our own sinfulness and selfishness, and our need of God’s grace in Christ and His righteousness alone for our salvation. The fact that we have to struggle to attain any semblance of this kind of love shows us that it is not our love for God or our neighbor that saves us, but it is HIS LOVE FOR US IN CHRIST that saves us – ***“Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins” (1 John 4:10)***. Given our sinfulness and selfishness, this kind of love shows us plainly how we should strive to think of and treat those who treat us wrongly. Remember the words of our Savior –

“Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.” (Matthew 5:43-45) —Pastor Bill Parker

Justification is the heart of the Gospel of Grace. The message of Grace is that a person is only justified by the Absolute Perfect Righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ imputed to the account of His people. It is by the merit of The Lord Our Righteousness, Jesus Christ and Him crucified, His Person and His work, which is the good news. The work, as far as the ground and basis for Justification is concerned, is a finished, historical, completed, victorious, successful, and effectual work. This is all based on the effectual life and death of Christ with no works of any sort added by us to complete or aid His work. The honor and preeminence sit on the crowned head of the Savior. His work is not at all hypothetical, potential, universal, conditional, based on anything we think, do, or say.

—Pastor Scott Price

Lord's Supper

Our next Lord's Supper Sunday will be March 31. We will have dinner here following services that day.

Prayer Requests

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

Birthdays

Leon Drake - Mar. 14th

Hymns

March 10th services

-Savior, Like a Shepherd - 294

-Come Thou Fount - 17

Call to Worship

(Tune – I Love Thy Kingdom – p. 188)

**Great God, we come to meet,
With Thee, our Lord and King,
To bow before Thy sovereign throne,
And here Thy praises sing.**

**May every worldly care,
Be banished from our mind;
May we Thy word with profit hear,
And peace and comfort find.**

**Our strength will soon decrease,
Unless our souls be fed;
We know our health, our joy and peace,
Depend on living Bread.**

**So let our hearts be drawn,
To Jesus Christ our Lord;
Find sweet redemption through His blood,
And feed upon His Word.**