

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 12, 2023

10am: "The Gospel in the Gospels" | Lesson 1

Matthew 1:1
Bill Parker

11am: "Christ Is All, and in All"

Colossians 3:11
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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If the possession of heaven could be obtained with only a single act of goodness – never to all eternity should I find it. ***“When I would do good, evil is present with me.”*** Oh, then for grace to know Thee, to love Thee, to follow Thee, as my only good, my hope, my righteousness, my portion forever!
—Robert Hawker

“Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to Him shall men come; and all that are incensed against Him shall be ashamed. In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.” (Isaiah 45:24-25)

For Whom Did Christ Die?

When answering this question, we must be careful to base our answer on what God's Word (the Bible) says. And what does the Bible say?

Christ died for His Sheep (*John 10:11*).

Christ died for all whom the Father gave to Him (*John 6:39*).

Christ died for His people (*Matthew 1:21*).

Christ died for His children who are His brethren (*Hebrews 2:12-17*).

Christ died for His church (*Acts 20:28*).

Christ died for His bride (*Ephesians 5:25*).

Christ died for those chosen by God in Him – the elect (*Ephesians 1:5*).

All of these are people whom Christ ransomed and redeemed from every tribe, language, people, and nation. Before the world began, their names were written in the Lamb's Book of Life, and the Lamb (the Lord Jesus Christ) was slain specifically for them. How are they made known? They are made known by the miracle of God-given faith in Christ, God-given repentance of dead works and idolatry, and God-empowered perseverance in that faith, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. They are made known by the righteousness they claim and confess – the imputed righteousness of Christ (*Rom. 10:4-10*). They are made known by the song they sing – *“And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation”* (*Rev. 5:9*).
—Copied and edited

The Spirit Always Leads to Christ

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” (*Romans 8:14*)

If we who claim to believe in Christ as our only hope of salvation want to have the assurance of grace that only the Spirit of God can give, we must be *“led by the Spirit of God.”* To be assured that we are led by the Spirit of God, we must know to whom and where the Spirit of God leads the children of God. The answer is that the Spirit leads all of God's children to Christ for all salvation, forgiveness, righteousness, eternal life, and glory. The Spirit convicts us of sin so that we can have no comfort of conscience but in the blood of Christ. He convicts us of righteousness so that we find none in ourselves but all in the merit of Christ's obedience unto death as our Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer. He convicts us of judgment so that we have the assurance that we have been judged for all our sins in the Person of our Surety, the Lord Jesus Christ, on the cross, and, therefore, no charge can be laid against us. We have Christ's righteousness imputed to us by our heavenly Father (*John 16:8-11; Rom. 4:6-8; 8:33-34*). Be assured that any spirit that leads you elsewhere for salvation with all of its benefits and blessings is an evil spirit. God the Holy Spirit will lead you to find peace and security as a child of God in Christ and Him alone!

—Pastor Bill Parker

If God hides our sin or lessens it, He is faulty; if He leaves it still upon us, we die. He must then take our iniquity to Himself, make it His own, and so deliver us; for thus having taken the sin upon Himself, as lawfully He may and lovingly He does, it follows that we live if He lives; and who can desire more?

—John Bunyan

Please Note

We will have a get-together in our fellowship hall SUNDAY, MARCH 19, to congratulate Nathan Parker and Elise Eldridge upon their upcoming wedding. We will begin at 9:30 a.m. serving coffee and donuts and continue up to our service time at 10:00 a.m. All are invited.

Birthdays

Winston Pannell - Mar. 12th | Leon Drake - Mar. 14th | Ruth Brown - Mar. 17th

Prayer Requests

Winston and Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Akimi Okada, Babs Baldwin, Sue Parker, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

March 12th services

How Firm a Foundation - 268

My Faith Looks Up to Thee - 359

Call To Worship

(Tune – Jesus Calls Us – p. 374)

Precious Saviour, friend of sinners
We, as such, to Thee draw near;
Let Thy Spirit dwell within us
With that love that casts out fear.

Matchless Saviour, let us know Thee
As the Lord our Righteousness;
Cause our hearts to cleave unto Thee,
Come, and with Thy presence bless.

Open now Thy precious treasure,
Let Thy Word here freely flow;
Give to us a gracious measure,
'Tis Thyself we long to know.

Come and claim us as Thy portion,
Let us all find rest in Thee;
Leave us not to empty notions,
We must find our hope in Thee!