

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 17, 2024

10 am: "Parable of the Soils"

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Matthew Series | Lesson 50

Bill Parker

11 am: "Satan's Fleeting Victory

(2)" | Revelation 13:11-18

Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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Prayer is God's appointment, the Spirit's gift, the believer's privilege, and the scourge of Satan! Therefore, prize it and use it! God is well-pleased, and receives with pleasure, approbation, and delight all who approach His throne of grace, sensible of their needs in the name of Christ crucified. Hence faith in Christ becomes the only way of access to God. All other avenues are stopped up! The sword of justice is brandished to keep every other way to the tree of life closed. In Christ, we may come with boldness to the throne of grace; there is no obstacle, no hindrance, in this way. The sword of justice is sheathed, the law magnified, the ransom price paid, the devil dethroned, sin expiated, wrath endured, God well-pleased, sinners redeemed, enemies reconciled that the Lord God might dwell among them!

—*William Huntington*

“And We Know”

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.” (Rom. 8:28)

The Greek for **“know”** means that we see something as true with the mind’s eye (which means the heart) not necessarily by experience but by revelation from God. We do not always know by experience that all things, good and bad, work **“together for good,”** because we are so limited in our knowledge of things present and cannot see the future. But we can still **“know”** that **“all things”** truly do **“work together for good”** because God says so in His Word, and because God has revealed Himself to us in the Lord Jesus Christ. The greatest proof to help us to **“KNOW that all things”** surely do **“work together for good to them that love God”** is the death of Christ on the cross. This great event seems to our limited, earthly eyes to be a tragedy and a failure, but because now by the revelation of God to us in His Word **“we KNOW”** the true story of His death. **“According to HIS purpose”** it is the greatest good for the objects of God’s love as it is the redemption and salvation of our souls. We as sinful people meant it for evil out of the depravity of our own sinful hearts, but, as Joseph of old stated, **“God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive” (Gen. 50:20).** **“And we know”** this greatest of all tragedies results in the greatest of all good because **“we know”** God and His Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **“And we know”** out of the greatest sin mankind has ever committed comes the greatest good, the greatest righteousness, the greatest grace, from God Almighty through Christ Who is our salvation.

—Pastor Bill Parker

Someone said, “It is not how long but how well we live that matters.” The well-lived life, however, cannot be a life lived without Christ. For a life lived without Christ is a living death. The well-lived life is a life lived unto Christ, as sinners saved by grace have died unto themselves and now live unto the glory and honor of God in Christ – **“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me, and gave Himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).**

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“Looking Unto Jesus”

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith; Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:1-2)

I know it is difficult to do this. There is a natural proneness to pore over our many, many sins and shortcomings. One feels at times a secret liking to indulge in gloomy thoughts. But we must look away from self; for if we do not, we shall become anxious, doubting, and gloomy! We must run the race, not looking at our imperfections, short-comings, and failures but looking unto Jesus. He knows what we are. He knew what we would be before He called us by His grace; yes, before He shed His blood for us! He loved us, as sinners. He died for us, as sinners. He called us, as sinners. He saves us, as sinners. He will have all the glory of saving us, and He will get great glory by doing so, because we are such great sinners; and we cannot do anything to repay Him for His wondrous love! Salvation is by free grace from first to last! Believe this, and it will raise up your drooping mind!

—James Smith

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

Ruth Brown – Mar. 17th | Nathan Parker – Mar. 21st

Hymns

March 17th services

-Blessed Assurance - 255

-Take My Life, and Let It Be - 393

Call to Worship

(Tune – Rock of Ages – p. 126)

(Words written by Augustus Toplady, 1759)

**Surely Christ Thy griefs hath borne,
Weeping soul, no longer mourn;
View Him bleeding on the tree,
Pouring out His life for thee;
There thy ev'ry sin He bore,
Weeping soul, lament no more.**

**Cast thy guilty soul on Him,
Find Him mighty to redeem;
At His feet thy burden lay,
Look thy doubts and cares away;
Now by faith the Son embrace,
Plead His promise, trust His grace.**

**Lord, Thy arm must be revealed,
Ere I can by faith be healed;
Since I scarce can look to Thee,
Cast a gracious eye on me;
At Thy feet myself I lay,
Shine, oh shine my fears away!**