

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 26, 2023

10am: "The Birth of Jesus Christ"

Lesson 3 | Matthew 1:18-25

Bill Parker

11am: "The Furtherance of the Gospel" | Philippians 1:12-20

Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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“Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith” (Philippians 3:8-9)

Had I the faith of all the patriarchs, all the zeal of the prophets, all the good works of the apostles, all the holy sufferings of the martyrs, and all the glowing devotion of the seraphs; I would disclaim the whole in point of dependence, and count all but dross and dung, when set in competition with the infinitely precious death and infinitely meritorious righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ.

—James Hervey (1714-1758)

Help From the Sanctuary

“The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee; Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion” (Psalm 20:1-2). The “sanctuary” is the holiest in the tabernacle that symbolizes God’s divine presence in the glorious Person and finished work of Christ. Zion represents the true church, the city of the living God, wherein Christ dwells in His people by His Spirit and His Word. It is from this sanctuary that God sends us help in our days of trouble, for there is no other place of safety and security from all that would oppose and seek to destroy us. Christ is our sanctuary, and His righteousness covers and shields us from all the accusations that are meant to condemn. Such accusations cannot condemn or destroy us, for ***“there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit” (Rom. 8:1);*** and ***“who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, Who is even at the right hand of God, Who also maketh intercession for us” (Rom. 8:33-34).*** Believer, cling to Christ and His Word and fret not, for help and strength are in Him in Whom we exist and live throughout eternity by God’s free and sovereign grace. --Pastor Bill Parker

Believing the Gospel is no small thing. The message of salvation altogether by grace through the merits and work of the Son of God is offensive to the natural man because it declares the inability of the sinner to save himself. It proclaims that redemption has been obtained, reconciliation has been accomplished and righteousness has been brought in for all of God’s elect by the life, death, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. When God the Holy Spirit comes to a spiritually dead sinner, He finds in that poor, spiritual carcass nothing with which to work. The mind is enmity against God, he is dead in sins, his heart is as adamant stone toward the truth, and his will set in opposition against the divine will. The Spirit must quicken the dead, break down the rebellion, convince of sin, grant repentance from dead works and faith in Christ. He must seal the heart and conscience of the newly regenerated sinner with the blessed truth that he or she stands accepted before God solely upon the ground of the sacrifice of Christ. What but the work of the sovereign Spirit could bring a needy sinner to believe Christ? —Pastor Jim Byrd

Lord God of Sovereign Grace,
Give me ears to hear your call.
At your feet please let me fall.
Lord God of Sovereign Grace.

Lord God of Sovereign Grace,
Be it so you took my place.
Clothe me in your Righteousness.
Lord God of Sovereign Grace.

Lord God of Sovereign Grace,
Let your blood propitiate.
Chosen seed of Adam’s race.
Lord God of Sovereign Grace.

Lord God of Sovereign Grace,
Jesus Christ the Surety.
Let thy blood please cleanse me.

Lord God of Sovereign Grace. — Written by Brother Danny Harris

Please Note

You are all invited to attend the wedding of Elise Eldridge and Nathan Parker, Saturday, April 1, at 2:30 p.m. at Freedom Church, 429 Dunbar Lane, Albany, GA.

Birthdays

Mills Fuller - Mar. 31st

Prayer Requests

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

Hymns

March 26th services

Blessed Assurance - 255

Blest Be the Tie That Binds - 187

Call to Worship

(Tune – Immortal Invisible – p. 34)

Words by Pastor Gary Shepard

**Sweet mercies of Jesus, I find my delight.
My hope in the morning, my song in the night.
Whatever He sends me, I know it's from Him.
Both sorrow and joy, till this life shall end.**

**Sweet grace of the Savior, I find my delight.
The grace of the Sovereign, to give is His right.
The grace that now reigneth, in righteousness true.
The grace everlasting, the covenant new.**

**Sweet peace of the GodMan, whose blood has prevailed;
And reconciled fully, when to the cross nailed.
Sin now made an end of, salvation so free.
Sweet blessings, sweet prospect, sweet gospel to me.**