

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 27, 2022

10 am: "Christ, Our Restorer"

Christ in the Old Testament

Lesson 72 | Ezra 1

Bill Parker

11 am: "God-Given Faith"

Hebrews 11:6

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Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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“That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; In Whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Col. 2:2-3).

Blessed Jesus, incline my heart within to seek for Thee as for hidden treasure, and to value Thy love more than the choicest gold. And while thousands, and tens of thousands, are ignorant of Thee, and know not where wisdom is to be found, and where is the place of understanding; while the depth saith, it is not in me; and the sea saith, it is not with me: Oh! Lord, give me to see that in Thee are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, and that in possessing Thee, I possess all things.

—Robert Hawker

Do We Truly Glorify God?

God reveals His glory to His people in His Word through the glorious Person and finished work of Christ – ***“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ” (2 Cor. 4:6)***. To glorify God is to be the motivation and goal of our whole lives as sinners saved by grace in and by the Lord Jesus Christ – ***“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God” (1 Cor. 10:31)***. To glorify God is to be the motivation and goal of our worship – ***“I will praise Thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify Thy name for evermore” (Psalm 86:12)***. To glorify God is to be the motivation and goal of our witness to the world – ***“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matt. 5:16)***. Our very existence as justified and sanctified persons should be to ***“to the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the Beloved” (Eph. 1:6)*** so that we can proclaim from our hearts – ***“Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen” (1 Tim. 1:17)***.

Most people who call themselves “Christian,” and who claim to live for the glory of God, actually deny God’s glory because it is impossible to glorify God while denying and/or ignoring what God reveals of Himself in His Word. Most perceive God, not from what God reveals in His Word, but as they naturally think within themselves (*Psa. 50:21*). Most today think of God as one who loves everybody and is trying to save everybody, and who sent Christ to make salvation possible only for those who choose, out of their own goodness and “free will,” to believe on Him. This is not the God of the Bible. Most reject God’s sovereign, electing grace to save sinners who by nature will not choose Him or believe in Christ. But when Moses asked the Lord, ***“I beseech Thee, shew me Thy glory,”*** the Lord said, ***“I will make all My goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy” (Exod. 33:18-19)***. In dealing with this truth of God’s glory, the Apostle Paul wrote that this proves that ***“it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy” (Rom. 9:16)***. To understand that God’s electing grace is the only source of salvation, that Christ’s righteousness imputed is the only ground of salvation, and the Holy Spirit’s work in the new birth to give life to dead sinners and bring them to faith in Christ and true repentance is the fruit of salvation truly glorifies God.

—Pastor Bill Parker

“For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light” (Eph. 5:8).

Keep close to the Word of God, try the doctrines, try the spirits thereby, whether they be of God. The Word of the Lord is a lamp to you, and a light for you; you will do well to make good use of it. When is light so useful as in the night season? It is so now. Therefore, take your lamp, or light, in your hand, and walk closely by the Word of God, wherein you do well to take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place. Blessed is that servant whom the Lord, when He cometh, shall find so doing.

--John Gill

Modern religion has convinced lost religious men and women that God has changed the way He deals with men; therefore, we have to change the way we approach lost sinners. Most religion no longer emphasizes the Doctrines of Grace, but have replaced doctrine with emotionalism and sentimentalism. It seems like doctrine (Scriptural teaching) is a dirty word to this generation. Sadly, most people would rather sing, or give testimonies, or be entertained, than hear about the glorious Person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

—Pastor Richard Warmack

Birthdays

MILLS FULLER - MAR. 31ST

Hymns

March 27th services

At Calvary - 477

Blessed Assurance - 255

Prayer Requests

Winston and Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Frank Dell, Cathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leonard Qualls, Cassie Broxton, Nancy Byrd, James Mwali and the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Call to Worship

(Tune – Brethren, We Have Met to Worship – p. 15)

Sovereign grace o'er sin abounding!
Ransomed souls, the tidings swell;
'Tis a deep that knows no sounding;
Who its breadth or length can tell?
What from Christ that soul can sever,
Bound by everlasting bands?
Once in Him, in Him forever,
None can pluck them from his hands.

Heirs of God, joint-heirs with Jesus,
Long ere time its race begun;
To His name eternal praises,
O what wonders Christ hath done.
On such love, my soul shall ponder,
Love so great, so rich, so free;
Say, while lost in holy wonder,
"Why, O Lord, such love to me?"

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." (Colossians 3:1)