

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 3, 2024

10 am: "Who Are Our Brethren?"

Matthew 12:48-50

Matthew Series | Lesson 48

Bill Parker

11 am: "Persecuted but

Preserved" | Revelation 12:12-17

Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

-[Sermon Audio](#)

-[Facebook](#)

-[YouTube](#)

Contact

www.rofgrace.com

www.sermonaudio.com/reignofgrace

www.facebook.com/reignofgrace

email

info@rofgrace.com

phone

229.432.6969

address

1102 Eager Drive
Albany, GA 31707



“Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that Thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God” (John 6:69). From the standpoint of God’s eternal decree, it may be truly said that believing sinners will not turn away from Christ because they CANNOT; but from the standpoint of the believer’s experience, it may just as truly be said that believers cannot turn away from Christ because they WILL NOT. And this is not presumption. It is the simple, saving, childlike faith and trust of a believing sinner, a true believer. The desperate NEED of his soul can only be satisfied in Christ Jesus the Lord! —Copied

The grand controversy between corrupt nature and the Almighty is, who shall have the glory of salvation, God or the creature. The pride of man says – “The glory of salvation is due to me, for I can save myself.” But Jehovah takes the glory of salvation to Himself, and says –“I will have all the glory thereof; for it is by My sovereign and efficacious grace that men are saved.” Thus, pride is a principal cause of the enmity there is in the carnal mind against God; it is at the bottom of all the opposition made to those doctrines of Scripture which illustrate and advance the almighty power and free grace of God in the salvation of sinners. —Augustus Toplady

Grace Is a Driving Force

Whenever self-righteous, unbelieving religious people (those who do not know and love the magnitude and depths of God's free, sovereign grace towards His people in Christ) see one of God's true children caught up in some public sin or scandal, they love to use such sad episodes as ammunition to attack grace and promote their legalism. They accuse God's people of excusing and even promoting sin in the name of grace. This is a lie! There are those who claim to be saved by grace so as to excuse their sinful behavior, but they are not true believers. In the new birth, TRUE believers have been powerfully and effectually regenerated, called by, and indwelt with the Holy Spirit. God the Holy Spirit continually brings us to conviction, Godly sorrow, and true repentance over ALL sin, not just what we do, but what we are in our sinful human nature. He will continually drive us to Christ for forgiveness by His blood and clearing of all sin by His righteousness imputed to us and received by faith. He will inspire us to fight all sin, within and without, not in a legal, mercenary way, but in a way of grace, love, and gratitude to God Who freely and fully saves us from ALL sin. This is called the warfare of the flesh and the Spirit (Gal. 5:13-26). God the Holy Spirit will not leave us to ourselves as we walk through the wilderness of this world. He continually motivates us and inspires us to the obedience of faith and love, so that as God in Christ preserves us by His grace unto final glory, we persevere in the faith and will not leave Christ and perish in our sins. This is Christ in us the hope of glory. This is Christ living in and through us by His Spirit and His Word.

—Pastor Bill Parker

It is light that discovers darkness; so, as we are sanctified by the Holy Ghost, we have a growing knowledge and feeling sense of the depravity of our nature, and of our lost, helpless state and condition as guilty sinners. This has a tendency to humble us before God, and to make us say with Job "I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes." Thus, we grow out of love with ourselves and our own worth and worthiness placing no confidence in the flesh, and renouncing everything but Christ and Him crucified. Proud flesh must fall, that Christ may rise.

The blessed Spirit, in His work, has two things in view, namely, the laying low of the sinner, and the setting up of Jesus on high; and to this end He leads us out of ourselves into Christ, daily to feel that we are lost in ourselves, to look to Christ, by faith, for complete salvation. By nature we are black and polluted with sin, and the Spirit leads us to the fountain of Christ to be cleansed; naked, and He enables us, by faith, to put on the garment of salvation; guilty and condemned, He makes us sue for pardon at Jesus's feet, like the poor publican, and seals pardon and peace in the conscience; weak and helpless, He leads us to trust in the Lord Jehovah, in Whom there is everlasting strength; foolish, He leads us to Christ, the wonderful Counsellor, for wisdom. He creates within us a hungering and thirsting for the bread of heaven and the wine of the kingdom and enables us to feed, by faith, upon Christ, the feast of fat things.

—William Gadsby (1841)

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

Timothy Pannell - Mar. 6th | Annie Cox - Mar. 8th

Hymns

March 3rd services

-Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus - 204

-Under His Wings - 269

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 could find our hope in Thee!**