

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, May 26, 2024

10 am: "Christ Crucified, Our Salvation" | Matthew 16:21-23
Matthew Series | Lesson 60
Bill Parker

11 am: "The Lamb Shall Overcome" | Revelation 17:11-18
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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Salvation By Grace

Salvation is wholly of grace; not only undeserved, but undesired by us, till He is pleased to awaken us to a sense of our need of it. And then we find everything prepared that our wants require, or our wishes conceive; yea, that He has done exceedingly beyond what we could either ask or think. Salvation is wholly of the LORD, and bears those signatures of infinite wisdom, power, and goodness, which distinguish all His works from the puny imitations of men. It is every way worthy of Himself, a great, a free, a full, a sure salvation. It is great, whether we consider the objects, miserable and hell-deserving sinners; the end, the restoration of such alienated creatures to His image and favour, to immortal life and happiness; or the means, the incarnation, humiliation, sufferings, and death of His beloved Son. It is free, without exception of persons, or cases, without any conditions or qualifications, but such as He himself performs in them, and bestows upon them.

—John Newton

Is God's Love Unconditional?

“Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” (1 John 4:10)

We hear a lot of people speak of God's unconditional love, but we need to understand the reality of this, not as man naturally thinks, but as it is taught in God's Holy Word. The reality of God's love is this – God's love is totally unconditional towards His chosen people whom He saves by His free and sovereign grace in and by the Lord Jesus Christ. This means that there are no conditions within His people by which they can be qualified for God's love and no works they can do to merit (earn) His love – ***“Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us.” “But God, Who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus” (Eph. 2:4-6).*** The next reality is this – There are conditions that must be met because God loves His chosen people with an everlasting love. What are these conditions, and who has met these conditions? The conditions are that God's holy law and justice must be completely and perfectly satisfied so that God can honor both His justice and His love in saving His people. So, God in His wisdom, placed all of the conditions of salvation upon His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. And Christ agreed to do all that is necessary to save the objects of God's love – ***“and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” “But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him” (Rom. 5:8-9).*** What this means is that Christ, having been sent into the world to fulfill all conditions required to save all the objects of God's love, and having perfectly fulfilled these conditions, will surely save all whom God loves. They will be known by God giving them spiritual life in the new birth and faith to believe in and follow Christ as their Savior (***John 3:16***). This is when the Holy Spirit sheds the love of God within the hearts of His people (***Rom. 5:5***). ---Pastor Bill Parker

“Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble [you], and thereby many be defiled; Lest there [be] any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, THOUGH HE SOUGHT IT CAREFULLY WITH TEARS.” (Hebrews 11:15-17)

Emotionalism and the resulting tears from it IS NOT SALVATION, nor does it prove one to have experienced anything. It is no doubt true that those sinners justified and saved by the accomplished death of Christ hearts are filled with emotions and even tears at times as they consider Christ (what He did for them), and themselves (as they still struggle with sin and unbelief while in this present world), yet the justified saint does not trust that as EVIDENCE or PROOF of conversion. Their PROOF is the PROMISE of God – “And this is the promise that He hath promised us, [even] eternal life.”(1 John 2:25) The Scriptures tell us plainly of Abraham: “Abraham BELIEVED God, and it was imputed to Him for righteousness.” It doesn't say Abraham BELIEVED IN GOD, but that HE BELIEVED GOD. In other words, Abraham BELIEVED THE PROMISE OF GOD and HE BELIEVED IN THE GOD WHO MADE THE PROMISE, that He was able to accomplish what HE HAD PROMISED.

—Pastor Richard Warmack

June 2, 2024

Next weekend, the Lord willing, I will be preaching in a Bible Conference in Ruston, LA, at Grace Baptist Church where Brother Richard Warmack is pastor. Elder Jim Casey will be preaching here next Sunday in my absence. WE WILL ONLY HAVE THE 11:00 A.M. SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY.

Birthdays

Alex Wages - June 1st

Prayer Requests

Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Sue Parker, Judy Fletcher, David Tennyson, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

May 26th services

-Once for All - 205

-Look to the Lamb of God - 216

Call to Worship

(Tune – This Is My Father’s World – p. 39)

(Words written by Pastor Gary Shepard)

**Christ is the Father’s Son, and all His will He does;
The Surety was destined He, for all the ones God chose.
Christ is the Father’s Son; I rest my soul in Him;
The life He led and blood He shed has saved me from my sin.**

**Christ is the Father’ Son, in flesh begotten Man,
To sinless be and die for me, by God’ predestined plan.
Christ is the Father’ Son, by faith I know tis true.
He came to bless with righteousness and make His people new.**

**Christ is the Father’ Son, and I a son in Him.
The light of grace shines in His face that nothing else can dim.
Christ is the Father’ Son, all my adoption shown;
God looks at me His Son to see and loves me as His own!**