

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 30, 2021

10 am: "Christ, the End of the Law (1)" | Exodus 20 | Lesson 31
Christ in the Old Testament
Bill Parker

11 am: "Good Stewards of God's Grace" | 1 Peter 4:10
Bill Parker

Live Stream

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How Can We Sanctify the Lord God?

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear” (1 Pet. 3:15).

To sanctify means to “set apart.” God’s people sanctify Him as the Lord God when we think of Him, consider Him, and worship Him in His uniqueness as He reveals Himself to us in His Word through the glorious Person and finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ (*2 Cor. 4:6; Col. 2:9-10*). We represent and testify of the Lord God aright when we give a reason for the hope that we have, which is salvation by His free and sovereign grace based on the righteousness of Christ imputed to us and received by us in God-given faith. Herein God is sanctified (set apart) as the one true and living God, a just God and a Savior (*Isa. 45:20-22*).

—Pastor Bill Parker

“The Gospel of the Grace of God.” (Acts 20:24)

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1 Peter 4:10 (KJV)

What does the word “gospel” signify? Its literal meaning is either “God’s word” or message, or rather, “good news,” or “good tidings,” which is more agreeable to the original. But if it be “good news,” it must be good news of something and to somebody. There must be some good tidings brought, and there must be some person by whom, as good tidings, it is received. In order, then, that the gospel should be good news, glad tidings, there must be a message from God to man – God being the Speaker, and man the hearer; He the gracious Giver, and man the happy receiver. But if the gospel means good news from heaven to earth, it can only be worthy of the name as it proclaims grace, mercy, pardon, deliverance, and salvation, and all as free gifts of God’s unmerited favour. Otherwise, it would not be a gospel adapted to our needs; it would not be good news, glad tidings to us poor sinners, to us law-breakers, to us guilty criminals, to us vile transgressors, to us arraigned at the bar of infinite justice, to us condemned to die by the unswerving demands of God’s holiness. And as it must be a gospel adapted to us to receive, so must it be a gospel worthy of God to give.

This gospel then, pure, clear, and free, is good news or glad tidings, as proclaiming pardon through the blood of Jesus and justification by His righteousness. It reveals an obedience whereby the law was magnified and made honourable, and an atoning sacrifice for sin by which it was forever blotted out and put away; and thus it brings glory to God and salvation to the soul. It is a pure revelation of sovereign mercy, love and grace, whereby each Person in the divine Trinity is exalted and magnified. In it *“mercy and truth meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.”* As revealed in it, *“truth springs out of earth”* in the hearts of contrite sinners, and *“righteousness,”* eternally satisfied by Christ’s obedience, *“looks down from heaven.”*

If you love a pure, a clear, a free gospel, *“the gospel of the grace of God,”* you love it not only because it is so fully suitable to your needs, so thoroughly adapted to your fallen state, but because you have felt its sweetness and power; because it not only speaks of pardon, but brings pardon; not only proclaims mercy, but brings mercy; not only points out a way of salvation, but brings salvation, with all its rich attendant blessings, into your heart. It thus becomes *“the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes.”*

—J. C. Philpot

Hymns

May 30th services

Come, Thou Fount - 17

Hallelujah, What a Savior! - 127

Birthdays

Stone Payne - May 30th

Alex Wages - June 1st

Call To Worship

(Tune – Blest Be the Tie – p. 187)

**Revive Thy work, O Lord,
Thy mighty arm make bare;
Speak with the voice that wakes the dead,
And make Thy people hear.**

**Revive Thy work, O Lord,
Create soul-thirst for Thee,
And hungering for the Bread of Life,
Oh may our spirits be.**

**Revive Thy work, O Lord,
Exalt Thy precious name,
And by Thy Holy Ghost divine,
Our love for Thee inflame.**

**Revive Thy work, O Lord,
And give refreshing showers;
The glory shall be Thine alone,
The blessings, Lord, be ours.**

The Ransomed of the Lord

“And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” (Isa. 35:10)

I hope the reader will indulge me with one short observation on the subject of Jesus giving Himself a ransom for His people. Never in all the annals of mankind was there ever heard of such unparalleled love. Suppose some generous prince, out of compassion to any of his captive subjects, were to abridge his pleasures, and give large sums of money to bring them out of captivity - how would the deed be applauded, and his name be idolized to all generations! But supposing this generous prince was to give himself for them, and exchange their persons in slavery by voluntarily surrendering up himself to such a state - what would be said of this? And yet the Lord Jesus hath done this, and infinitely more, not for friends, but enemies; not for those who loved Him, but those who hated Him; and not only by slavery, but by death. He hath died for them, washed them in His blood, brought them out of slavery and the shadow of death, and hath broken their bonds asunder, and purchased for them an endless state of happiness, and is gone before to take possession of it in their name, and will come again to receive them to Himself, that where He is, there they may be also. Wonder, O heavens, and be astonished, O earth, for the LORD hath done it!

– Robert Hawker