

# 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 5, 2024

10 am: "The Humility of God-Given Faith" | Matthew 15:21-28  
Matthew Series | Lesson 57  
Bill Parker

11 am: "The Final Battle"  
Revelation 16:16-21  
Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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I know that PERFECTION is only found in Christ; this ought to stop me from requiring it from others. I will try not to expect it from you; please do not expect it from me. There is only One Who is perfect and sinless, that is our Lord.

I am being taught MY SINFULNESS and that *“in my flesh dwelleth no good thing” (Romans 7:18)*. May the Lord, therefore, teach me to be more forbearing and tolerant of the sins of others. As the Savior said, *“He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone” (John 8:7)*. *“Charity shall cover the multitude of sins” (1 Peter 4:8)*.

I am learning that *“ALL THINGS ARE OF GOD” (2 Cor. 5:18)*.

That being the case, I ask God for grace not to blame others for the disagreeable things that happen to me. When Shemei, who was of the house of Saul, cursed David and threw stones at him and his soldiers, one of the king’s men, Abishai, offered to cut off the head of *“this dead dog” (read 2 Samuel 16:5-12)*. David, however, realizing that God is the first cause of all things, would not permit such an act of vengeance. The king said, *“Let him alone, and let him curse; for the LORD hath bidden him.”* Shimei unknowingly fulfilled the secret purpose of the Lord. Yes, it is true, *“All things are of God.”* —Pastor Jim Byrd

## Look and Live

***“As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:14-15).***

What a beautiful picture this is of Christ hanging on the cross of Calvary for our sins imputed to Him which brought Him under the curse of the law for us. When God sent fiery (poisonous) serpents among the unbelieving, rebellious people of Israel as a punishment for their sins, Moses interceded for the people. God “told Moses ***“make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived” (Num. 21:8-9).*** This is a picture of how we who have been bitten by the poison of sin must look to Christ on the cross for our healing and salvation from death.

Someone once asked me concerning the brazen serpent which Moses lifted up on the pole for the people to look at and be healed, “How could a serpent picture the Lord Jesus Christ? A serpent is identified with Satan, isn’t it?” First of all, we know that Moses’s brazen serpent does typify Christ on the cross, because Christ Himself said so as written in ***John 3:14-15***. Secondly, it is true that Christ is in no way a serpent like Satan, nor was He made sinful or a sinner on the cross. But He is portrayed by the brazen serpent as identifying with His people, God’s elect, who are fallen in Adam and born under the curse of sin brought in by Satan, the serpent. This curse was actually brought upon Christ for the sins of His people imputed to Him. Just as He was ***“made sin for us,” (2 Cor. 5:21)***, He was also ***“made a curse for us” – “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree” (Gal. 3:13).***

So, this picture of the brazen serpent in no way implies that when Christ was ***“made sin for us” (2 Cor. 5:21)***, that He was made to be sinful or to be a sinner. It in no way implies that He became contaminated or corrupted by our sins. It simply identifies Him as the One Who became a curse for us and Who removed that curse from us by the sacrifice of Himself on the cross as our Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer. God’s Word commands us to fix our eyes upon Christ for ALL salvation, for there is no other (***Isa. 45:22; Heb. 12:2***). —Pastor Bill Parker

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The religion of Christ is the religion of JOY. Christ came to take away our sins, to roll off our curse, to unbind our chains, to open our prison house, to cancel our debt; in a word, to give us the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Is not this joy? Where can we find a joy so real, so deep, so pure, so lasting? There is every element of joy; deep, ecstatic, satisfying, sanctifying joy in the Gospel of Christ. The believer in Jesus is essentially a happy man. The child of God is, from necessity, a joyful man. His sins are forgiven, his soul is justified, his person is adopted, his trials are blessings, his conflicts are victories, his death is immortality, his future is a heaven of inconceivable, unthought of, untold, and endless blessedness. With such a God, such a Savior, and such a hope, is he not, ought he not, to be a joyful man?

—Octavius Winslow

## Prayer Requests

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

## Hymns

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### May 5th services

-The Solid Rock - 272

-Jesus Paid It All - 125

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## Call to Worship

(Tune – Jesus Calls Us – p. 374)

**Look upon me, Lord I pray Thee,  
Let Thy Spirit dwell in mine;  
Thou hast sought me, Thou hast bought me,  
Take my heart, and make it Thine.**

**Nought I ask for, nought I strive for,  
But Thy grace so rich and free;  
This Thou givest by the Saviour,  
He hath all things who hath Thee.**

**Precious is the name of Jesus,  
Who can half its worth unfold?  
Far beyond angelic praises,  
Sweetly sung to harps of gold.**

**Guide me, Oh Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.**