

# 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 8, 2022

10 am: "Christ - the Way of Righteousness"

Christ in the Old Testament  
Lesson 78 | Psalm 1  
Bill Parker

11 am: "God's Good and Perfect Gift" | James 1:9-18

Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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We do not come to any worship service to honor men and women. We come to worship God by honoring Christ our Lord and Savior. However, let us never forget to thank God for our fathers and our mothers. Let us love and honor them for the love they have given us. We especially thank God for godly parents who taught us the true Gospel. On this Mother's Day, I thank God that He blessed me with a mother who loved me and sacrificed much for me. Most of all I thank God for her legacy to me in the truth of righteousness found only in and by the Lord Jesus Christ.

-Pastor Bill Parker

• HAPPY •  
*Mother's Day*

We want to wish all of our mothers a happy Mother's Day. We thank God for your love, patience, and understanding towards all of us whom you raised into adulthood.

## “T.U.L.I.P.P.”?

I believe most of us are familiar with the acrostic “TULIP.” These letters stand for what we call the “doctrine of sovereign grace.” These are biblical teachings that help us understand the truth of God’s Word and the Gospel of His grace in Christ. The acrostic is as follows:

**T** – Total depravity of man which describes the spiritually dead and depraved state of all who fell in Adam (*Rom. 5:12*). It tells us how that by nature man has no spiritual capacity or ability and no desire to receive and believe the Gospel of God’s glory in Christ (*1 Cor. 2:14*).

**U** – Unconditional election which shows how God, before He created the world, chose a people to save in and by the Lord Jesus Christ with no consideration for their persons or works. It was totally of God’s will and grace (*Rom. 9:13-16; 11:5-6; Eph. 1:3-7*).

**L** – Limited atonement which describes the effectual and particular nature of the death of Christ which was meant for God’s elect alone and which secures their complete salvation with all of its blessings and benefits. He died for His sheep, and they all shall be saved (*John 10:11-17*).

**I** – Irresistible grace which is the sovereign power and invincible work of the Holy Spirit in the new birth to give spiritual life, faith, and repentance to God’s elect (all whom God chose and whom Christ redeemed) and keep them looking to Christ until final glory (*Php. 1:6; 1 John 3:9*).

But you may have noticed that in the title of this article I spelled the acrostic with two “P’s” instead of one. Do I not know how to spell? Yes, but I believe that this “tulip” should be spelled with two “P’s” instead of one. Why? It is because the “P” normally stands for “Perseverance of the saved” describing how God’s chosen people, having been justified and redeemed by the blood of Christ and regenerated by the Holy Spirit, will continue in the faith and cannot ever be lost again. But it needs to be clear that the reason the saints of God will persevere without fail is because of PRESERVATION by God’s grace and power. Those who are saved by God’s grace in Christ are secure in salvation because God will not let them go. He will preserve them unto the end and bring them into glory (*John 10:27-30*). It is all of God’s power, goodness, and grace!

—Pastor Bill Parker

### Hymns

#### May 8th services

All Hail the Power - 42  
 Jesus Paid it All - 125

### 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 – Immortal Invisible – p. 34)

(Words by Pastor Gary Shepard)

**Sweet mercies of Jesus, I find my delight.  
My hope in the morning, my song in the night.  
Whatever He sends me, I know it's from Him.  
Both sorrow and joy, till this life shall end.**

**Sweet grace of the Savior, I find my delight.  
The grace of the Sovereign, to give is His right.  
The grace that now reigneth, in righteousness true.  
The grace everlasting, the covenant new.**

**Sweet peace of the GodMan, whose blood has prevailed;  
And reconciled fully, when to the cross nailed.  
Sin now made an end of, salvation so free.  
Sweet blessings, sweet prospect, sweet gospel to me.**

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## Soul and Body

Most people say we have a soul, but in reality, we are a soul and we have a body. The body is the tabernacle of the soul. We might liken the soul and body of a child of God to a baby bird in its shell. For a sinner saved by grace, death is the shell cracking open and the soul taking its flight to Christ. Before long, the Lord will break the shell and then, at that very moment, we will be “absent from the body and present with the Lord” (2 Cor. 5:8). Since Christ redeemed both the souls and bodies of His chosen, redeemed and called people, someday our dead bodies will be raised by the power of the returning Savior and reunited with our souls and we shall abide with the Lamb of God forever.

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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There is something infinitely vast and glorious in the righteousness of God. When the deluge covered the earth, it covered the highest mountains. Looking down from above, not one mountain-top could be seen, but a vast world of waters - a vast plain reflecting the beams of the sun. So if you this day lie down under the righteousness of God, the mountains of your sins will not be seen, but only the vast, deep, glorious righteousness of your God and Savior. If you were to cast a stone into the deepest part of the ocean, it would be lost and swallowed up by the deep waves of ocean; so when a sinner is cast down under the righteousness of God, he is as it were lost and swallowed up in Christ. —Copied