

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, November 24, 2024

10 am: "What Think Ye of Christ?"
(1)" | Matt. 22:15-46

Matthew Series | Lesson 81
Bill Parker

11 am: "A Prayer of Thanksgiving"
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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How Do We Give Thanks?

"O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever." (Psalm 107:1)

It may seem odd to ask such a question, but the truth is that we who are so sinful in ourselves must be taught by God HOW to give thanks unto Him. How do we really give thanks unto the Lord? We do so by recognizing Him for Who He is as He reveals Himself in His Word, especially in our salvation by His free and sovereign grace in and by the Lord Jesus Christ.

We do so by trusting Him to keep His promises, again, as revealed in His Word of salvation by Christ and to preserve us unto glory by His grace.

We do so by seeking to worship Him, both publicly and privately, throughout our lives as those who worship Him in spirit and in truth.

We do so by recognizing that all blessings, both physical and spiritual, are gifts given freely to us by God.

We do so by resting in the assurance of our salvation based on the righteousness of Christ imputed to us and revealed to us in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We do so by seeking to honor Him in our lives by obedience to His Word as we are motivated by grace, love, and gratitude.

We do so by seeking and promoting the fellowship of other brethren in Christ as we express our love to them in the truth.

We do so by witnessing the true Gospel of God's grace in Christ to sinners who are lost and dying in their sins.

We do so by praying to the Lord through our Great High Priest seeking His will for our lives.

—Pastor Bill Parker

Do You Need Mercy?

Most people don't feel that they really need mercy. Do you need mercy? I do. Mercy is described as the kind treatment of those that have shown themselves your enemy. It is for the miserable. The mercy of God must of necessity be God not giving us what we deserve in ourselves. We deserve death and wrath from Him as the holy God because we are sinners who have sinned against Him! We have been ***"enemies in our minds by wicked works."*** We have trusted in and relied upon our own works to save us rather than the grace of God in Christ while the scriptures say clearly that it is ***"not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy, He saved us..."*** (Titus 3:5) God has said that ***"it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy."*** (Romans 9:16) Yet, most are still "going about to establish their own righteousness." Mercy can never be deserved, earned, or gained by the offender in any way. If we receive mercy, it must be at His sovereign throne. From God Who has said, ***"I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy."*** (Exodus 33:19; Romans 9:15) The apostle Paul said of himself, that he ***"was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy,"*** (1st Timothy 1:13) How does God show mercy? Only in the crucified Christ! Those who receive mercy from God confess the same thing. We were ***"by nature, the children of wrath even as others...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;)"*** (Ephesians 2:3-5) Grace and mercy are like Siamese twins, inseparable, and where God has mercy in not giving us what we deserve, grace is there giving us what we don't deserve – an eternal inheritance. Both are in Christ Who bore what we deserved for our sins and in Whom we receive every blessing of God's grace. Behold the man Christ Jesus hanging on the cross; there is mercy and grace! There He is performing the mercy for those ***"vessels of mercy which He had afore prepared unto glory."*** (Romans 9:23) Blessed be the name of the LORD Who is plenteous in mercy, Who has appointed a people to mercy in Christ through His death for them as their Substitute. They are described by many names in scripture but are also identified by their own confessed NEED! ***"Lord, have mercy on me..."*** This is always our case – ***"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."***

—Pastor Gary Shepard

All Believers Are Saints

When Paul says, "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast," he means for us to understand that salvation is, in its entirety, the result of and the work of God's free grace in Christ. In its commencement, in its continuance, and in its consummation, salvation is by grace alone. It is not in any sense, or at any time, to be attributed to human works. God was not moved to bestow His grace upon us by anything He saw meritorious or attractive in us, and there is nothing in our hearts or conduct which can move Him to take His grace away.

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Birthdays

Robert Margeson - Nov. 30th

Prayer Requests

Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Sue Parker, Judy Fletcher, David Tennyson, Monica Hayes, Mike Loosier, Patsy Parr, Phyllis Payne, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

November 24th services

-Great is Thy Faithfulness - 40

-Thank You, Lord - 221

Call to Worship

(Tune – How Firm a Foundation – p. 268)

**Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
It is joy to my heart and the boast of my tongue;
Thy grace, oh so free, from the first to the last,
That has won my affections and bound my soul fast.**

**Thy mercy in Jesus has saved me from hell;
All its glories to sing, all its wonders to tell;
Twas Christ my Redeemer who hung on the tree;
There He opened the fountain of mercy for me.**

**Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to Thy Spirit; His calling Divine,
Makes wisdom and pardon and righteousness mine.**