

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 26, 2023

10 am: "Christ Gathers His Apostles" | Matthew 10:1-4
Matthew Series | Lesson 35
Bill Parker

11 am: "God's Great Multitude"
Revelation 7:9-17
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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The Christian life is all about Christ. It is to know Christ, to worship and follow Christ, to serve and obey Christ, and to strive to become like Christ. As long as we keep our minds and hearts upon Christ, we will never look to ourselves and any righteousness within ourselves. In this sense, the life we have been given by God's grace is not about us at all. It did not begin with us. It is not founded upon us. It is not centered around us. It is all about Christ – Who HE is and what HE has accomplished. How, then, are we involved? Christ was made like unto us, His sheep, yet without sin, and He obeyed unto death for us – to give us all grace here and all glory hereafter. We belong to Him, and He holds us as His own.

—Pastor Bill Parker

The Gospel of God's free and sovereign grace in Christ is not just one choice out of many in a "Christian buffet." It is the ONLY GOSPEL there is.

—Pastor Scott Price

At the end of the day, when I look at all my lost battles and failures, I'm thankful I still have assurance of salvation based on the finished work of Christ. —Jesse Bates

Paul wrote that it his sufferings were for the cause of the Gospel ministry –

“For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know Whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.” (2 Timothy 1:12).

My security as a sinner truly saved by God’s grace does not reside in the strength of my faith, sincerity, or growth. It does not reside in any improvements or progression in my character and conduct. My security resides wholly in the glorious Person and finished work of Christ, my indestructible Savior. —Copied

“Christ Had To Become All I Am”?

I sometimes hear preachers say something like this – “Christ had to become all I am to save me.” Their view is that Christ is an absolute substitute. But where do they get this? Not the Bible! This may be logical to the human mind, but it is not Biblical truth. The truth is, Christ came sent of the Father to BE and DO what I could not be or do! For Christ to be what I am, He would have to become a sinner, and this would render Him an unsuitable sacrifice for sins. No, Christ came to be what we could not be, a sinless Substitute to die in our place before the holy justice of God. Being what we could not be, He died as the Lamb without spot or blemish, satisfying the sin debt of all His elect by His death. ***“The wages of sin is death,”*** and Christ died a substitutionary death, bearing our sins in His own body on the tree when He was put to death.

If Christ had to be what I am, then there was evidently a period of time that He ceased to be God who is holy and unchangeable. As Paul says, “God forbid!” His deity is what gives His sacrifice value to redeem a multitude and makes us acceptable to God. If being a sinner saves someone before God, then half of Adam’s race could have been saved without Christ because the other half could have died for them! Christ’s uniqueness is what saves His people. He was a sinless MAN! We are redeemed ***“by the precious blood of Christ.”*** Only sinless blood could save us. Biblical substitution is Christ dying ***“the JUST for the unjust.”*** Thank God He was not what I am nor did He become all that I am. Christ died for sinners because He was not one and did not become one! Dying this way, He brought us to God!

—Pastor Gary Shepard

The blood of Christ doth, with powerful and undeniable arguments, plead for those for whom it was shed. The straying and straggling sheep which are within the reach of God's eternal grace cannot be condemned, because ***“the good Shepherd giveth his life for the sheep” (John 10:11).*** God knoweth that He hath received satisfaction beforehand for their sins, by the hand of the Lord Jesus, Who is not now to pay anything but hath already made payment for all their debts, and is become the Mediator of the new Covenant of Grace, which is sealed in His own blood, under which covenant upon this consideration – there can be no remembrance of sin (***Heb.10:14***), God beholding His elect in their propitiation, which is Christ. —John Simpson (1648)

Birthdays

Robert Margeson - Nov. 30th | Robyn Pannell - Dec. 1st

Prayer Requests

Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Akemi Okada, Sue Parker, Melissa Riggins, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

November 26th services

God Leads Us Along - 298

Savior, Like a Shepherd - 294

Call to Worship

(Tune – Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah – p. 291)

(Words by Pastor Jim Byrd)

**Hallelujah praise Jehovah,
Author of redeeming grace;
He ordained to save a people,
Purposed Christ to take our place.
Chosen in the blest Redeemer,
He became our Substitute. (R)**

**Hallelujah praise Jehovah,
May His praises never cease;
He redeemed His captive people,
Brought in everlasting peace.
Jesus died to seal our pardon,
Died to save His chosen race. (R)**

**Hallelujah praise Jehovah,
By His grace we live again;
Now by faith we trust the Savior,
Who delivered us from sin.
We are righteous in Christ Jesus,
Sing the praises of the King. (R)**