

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 7, 2021

10 am: "Christ, Our Mighty Deliverer"

Christ in the Old Testament
Lesson 53 | Judges 13-16
Bill Parker

11 am: "A Call To Persevere"

Jude 14-25
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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Keep to the Scriptures

Down through the years, many a gospel-preaching church has been corrupted, ceasing to be a place where the truth is proclaimed. Churches that once set forth the message of sovereign grace have turned into sounding-boards of free-will, works religion. How did such a thing happen? How does a church go from truth to error, from light to darkness, from life to death, from proclaimers of God's sovereign will to proclaimers of man's free will? All spiritual error makes its way into a church when the Word of God is neglected, added to or taken away from. We must, therefore, make certain that our message, our ministry, our music, our methodology, and our mission be according to no standard except the Word of God. Every facet of our worship must be guided and guarded by this – Is it according to the Scriptures?
—Pastor Jim Byrd

“Preach the Word”

The Apostle Paul instructed his student and fellow-laborer, Timothy, to ***“preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine” (2 Timothy 4:2)***. The ***“word”*** here is the Word of God (the Scriptures) as it reveals and pertains to the glory and greatness of the Lord Jesus Christ and the great salvation HE has attained for and gives to His people by the free, sovereign grace of God. To ***“preach the Word”*** is to preach THE risen Christ Who was crucified and died for a people that God the Father gave Him before the world began (***1 Corinthians 1:23; 15:4-5***). It is to preach both the glory of Christ’s Person as both God and Man without sin, and the power of His obedience unto death as our Surety, Substitute, Redeemer, Intercessor, and Preserver. It is to preach Christ as the Lord our Righteousness by Whose merit we are justified before God and from Whom we receive spiritual and eternal life. It is to preach faith, repentance, and perseverance as gifts from God through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit and not as products of man’s self-proclaimed power, goodness, and/or will. It is to preach the necessity of true worship, godliness, and obedience motivated by grace, love, and gratitude. All instructions in righteousness, faith, repentance, obedience, love, and worship are to be taken directly from God’s Word and not man’s opinions and preferences. Let us pray that our lives be motivated by His love and grace in Christ and guided by His Word as it is in Christ.

—Pastor Bill Parker

Justification before God is not the result of faith; faith is the fruit of justification before God by the righteousness of Christ. Grace is not a reward for faith; faith is the result of grace – ***“For 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.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)***

The death of Christ is the redemption and salvation of His people. It is not a possibility of redemption and salvation effectual only if we can persuade sinners to cooperate and believe. It is not even a probability of redemption and salvation because, as one man said, “Odds are, some will believe.” NO! The death of Christ is a guarantee, the assurance, the security of the complete salvation of all whom the Father gave Him before the foundation of the world. Because of His death and resurrection, the Holy Spirit will be sent to them and empower the preaching of the Gospel to be effectual in their salvation. They will hear and believe the Gospel of God’s grace in Christ – ***“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me. This He said, signifying what death He should die.” (John 12:32-33)***

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“Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: And call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.” (Psalm 50:14-15) This offering is the sacrifice of praise. This should be offered up for all mercies, temporal and spiritual, and unto God, because they all come from Him; and because such sacrifices are well pleasing to Him, and are no other than our reasonable service, and agreeably to His will. They offered up aright when they are offered up through Christ, the great High Priest, by Whom they are acceptable unto God, and upon Him the Altar, which sanctifies every gift, and by faith in Him, without which it is impossible to please God.

—John Gill

Birthdays

SUE PARKER - NOV. 10TH

Hymns

November 7th services

Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus - 145

Look Ye Saints - 141

Prayer Requests

Winston and Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Frank Dell, Cathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, and the Gospel mission in Malawi, Africa.

Announcement

We will serve **THE LORD'S SUPPER** after the messages this Sunday (11/7). This is an ordinance for true believers only, and this must be settled in your own consciences. We invite all who believe and rest in Christ, all who plead His blood and righteousness alone for salvation, to participate.

Call to Worship

(Tune – Take My Life – p. 393)

Christ exalted is our song,
Sung by all the blood-bought throng;
To his throne our shouts shall rise,
God with us by sacred tie. (R)

Shout, believer, to thy God!
He has once the wine-press trod;
Peace procured by blood Divine;
Canceled all thy sins and mine. (R)

In thy Surety thou art free;
His dear hands were pierced for thee;
With His spotless garment on,
Holy as the Holy One! (R)