

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, October 10, 2021

10 am: "Christ, the Mighty Conqueror"

Christ in the Old Testament
Lesson 49 | Joshua 6
Bill Parker

11 am: "The Judgment of the Ungodly" | Jude 5-7

Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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A Surety Found For Lost Sinners

Brethren, if I should compare the natural state of man, I would picture an immense graveyard filled with yawning graves and dying men. All around are lofty walls and massive iron gates. At the gate stands MERCY. An angel attracted by the awful sight exclaims, "Mercy, why do you not enter that awful place and apply to these pitiful creatures your restoring balm?" Mercy replies, "I dare not enter, for Justice bars the way." By the side of Mercy stands the Son of God, who cries, "Justice, what are your demands?" Justice replies, "I demand a full obedience for their holiness, degradation for their exaltation, shame for their honor, and suffering and death for their lives." The Son of God, as the Surety for sinners, accepted the terms; and at Calvary the heavenly host of redeemed souls cried, "Worthy is the Lamb, for Thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation."

—Christmas Evans

He Must Increase, I Must Decrease

Look at a candle and how it burns. The more the light shines, the more the candle diminishes. What a beautiful illustration of the believer in Christ! The more he learns the Gospel of Christ, the more precious Christ becomes and the less he thinks of himself. One who is truly the Lord's, shines forth the light of HIS righteousness, grace, goodness, mercy, forgiveness, and truth. In so shining, self does not get bigger and more noticeable – CHRIST does! The glory is not to self but to HIM. John the Baptist said, **"HE must increase, I must decrease"** (John 3:30). --Copied

Denying and Dying to Self

Many who claim to be "Christians" speak much of denying and dying to self, meaning that they deny themselves certain things, such as foods or habits, that they desire and enjoy. This is where the idolatrous practice of "Lent" began where false Christians believe they gain God's blessings by this yearly practice. Although it is true that there are certain things and practices that true Christians should deny themselves, this is not what denying and dying to self means. The truth of denying and dying to self comes from our Lord's words – **"Then said Jesus unto His disciples, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it"** (Matt. 16:24-25). Denying and dying to self involves a born-again person believing in and following Christ against the hatred and derision of the world. It involves realizing and admitting that he cannot depend upon or look to himself for any part of salvation. It involves depending upon and looking to the Lord Jesus Christ for all salvation. It involves faith in Christ and repentance of dead works. It involves believing unto righteousness as found in Christ and which God has imputed to us and not seeking to establish a righteousness of our own by our works. It involves thinking upon Christ and His Word more and thinking less of ourselves, our problems, feelings, and/or circumstances. It involves finding our peace and assurance of salvation in the glorious Person and finished work of Christ as Surety, Substitute, Redeemer, Protector, and Preserver. It involves living for HIS glory and not our own. As John the Baptist said, **"He must increase, but I must decrease"** (John 3:30). There is much more we could consider in this matter, but it all involves believing in and resting in Christ and no other.

—Pastor Bill Parker

When Your Vow Fails

And I tell you what, there never will be, there never can be, a particle of creature work or merit in sanctification. Nothing will do but the finished work of Christ. The hope must go of any betterness in self before we have any manifestive hope in Christ. When the Lord is pleased to bring manifestive sanctification into your conscience, you will know something of being drawn by the cords of a man, and with the bands of love. When your vows fail, when your promises fail, and all seems to fail, then you will know something of being sanctified in Christ Jesus and that there is no holiness but in and from Him.

—William Gadsby

The following psalm gives us a good idea of what true public worship is all about, which is God’s children meeting together to praise His name and hear His Word of grace, truth, and love in the Lord Jesus Christ –

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before His presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations. —Psalm 100

Birthdays

BECKY PANNELL - OCT. 13TH | JIM FULLER - OCT. 15TH | JULIE WAGES - OCT. 16TH

Hymns

October 10th services

The Solid Rock - 272

Face to Face - 511

Prayer Requests

Winston and Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Al Hatsell, Frank Dell, Cathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, and the Gospel 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.