

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 18, 2020

10 am: "Man and the Fall"

Christ in the Old Testament

Lesson 3 | Genesis 3:1-9

Bill Parker

11 am: "What is in Man?"

John 2:23-25

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Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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The Believer's Judgment at the Cross

The Lord Jesus Christ taught us the nature and power of the work of the Holy Spirit in our conversion. He said, *"And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on Me; Of righteousness, because I go to My Father, and ye see Me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged"* (John 16:9-11). This is not simply the fact that there is a judgment. This is the glorious truth that our Lord's suffering on Calvary's cross was judgment for His people. On the cross, Jesus Christ was judged for all the sins of His people charged to Him, and therefore they do not have to face any judgment, because they have borne their judgment in Christ, their Substitute and Surety. They who are brought by the Holy Spirit to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ do not bear the penalty of sin because they have already borne it in their Substitute, the Lord Jesus Christ. They do not have to bear condemnation for sin, because they have already borne it in their Substitute, the Lord Jesus. They shall not be asked to bear again the penalty which has already been borne by them in their Substitute. It would be unjust of God to have two payments for the judgment of their sin. – Copied

Birthdays

RICHARD O'CONNOR - OCT. 20TH

DEBRA RIGGINS - OCT. 22ND

MIKE LEE - OCT. 24TH

Hymns

October 18th service

Only a Sinner - 474

Hiding in Thee - 282

Who Delivered Up Jesus to Die?

Who really delivered up the Lord Jesus to die? Who was the first cause? Not the devil because of hatred against God; not Judas for thirty pieces of silver; not Pilate for fear of the people; not the Sanhedrin because of envy and jealousy; not the Roman soldiers because of barbaric satisfaction; but the Father because of infinite love for His chosen people!

--Pastor Jim Byrd

Galatians 2:21, 5:4

An old Gospel preacher stated it well – “If there be ground for you to trust in your own righteousness, then all that Christ did to purchase salvation, and all that God did to prepare the way for it, is in vain.”

“I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.” (Galatians 2:21)

“Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.” (Galatians 5:4)

A Compassionate High Priest

“Wherefore in all things it behoved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted” (Hebrews 2:17-18). The Son of God, in our nature, having finished His redemption-work, and returned to heaven, wears that nature in an everlasting union with His GODHEAD. So that as God and Man in one Person, He hath a perfect sense and apprehension of what constitutes the nature of both. He knows as GOD. He feels as MAN. Hence, it follows, that His consciousness of what our nature is by His own, cannot but make Him enter into an intimate concern and fellow-feeling, in all that belongs to His church. He knows all, enters into the concerns of all, and feels for all His afflicted people.

--Robert Hawker

The Kingdom of Heaven Taken By Force

“And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.” (Matt. 11:12)

Many view this verse as saying that men, by sheer force of their own power, goodness, and will, can gain salvation and enter the kingdom of heaven. This is far from the truth. This verse speaks of the desperation God the Holy Spirit brings God’s elect to in conviction. It is when we as sinners are brought to the point that we see no other hope but the grace of God in Christ – no hope of forgiveness but by His blood and no hope of justification but by His righteousness imputed. When the Holy Spirit reveals to us our sin, impotence, and depravity, we in desperation by God-given faith lay hold upon Christ, and we cannot and will not let go of Him. This is not forcing Christ to save us, but it is the force of conviction that causes us to cling to Him for our lives. Like Jacob wrestling with the Angel (a preincarnate appearance of Christ), we say, **“I will not let thee go, except thou bless me” (Gen. 32:26).** If God did not intend to save us according to His sovereign will, He would not bring us to this point of desperation. But this is where the Lord brings all His people. We cannot force Him to bless us with salvation, but He brings us to such a point of desperation that we cannot and will not let go of Christ.

-- Pastor Bill Parker

Call to Worship

(Tune – Jesus Calls Us – p. 374)

**Sons we are through God's election,
Who in Jesus Christ believe;
By eternal destination,
Sovereign grace we here receive.**

**Pause, my soul, adore and wonder,
Ask, "Oh, why such love to me?"
Grace hath put me in the number
Of the Saviour's family.**

**Every fallen soul, by sinning,
Merits everlasting pain;
But Thy love, without beginning,
Has restored Thy sons again.**

**When my Saviour comes in judgment,
Bright in majesty Divine,
I will stand with that great number
As Thy righteousness is mine.**