

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 20, 2024

10 am: "The Barren Fig Tree"

Matthew 21:12-19

Matthew Series | Lesson 76

Bill Parker

11 am: "Faith and Good Works"

James 2:18

Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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Christ the Redeemer!

There is no other. *“There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”* All the types and symbols of the Savior teach you this. There was one ark in the flood – but one; and all perished save those who sailed in it. There was one altar in the temple – but one; and no sacrifices were accepted but those offered there – “the altar,” as the Bible says, that “sanctified the gift.” There was one way through the depths of the Red Sea – but one; and only where the water, held back by the hand of God, stood up in crystal walls, was a passage opened for those that were ready to perish. And even so, there is but *“one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;”* therefore, “The only Redeemer of God’s elect is the Lord Jesus Christ.”

—Thomas Guthrie

Stand Still!

“And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.” (Exodus 14:13-14)

As the Hebrew children stood on the shores of the Red Sea and, looking back on Pharaoh’s chariots that were about to destroy them, they feared and sought ways of their own power and wisdom to save themselves from death. Man by nature fears and seeks ways of salvation from sin, death, and hell by his own sinful works and wisdom. Men seek the ways of activity in false religion by his own works and will, but the Gospel message is, “Stop, STAND STILL, and look to Christ alone for all salvation by God’s free and sovereign grace!” Stand still and rest in Christ’s work of accomplished redemption and righteousness. Stop trying to establish your own righteousness as it is impossible for man to do. Salvation is not in our doing and dying; it is in the doing and dying of Christ Who is God manifest in the flesh and the complete salvation of His people. Works and activities aimed at saving and/or preserving us from sin are evil in the sight of God because they deny and dishonor Him as the God Who saves sinners through the glorious Person and finished work of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ! Christ fought against sin, Satan, death, and hell. Looking to Him alone, by God-given faith, we can hold our peace and be safe in Him Who is our righteousness and our life.

—Pastor Bill Parker

What is the Sabbath?

“Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days.” (Col. 2:16)

Blessed be God, we have a perpetual Sabbath in the person and work of Christ. See how Paul states this in *Hebrews 4:9*, *“There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.”* While every other rest is disturbed this rest in Christ remaineth ever the same. *“For we which have believed do enter into rest...” (Hebrews 4:3)*. It does not say we have entered into rest, though that is a blessed fact; but, we do enter into rest, or into a keeping of the Sabbath. What is this Sabbath? *“Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28)*. When is this Sabbath? On Sunday? YES, AND ON ANY DAY OF THE WEEK HE IS PLEASED TO REVEAL HIMSELF TO US. When He speaks home this precious command to our hearts, we do enter into God’s rest, God’s Sabbath, and we cease from our own works as He did from His. As we enjoy liberty and rest in Christ, the Holy Ghost by the apostle says to us, *“Let no man judge you in those things which are a shadow of things to come, for the body is of Christ. Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, and not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.”* It is a mercy for me to hang upon Christ for life and salvation.

—Thomas Bradbury

How does one experience God's love? He, by God's sovereign grace, is brought to the saving knowledge of the Gospel of Christ, God's demonstration of love for the elect alone.

—Pastor Jason Booth

"For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:7,8)

Birthdays

Debra Riggins - Oct. 22nd | Mike Lee - Oct. 24th | Jerry Shores - Oct. 26th

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, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

October 20th services

-God Leads Us Along - 298

-Glory to His Name - 489

Call to Worship

(Tune – This Is My Father’s World – p. 39)

(Words by Pastor Jim Byrd)

**Come sing of sovereign grace, ye people of the Lord;
Proclaim Jehovah’s matchless grace,
Join in with one accord.
Christ gave Himself to die – behold redeeming grace!
The Substitute laid down His life to save His chosen race.**

**The Spirit to us came, when we in sin were dead;
Poured quick’ning grace into the souls,
Of those for whom Christ bled.
That grace which saves from sin instructs us on our way;
And grace will keep us ever safe, nor let us go astray.**

**A vessel of His grace, by covenant design;
By grace the Savior calls me His,
By grace I call Him mine.
The good news of His grace should calm each doubt & fear;
God saves us by His grace alone, sweet message to the ear.**