

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 22, 2023

10 am: "Calling Sinners to Repentance" | Matthew 9:9-13
Matthew Series | Lesson 31
Bill Parker

11 am: "The Lion, the Root, and the Lamb (2)" | Revelation 5
Bill Parker

Live Stream

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O the everlasting salvation that we have in Jesus Christ! He is the same, and will be the same for ever and ever! And the righteousness He has wrought out for us is like Himself. It is an everlasting righteousness. It covered our first parents. It is true they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves, but God rejected them, as He will reject our self-righteousness. He clothed them with the skins of beasts that had probably been slain in sacrifice. Abraham had to look to this Jesus for righteousness, and so had the prophets, and so have we. It is an everlasting righteousness, covering all the election of grace in ages gone by, covering them all today, and that will cover them all tomorrow, making them accepted in the presence of a holy God.

As it is written, we are ***“accepted in the Beloved,”*** beheld all fair and perfect in the Lord Jesus. And as respects the blood of this salvation, it is ***“the blood of the everlasting covenant.”*** All the church of God in ages past have been purged from sin in the blood of Jesus; and the church of God at this day is looking by faith to the blood of the slaughtered Lamb. It will be the same to us tomorrow, and as long as we live. And when we have gone to glory, we shall shout, “Victory through the blood of the Lamb and the word of His testimony!” That blood will still maintain its power. —John Kershaw

“The Seven Spirits”

The term *“the seven spirits of God”* is found four times in the book of *Revelation (Rev. 1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6)*. Who or what are the *“seven spirits”*? This term is a metaphor describing the ONE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD, the third Person of the Holy Trinity, and His complete and perfect work in the salvation of sinners. He is not seven different spirits. He is ONE SPIRIT Who accomplishes a perfect and complete work, as indicated by the number *“seven.”* In the Bible, *“seven”* is the number God uses to indicate a perfect and complete work. God made the world in six days, and, having completed the work, He rested on the seventh day. The sabbath in the Old Testament was a day of rest for the people after having finished their work for the time allotted. The greatest example of *“seven”* is the completed, perfect, and finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ when He accomplished the full redemption of His people to save us from our sins (*Matt. 3:15; John 19:30; Rom. 10:4; Heb. 4:9-11; 10:10-14; 12:2*). When the Holy Spirit gives us spiritual life in the new birth, He brings us to rest in Christ and His finished work for our whole salvation.

So, what is this perfect and complete work of the Holy Spirit. It is His office as He is sent forth from the Father and the Son to sovereignly, powerfully, and invincibly apply spiritual life to all whom the Father chose before the world began and all for whom the Son lived, died, and arose again (*John 6:37-45; 2 Thess. 2:13-14*). His complete work is to bring us under the Gospel truth, give us new birth from above (*John 3:3-7*), and bring us to faith in Christ and repentance of dead works. He continually indwells us to keep us faithful and persevering, by God’s grace and power, in the life of faith and obedience. He guides us by God’s Word, and He motivates us by grace, love, and gratitude (*Rom. 6:17-18; 7:4-6*). He continually inspires us in the spiritual warfare against our sinful flesh, bringing us to *“godly sorrow”* and a continual *“repentance not to be repented of”* (*2 Cor. 7:9-11*). He keeps us focused and fixed on Christ and His righteousness as our one and only ground of salvation. He keeps us trusting in and following Christ, and even though we may stray for a while, He will not let us totally apostatize (fall away) from Christ and from our God-given faith in Him (*1 John 3:9*). He will keep us unto glory where Christ receives us unto Himself, and we will dwell with Him forever and ever. This is the Holy Spirit’s complete work, and it is all to the praise of God’s glory in and by the Lord Jesus Christ.

—Pastor Bill Parker

THERE WILL BE A MEN’S BREAKFAST AT THE CHURCH

SATURDAY, OCT. 28, AT 9:00 A.M

Bring your own breakfast.

Coffee and water will be provided.

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WE WILL SERVE THE LORD’S SUPPER NEXT SUNDAY.

We will have a meal in the dining hall following the services.

We extend our sincere prayers and deepest sympathies to Judy and Janet Fletcher upon the death of their mother-in-law, Josie Bridges Fletcher, who passed away last Sunday morning.

Prayer Requests

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

Birthdays

Debra Riggins - Oct. 22nd | Mike Lee - Oct. 24 | Jerry Shores - Oct. 26 | Jim Casey - Oct. 27

Hymns

October 22nd services

Glory to His Name - 489

Amazing Grace - 236

Call to Worship

(Tune – O God Our Help in Ages Past – p. 10)

(Words by Gary Shepard)

The faith of God's elect is one, in every age the same;
It is the truth of Jesus Christ,
At all times still the same.

He is the mighty God in flesh, the man, that He might die;
The cross He suffered in our place,
"Tis finished," was His cry.

Each one who looks to Him in faith (the faith that He must give),
Does show himself a chosen child;
And in His life they live.

The faith of God's elect is one, and in the Righteous One;
Who by Himself is all our Hope;
And others have we none.

Oh, has His Spirit made you live? All other hopes reject?
Believing on the Son you show,
The faith of God's elect.