

# 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 25, 2020**

10 am: "The Way of Life"

Christ in the Old Testament

Lesson 4 | Genesis 3:20-24

Bill Parker

11 am: "You Must Be Born Again"

John 3:1-12

Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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## “For We Walk by Faith, Not by Sight”

The tragedies of life are, to say the least, difficult for us to experience. It takes the sovereign grace and power of God in Christ for us to endure these things in a way that glorifies God. Sometimes, when we as believers go through times of testing and times of great sorrow, we may even feel that the Lord has forsaken us. Job and King David felt that way when suffering under the chastisement of our heavenly Father, but it was never the case. The Lord God of all grace NEVER forsakes His children, not even when we feel He has done so. That is why we are never to live our lives based on our experiences and feelings. We are to walk by faith, not by sight. This means, as sinners saved and preserved by God’s grace based on the blood (righteousness) of Christ, we are to live our lives by the Word of God in Christ, *“looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith” (Heb. 12:2)*. It is only as we are given the comfort and assurances of God’s Word in Christ that we can face times of testing and sorrow in a way of true godliness, to the praise of the glory of God’s grace.

—Pastor Bill Parker

## Birthdays

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JIM CASEY - OCT. 27TH

## Hymns

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### October 25th service

Blessed Assurance - 255

Jesus Paid it All - 125

## A Message From the Pastor

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Debbie and I are leaving Sunday to go to Destin, FL, with some friends for a time of vacation. The Lord willing, we will return to Albany at the end of the week and be back for services the following Sunday. Please pray for us as we travel.

### Psalm 95:1-2

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*O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.*

*Let Thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in Thee. (Psalm 33:22)*

What an excellent ground of hope and confidence we have when we reflect upon these three things in prayer – the Father’s love, the Son’s merit, and the Spirit’s power!  
—Thomas Manton

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## Sovereign Mercy is Royal Kindness

If God is pleased to bestow saving mercy, is that not His prerogative? And is it not also His right, if He shows mercy, to bestow it upon whom He will? Mercy is not a matter of debt, but of royal kindness which God gives when and where it seems good in His sight. "I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy." Though men balk at the thought of distinguishing kindness, their complaint has no merit. The King declares, "Is it not lawful for Me to do what I will with Mine own?" —Pastor Jim Byrd

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## Christ, Our Continual Deliverer

*“The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.” (Psalm 18:2)*

*“Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight: My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and He in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.” (Psalm 144:1-2)*

Christ has completely and perfectly delivered all His people from the condemnation of sin as He went under the wrath of God for us on the cross having our sins charged to His account. He delivered us by satisfying the law and justice of God in our behalf and working out a perfect righteousness that has been charged to all of God’s elect people. But His deliverance of us does not end there. He is still delivering us and keeping us from all that would harm or destroy us. He continually delivers us from the power of sin that still plagues, corrupts, and contaminates us, from the influence of the world, from the force of temptation, from the deceitfulness of our own hearts, and from the designs of all our foes! “Oh Lord, we thank You for Your mighty power to keep us through faith unto our complete deliverance from all these things!” —Copied

## **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.**

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## **Gems from Stephen Charnock**

“God does not govern the world only by His will as an absolute monarch, but by His wisdom and goodness as a tender Father. It is not His greatest pleasure to show His sovereign power, or His inconceivable wisdom, but His immense goodness, to which He makes the other attributes subservient.”

“Let us look upon a crucified Christ as the remedy of all our miseries. His cross has procured a crown, and His passion has expiated our transgressions. His death has disarmed the law, and His blood has washed a believer's soul. His death is the destruction of our enemies, the spring of our happiness, and the eternal testimony of divine love!”