

# 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, September 22, 2024

10 am: "Whatsoever Is Right"

Matthew 20:1-16

Matthew Series | Lesson 73

Bill Parker

11 am: "Maintaining Good

Works" | Titus 3:8

Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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## Why Me, Lord?

**"By the grace of God, I am what I am!"** Oh, what was I, that God should set His love upon me before time; and in time to call me to the saving knowledge of His Son, Whom to know aright is life eternal? Why me, Lord? And what am I even now, since I have felt something of the power of His precious Gospel? Why me, Lord? What was I, what am I that I should be eternally chosen and effectually called and perfectly accepted in the Beloved? Not unto me, in the least, not unto me, but unto Your sovereign grace be all the praise! Oh, help me to ascribe to You the glory due to Your great name; for I am surrounded, I am loaded with Your benefits. All Your dealings with me show forth Your loving-kindness. In temporals, as well as spirituals, I am singularly favored. Oh, let me never be allowed to rob You of Your glory, but help me to give it all where it is due, in life and death and to all eternity to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. **"By the grace of God, I am what I am!"**

(Letters of William Romaine, 1714-1795)

***“I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for He will speak peace unto His people, and to His saints: but let them not turn again to folly.” (Psalm 85:8).*** Our only hope for salvation is to ***“hear what God the LORD will speak”*** from His Word as He leads us (sinners) to the Lord Jesus Christ for all salvation and all eternal blessedness. God ***“will speak peace unto HIS people, and to HIS saints.”*** This describes God’s people whom He chose to save in and by Christ before the foundation of the world. He sends forth the Holy Spirit to bring them to the true Gospel and reveals to and in them the only way of peace (reconciliation) with Him by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them (***Rom. 1:16-17; 2 Cor. 5:19-21***). This peace is the assurance of salvation that can only be found in Christ – the glory of His Person as God manifest in the flesh, the spotless Lamb Who is Surety, Substitute, Redeemer, Preserver, and Protector of His people for whom He obeyed unto death and rose again from the grave.

The problem with men and women by nature, left to themselves and their own natural wills, is that they will not hear (heed, listen to, and obey) God’s Word to find the true peace that can only be found in Christ and His righteousness alone. They will listen to Satan and his false preachers who speak peace where there is no peace (***John 8:44***). They will listen to their own deceptive hearts which will grant them the false peace of false religion (***Jer. 17:9***). But they will not listen to the Word of God and His preachers who preach His Word (***1 Cor. 2:14***). God be thanked that He has brought HIS people to repent of all that foolishness and heed His Word of sovereign grace for sinners in the Lord Jesus Christ.

—Pastor Bill Parker

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## Look to Christ, Not Your Obedience

Those who profess to believe on Christ but who do not seek to follow the Lord and seek to honor Him in their lives have an empty and worthless profession. Christ said, ***“If ye love Me, keep My commandments.”*** A sinner who has been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and brought to genuine faith in the Son of God will endeavor to ***“adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things” (Titus 2:10)***. Though we know we are sinful in ourselves, yet we do seek to glorify the Lord as we go about our daily activities. However, we must never look to our obedience (which is imperfect at best), in any measure, as the means of acceptance with God. Those who seek God’s approval by any other way than the blood and righteousness of Christ will someday learn they made a fatal mistake.

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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If thou art in Christ, thou art beheld righteous in His righteousness; and, as thy Surety, what He wrought, and what He suffered, was for thee. So that, in this sense, thou art, as Christ tells the church, all fair, and there is no spot in thee. So that, amidst all thy groans for the remains of indwelling sin, (and groan thou dost daily), and as thou sometimes art prompted to think, there is growing imperfection in thee; yet, in Jesus, as thou art found and beheld in Him, sin is pardoned, and thy person accepted, and thou art in a state of justification before God in the righteousness of God thy Saviour. And, as this is so essential to be known and enjoyed, see to it, my soul, that thou livest upon it. Go in the strength of Christ’s righteousness every day to the throne, pleading that righteousness, and that only. And, under a perfect conviction that not a single sin of thine was left out when Jesus bore the sins of His people on the tree, beg for grace to exercise faith, and to know that in Jesus thou art justified before God, and that God hath cast all thy sins into the depths of the sea.

—Robert Hawker

## Lord's Supper

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**WE WILL SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER NEXT SUNDAY (09/27) FOLLOWING THE MESSAGES AND HAVE OUR FELLOWSHIP DINNER FOLLOWING THE SERVICES.**

## Birthdays

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David Tennyson - Sept. 23rd

## Prayer Requests

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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

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September 22nd services

-Only a Sinner - 474

-He Hideth My Soul - 258

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## Call to Worship

(Tune – Brethren We Have Met To Worship – p. 15)

**Glory, glory, I'm forgiven; all my sins are washed away.  
Christ, by His great blood atonement, all my sin has put away.  
Sin imputed to my Savior when He died upon the tree  
As the Substitute for sinners,  
God will not impute to me.**

**Glory, glory, I'm accepted, robed in Christ own righteousness;  
I'm a child, an heir of heaven, saved by God's almighty grace.  
Christ's obedience to the Father is imputed now to me;  
In God's sight I'm pure and holy,  
He declares me so to be.**

**Glory, glory, I'll not perish, in Christ's hands I am secure;  
He Who saved me, sure, will keep me; by God's grace I shall endure.  
This is not a vain presumption; I just take Him at His word;  
Christ has sworn, "They shall not perish  
Who believe on Me their Lord."**