

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 3, 2023

10 am: "Christ, The One Way of Life" | Matthew Series | Lesson 24

Matthew 7:12-30

Bill Parker

11 am: "The Sinfully Tolerant Church" | Revelation 2:18-29

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Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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What Are Our Distinguishing Points?

Have you noticed among the sects that their special, distinguishing points are their power, cause, and reason for existing? When these points are omitted or compromised, they dwindle out.

For example, Catholicism without the human priesthood, the confessional, and the mass would be dead. Likewise, the Church of Christ (that denomination that believes water baptism is necessary for salvation) without baptism, Pentacostalism without emotionalism, gifts, and healing, and the Seventh Day Adventist without Saturday would all be nothing!

Let us, who preach the true Gospel of God's free and sovereign grace learn that if Christ is left out of our message, we have no message at all! If free grace is left out of the Gospel, the Gospel is gone. We readily admit that the grace of God in Christ is our distinction and power! If we do not preach Christ, we have no reason to exist as preachers, churches, or missionaries. Christ and that grace that reigns through righteousness in Him is our distinguishing point.

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“Let Thy hand be upon the man of Thy right hand, upon the Son of Man Whom Thou madest strong for Thyself. So will not we go back from Thee: quicken us, and we will call upon Thy name. Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause Thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.” (Psalm 80:17-19)

I love how that when the Spirit reveals Christ to us in God’s Word, we are able to see Him as our salvation in so many passages. It is amazing to see how much Gospel truth is found here in ***Psalm 80:17-19***. It tells us that all of salvation is made sure in Christ Who is the Man of God’s right hand, the Son of Man, Who was made strong in His Person and work for the glory of the Father. Though without sin in Himself, it was in the weakness of His flesh that He suffered unto death for the sins of His people imputed to Him – ***“He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth” (Isa. 53:7)***. And it was in the strength of His Deity that He came forth as Godman from the grave, having established righteousness by which all of His people, for whom He died, are justified before God and given spiritual and eternal life from the dead – ***“He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied: by His knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities” (Isa. 53:11)***. This is the ground of all salvation for God’s people.

We also see in this passage the fruit and result of Christ’s great work as our Surety, Substitute, Redeemer, and Preserver – ***“So will not we go back from Thee: quicken us, and we will call upon Thy name.”*** This describes the conversion and the perseverance of God’s people in and by Christ. He sends His Spirit forth to apply all the life-giving and life-preserving blessings and benefits of His work for us. The quickening is our new birth by the Spirit with the Word of God, the Gospel, wherein Christ is revealed to us in the glory of His Person and the power of His righteousness, ***the righteousness of God” (Rom. 1:16-17)***. This is the merit of Christ’s righteousness imputed to us. When we are quickened by the Spirit, then and only then will we call upon His name (***Rom. 10:13***).

“Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause Thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.” The Lord God turns us by God-given faith in Christ and true repentance of dead works and idolatry when He causes His face (His glory in Christ) to shine forth in our hearts and minds, bringing us to free and full salvation by His grace and power in Christ (***John 6:44-45; 2 Cor. 4:6***).

—Pastor Bill Parker

“For we are HIS workmanship, created IN CHRIST JESUS unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:10)

In true Christian obedience we obtain blessings from God, NOT as if to earn or deserve them for ourselves, but as the God-given, God-ordained, means by which God bestows them upon us as His children. All blessings are blessings of God’s grace in and through the Lord Jesus Christ. – Copied

**LADIES’ LUNCHEON, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
12:00 NOON IN THE CHURCH DINING HALL
BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH
All the ladies of our church are invited.
Come and enjoy this time of fellowship.**

Prayer Requests

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

Hymns

September 3rd services

Rock of Ages - 126

Praise the Savior - 51

Birthdays

Cassie Broxton - Sept. 3rd | Banks Margeson - Sept. 6th | Bill Parker - Sept. 7th | Patrick Flynn - Sept. 7th

Call to Worship

(Tune – Immortal, Invisible – p. 34)

**We gather this morning to worship and praise,
The God of all glory, the Ancient of Days;
None other is worthy but Jesus alone,
God's Lamb once provided, His blood has atoned.**

**From sin and from darkness, He brings out His own,
Through preaching the Gospel to them He makes known;
The riches of glory and grace by His cross:
Eternal possessions which cannot be lost.**

**Praise be to the Father Who chose us in grace;
Praise be to the Son Who has died in our place;
Praise be to the Spirit Who gave us new birth;
Praise be to the One God of heaven and earth.**

**With all of our hearts does the Lord bid us sing,
Come humbly before Him, thanksgiving to bring;
All others are idols, He lives, God alone,
By grace He has saved us and made us His own.**