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, April 20, 2025

10 am: "Christ Tried by False Witness" | Matthew 26:56-65 Matthew Series | Lesson 100 Bill Parker

11 am: "Christ's Victory Over Death" | Isaiah 53:10-12 Bill Parker

Live Stream

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The Bible is not only a great book; it is the greatest of all books. Its greatness is not necessarily found in its fulfilled prophecies, its historical accuracy, its accounts of God's mighty acts, or its guidelines for living. These are indeed fascinating aspects of the Bible, each add its own evidence of authenticity to the "big picture" of the Bible as a whole. The Bible's greatest wonder is its revelation of Jesus Christ Himself, along with the work of redemption He has accomplished to save His people from sin, and provide all things necessary to bring them to eternal life and glory. The truly remarkable facet of the Bible is that Christ crucified and risen as the righteousness of God for His people can be seen in each and every book – Old Testament as well as the New Testament. Every book, every chapter, every line holds a picture of Jesus Christ, the Savior of sinners. —Copied

"Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, Who is even at the right hand of God, Who also maketh intercession for us." (Romans 8:33-34)

Our Assurance of Resurrection

All true believers have the assurance of resurrection from the dead and eternal life in glory with Christ. What is that assurance? It is the Word of God that says, "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by Man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive" (1 Cor. 15:20-22). As the Lord Jesus Christ has taken our sins to the cross and died in our place, fully satisfying the justice of God as our Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer, AND as He is risen again because of our justification, He is the assurance of every person for whom He died and arose from the dead. Christ Himself said, "And this is the Father's will which hath sent Me, that of all which He hath given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day" (John 6:39).

We who believe in Christ also have the assurance of the Holy Spirit Who "is the earnest [pledge, guarantor] of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory" (Eph. 1:14). In fact, the power of God that quickened us and made us to live spiritually is, in the Scriptures, compared with the power which raised Christ Himself from the dead (Eph. 1:19-20). Christ died for our sins and was raised for our justification. We live because He lives; and we are free from sin because our Surety, Who bore our sins, is now free from them. He quickened and brought us to see and believe in Christ for our whole salvation. Christ also said, "And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:40). As our sins imputed to Him brought Him to die, His righteousness imputed to us brought us to live eternally.

—Pastor Bill Parker

A Sweet Savor of Christ

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is no uncertain message. The Gospel of Christ declares that He (that is Christ Jesus) came into this world to save His people from their sins, and that He has accomplished that end. The messenger, an angel from heaven said to Joseph, "call His name Jesus for He shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:18-25). Our Lord Jesus said, "All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). God the Father gave His chosen people unto His only begotten Son, as His portion, His spouse and His children. As saith the preacher, "A garden enclosed is My sister, My spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed" (Song of Solomon: 4:12). And the spouse saith concerning her Husband, "My Beloved is gone down into His garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies. I am my Beloved's and my Beloved is mine: He feedeth among the lilies" (Song of Solomon 6:2-3). God in the Trinity of His Most Sacred Persons is refreshed by beholding the comeliness of the bride of the Lamb which He hath put upon her. As it is written, "And thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty: for it was perfect through My comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord GOD" (Ezekiel 16:14). The derived beauty and grace of the "Lamb's wife" (Revelation 21:9) is such that the Lamb is glorified in her. As it is written, "And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them" (John 17:10).

—Pastor Allan Ison

Hymns

April 20th services
Crown Him with Many Crowns - 62
Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned - 52

Prayer Requests

Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Judy Fletcher, David Tennyson, Monica Hayes, Mike Loosier, Patsy Parr, Phyllis Payne, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Birthdays

Ralston Sparks - Apr. 25th

Call to Worship

(Tune – O Worship the King – p. 1) (Words written by Jim Byrd)

We gather this day to honor the King, Who sits on His throne, His triumphs we sing; The Savior who died to atone for our sin, Came forth from the tomb and He liveth again.

Christ Jesus the Lord the victory has won, He died and arose; the work is all done! He took on Himself all our debt to repay, The sins of His people are all washed away.

To Jesus our Lord, all honor we bring, We say unto death, "Where now is thy sting?" Enthroned in His glory, almighty to save, How great is His conquest o'er sin and the grave!

He conquered the grave and liveth above, All praise to His Name, all power and love; Made righteous in Jesus we someday shall rise, To dwell with our Savior above earth and skies.