

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, December 3, 2023

10 am: "Preaching the Kingdom of Heaven" | Matthew 10:5-15
Matthew Series | Lesson 36
Bill Parker

11 am: "Opening the Seventh Seal" | Revelation 8:1-6
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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“Who Shall Be Able to Stand?”

“For the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?” (*Revelation 6:17*). This is a question that every fallen sinner should ask. When the great day of God’s wrath comes, who among us shall be able to withstand judgment? The psalmist wrote, “For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish” (*Psalms 1:6*). The Bible tells us that all of us by nature are ungodly (*Rom. 3:10-23*) and deserve God’s wrath against our sins. It also tells us that if we stand before God pleading our best works and efforts to keep His law, we will not stand but will be eternally damned – “If Thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?” (*Psa. 130:3*). It tells us that God does forgive sinners, but that forgiveness is only by His grace through the blood of Jesus Christ Who fully satisfied God’s justice for His people and worked out a perfect righteousness by which they are justified before God and from which they receive spiritual life and faith. Those who look to Christ and plead His righteousness alone are the only ones who will be able to stand in that day. God will not charge them with their sins because they STAND IN CHRIST by Whose merits they are saved and secure for glory (*Rom. 8:33-39*).
—Pastor Bill Parker

A Return To Preaching the Gospel

The most humbling and challenging thing that I face, the great concern of my heart, is that my generation experience a return to the preaching of the Gospel of God's grace. This generation is plagued with a gospel of works and are strangers to the gospel of redemption. I want a return to the message that takes away all of the glory and dignity of the flesh and proclaims the redemptive glory of Christ. The results of this message will be a sense of the awesome holiness of God, the inability and sinfulness of the flesh, and the total sufficiency of the Person and work of Christ. Perhaps once again we will hear men and women cry, "Depths of mercy can there be, mercy still reserved for me? Can my God His wrath forbear, me the chief of sinners spare?"—Copied

My Only Hope, My Only Plea

When I shall be summoned to the great tribunal, what will be my plea, what my dependence? Nothing but Christ! Christ, I would say, has been wounded for my sins, therefore they will not be punished in me. Christ has fulfilled all righteousness in my stead, therefore I trust to be justified when I am judged. I am a poor unworthy sinner but worthy is the Lamb that was slain, worthy is the Lamb that was slain, for whose sake I shall receive both pardoning mercy and everlasting glory. He is my Only Hope. —James Hervey (1714-1758)

“And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom Thou hast sent.” (John 17:3)

How many are anxious to know what is the way of salvation, how eternal life is to be obtained, and how to “flee from the wrath to come.” But the Lord Jesus has shown in one short sentence in what eternal life consists, that it is in the knowledge of the ***“only true God, and of Jesus Christ, Whom He has sent.”*** He, therefore, that knows the Father and the Son has eternal life in his soul. The Lord Jesus, in the sixth chapter of John, quoted this amongst other passages of the Old Testament, and says, ***“It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto Me.”*** He lays this down, then, as one especial fruit of divine teaching, that it produces a coming unto Him. The Spirit, who teacheth to profit, holds up before the eyes of the soul, the Person, work, blood, love, grace, and righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. He shows the soul that He is just such a Saviour as it needs. He opens up the dignity of His Person, and shows that He is God-man. He makes known in the conscience that He has offered up Himself a sacrifice for sin; that He has shed His atoning blood so that the sin of the Church is forever put away from the sight of a just God. He opens up before the eyes of the mind His glorious righteousness, as that in which the Father is well pleased, and in which if the soul has but an interest, it is secure from the wrath to come. He unfolds to the heart the willingness of Christ to receive every coming sinner; He shews the treasures of mercy and grace which are locked up in Him; and brings down in the heart the comforting words that He spoke in the days of His flesh, such as, ***“Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”*** ***“Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.”*** ***“If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink.”*** —J. C. Philpot

Please Note

**We will have our CHRISTMAS DINNER next Sunday, 12/10, following our worship services.
Please bring side dishes and/or desserts.**

Birthdays

Randy Wages - Dec. 5th

Prayer Requests

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

Hymns

December 3rd services

How Firm a Foundation - 268

Praise the Savior - 51

Call to Worship

(Tune – Like a River Glorious – p. 287)

(Words by Pastor Jim Byrd)

**Sinners saved by Jesus, glory in His Name;
For He came and cleansed us from our guilt and shame;
He alone could save us from our lost estate,
Praise the great Redeemer, only Potentate.**

**CHORUS: Praise the name of Jesus, Let your voices soar,
Praise the name of Jesus, Praise Him evermore.**

**With His sacrifice the Lord was satisfied,
By His bloody death our souls were justified;
Risen from the grave He evermore shall reign;
Christ our mighty King will soon return again.**

**None can save but Jesus, look to Him we must,
O that Christ the Savior would be all our trust;
May the Spirit grant that each of us would flee,
To the Lamb who saves for all eternity.**