

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, February 23, 2025

10 am: "The Haves and the Have Nots" | Matthew 25:14-30
Matthew Series | Lesson 93
Bill Parker

11 am: "Election and Evangelism"
1 Thessalonians 1:4-5
Bill Parker

Live Stream

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Christ Sat Down

Hebrews 1:3 tells us that when the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Substitute and Surety of His people, God's elect, **"by Himself purged our sins, SAT DOWN ON THE RIGHT HAND OF THE MAJESTY ON HIGH."** Under the justice of Almighty God, the Lord Jesus Christ was and is the first and only high priest who **"SAT DOWN."** Why is this? It is because under the Old Covenant priesthood, the work of that human priesthood was never finished. That priesthood was a figure (type) ordained of God for that particular time, and which **"offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience" (Heb. 9:9).** But the ONE sacrifice of Christ for His people **"hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified" (Heb. 10:14).** How did Christ finish the work? He **"purged our sins."** How did He purge, or cleanse us from, our sins? It was by His obedience unto death as our Substitute and Surety. Having the sins of His people charged to Him, He paid the sin-debt of His people in full. He brought forth an everlasting righteousness of infinite value which God the Father has charged to every one of His elect, and He brings them to receive Christ by giving them faith to believe and submit to Him as **"the end of the law for righteousness" (Rom. 10:4).** Christ **"SAT DOWN,"** and all for whom He died and arose will rest in Him for all salvation. —Pastor Bill Parker

God Alone Exalted in Salvation

My friends, do you love to hear Christ lifted up and exalted as your all and in all? If you do, you are willing to be made less than nothing and vanity in yourselves. Professors of religion, generally, do not like to be thus humbled; they love to have something to do, in whole or in part, to recommend themselves to God. But the Lord's salvation is not a mixture of grace and works. It is of free and sovereign grace, and received by faith alone, which is the gift of God. It is ***“not of works, lest any man should boast.”*** The Lord alone be exalted as the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, the first and the last in the salvation of His people.

—John Kershaw (1848)

Growth in grace and in knowledge of Christ does not make me any more righteous before God than I already am in and by the Lord Jesus Christ, but it does give me more knowledge, more appreciation, and more love for Christ Who is, now and forever, my righteousness before God. —Copied

“But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth”
(2 Thessalonians 2:13)

Why We Preach God's Electing Grace in Christ?

We preach election because there is not a single blessing that comes to us from the hand of our Redeemer that is not stamped with the hand of God's electing love. The Scriptures say, ***“God hath blessed us according as He hath chosen us.”*** Again, ***“He hath chosen you to salvation.”*** Again, ***“He hath chosen us that we should be holy.”*** Again, ***“The God of our fathers hath chosen thee that thou shouldst know His will.”*** It is not in ourselves that these blessings are contained. We have them because of OUR UNION WITH CHRIST, and we are united with Christ because of the Father's divine and sovereign choice. Let us never imagine that the atoning sacrifice of Christ was intended to make an angry God willing to be merciful. That is not the truth. Jesus Christ died, not to create love in the heart of God, but to open a just and righteous way for that mercy and love which is there from all eternity. God's mercy and love went forth to us before the Saviour came. THAT'S WHY HE CAME! Spiritual blessings are heavenly blessings. They come from heaven and are of a heavenly nature. We enjoy these in Christ because He has purchased them for us and has gone there to possess them for us in His own name. All things are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's. It all starts with God's sovereign choice.

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The Book of Life

The book of life, or decree of election, is the marriage-register of the saints; in which their everlasting espousal to Christ stands indelibly recorded by the pen of God's free and eternal love. As the gold of which money is made is the king's property ever before it is struck into coin, and before it visibly bears the royal image and superscription; so the unregenerate elect are God's own heritage, though they do not appear to be such, until the Holy Spirit has made them pass through the mint of effectual calling, and actually stamped them into current coin for the kingdom of Heaven. The elect are betrothed to Christ from everlasting in the covenant of grace; they are actually married to Him, and join hands with Him, in conversion; but they are not taken home to the bridegroom's house until death dismisses them from the body. —Augustus Toplady

Birthdays

Marsha McKenzie – Feb. 24th | Reid Jackson – Feb. 28th

Hymns

February 23rd services

-I Love to Tell the Story - 431

-Take the Name of Jesus with You - 63

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.

Call to Worship

(Tune – Love Divine – p. 2)

(Words by Pastor Jim Byrd)

**God of mercy, grace and glory, hear this poor and needy soul;
Grant to me Thy saving favor, come and make this sinner whole.
Manifest Thy lovingkindness, unto Thee I lift my cry;
Meet my need and heal my spirit, or I must forever die.**

**In the Scriptures it is written, Christ for sinners bled and died;
By His sacrifice on Calv'ry, He Thy justice satisfied.
Since the Savior paid their ransom, all Thy people shall be free;
Grant salvation to this sinner, show Thy mercy unto me.**

**Made aware that I need Jesus, uNto Him by faith I flee;
I will humbly bow before Him, and confess iniquity.
Christ alone must cleanse and save me, I shall live at His command;
Sovereign Savior, show me mercy, save me by Thy mighty hand.**