

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, January 29, 2023

10am: "Christ - Restorer of God's Remnant" | Lesson 110
Zephaniah 3
Christ in the Old Testament
Bill Parker

11am: "Followers of God (cont.)"
Ephesians 5:1-7
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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In a spiritual context, don't get wrapped up in fan-fair of man, their supposed accomplishments, following, charisma, etc.. Christ said "Beware of men" in a few different ways and for a few different reasons. They are NOT to be the object of faith in any sense of the word. If you keep looking to sinful humans for inspiration rather than the word of God, you'll be let down. It's just a matter of time. Look to Christ ALONE and you'll be more content.
—Pastor Scott Price

“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me.” (John 5:39)

“And He said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning Me. Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,” (Luke 24:44-45).

Jesus is the one great theme both of the Old and New Testaments. The whole Bible is designed to testify of Him (**John 5:39**). In Christ the Messiah, Jesus the Savior, the Son of God, the Redeemer, all truths of the Bible center. To Him all types and shadows point! Of Him all the prophecies give witness! All the glory of the Scriptures, from Genesis to Revelation, culminates at the cross of Christ! The Bible would be an inexplicable mystery apart from Christ Who unfolds and explains it all. He is the golden Key which unlocks the divine treasury of Scriptural revelation! Until He is seen, the Bible is, in a sense, a great mystery. But when He is found, it is a glorious revelation. Every mystery is opened, every enigma is explained, every discrepancy is harmonized, and every truth and page, sentence and word, is quickened with a life and glowing with a light flowing down from the throne of the eternal God.

Christ is the substance of the Gospel. All its divine doctrines, all its holy precepts, all its gracious instructions, all its precious promises, all its glorious hopes meet, center, and fill up their entire compass in Jesus! He is the Alpha and the Omega of the Bible, from the first verse in Genesis, to the last verse in Revelation. Oh, study the Scriptures of truth with a view of learning Christ. Do not study the Bible as a mere history. Do not read it as a mere poem. Do not search it as a book of science. It is all that, but infinitely more. The Bible is the Book of Jesus! It is a revelation of Christ! Christ is the golden thread which runs through the whole!

Blessed Lord Jesus! I will read and study and dig into the Scriptures to find and learn more of You! You, Immanuel, are the fragrance of this divine box of precious ointment. You are the beautiful gem sparkling in this divine cabinet. You are the Tree of life planted in the center of this divine garden. You are the ocean whose stream quickens and nourishes all who draw water out of this divine well of salvation. The Bible is all about You!

—Octavius Winslow

Things That Are Freely Given

“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.” (1 Corinthians 2:12)

Man by nature believes that salvation must be bought, earned, or, at least, believed by him in order to be effectual. Because of natural pride and self-righteousness, he must find a condition that he can meet in order to attain or maintain salvation or some part of it. But this is not so! The natural (unregenerate) man cannot buy or earn salvation, and, by nature, he does not want it and will not believe it – ***“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned” (1 Cor. 2:14)***. This is why it takes the power and work of the Holy Spirit for us to know and receive the salvation that God has worked out and provided for us in and by the Lord Jesus Christ. The Spirit reveals and convinces of ***“the things that are FREELY given to us of God”*** based on the obedience unto death of the Lord Jesus Christ as our Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer. And what are these ***“things that are freely given”***? They are ALL OF SALVATION, every blessing and benefit of salvation, by God’s grace in Christ and based on His righteousness freely imputed to us and His life freely given to us of God. Even the faith that spiritually unites us to Christ is freely given to us of God (**John 1:12-13; Eph. 2:8-10**). The repentance that brings us to turn away from sin and self is freely given to us of God (**Acts 5:31; 2 Tim. 2:25**). The perseverance by which believers continue unto glory is freely given to us of God (**Eph. 1:13-14; Jude 24-25**). ***“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS in heavenly places in Christ” (Eph. 1:3)***, and all of these blessings are freely given to us of God in and by the Lord Jesus Christ.

—Pastor Bill Parker

Lord's Supper

We will serve **THE LORD'S SUPPER** following the worship services this morning (1/29/23). All believers are invited to join us in this blessed memorial supper. We will have lunch together in our dining hall after these services. Everyone is invited to join us for lunch.

Birthdays

Brent Cox - Jan. 30th | Molly Fuller - Jan. 31st | Rosa Jones - Feb. 4th

Prayer Requests

Winston and Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Frank Dell, Cathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Cassie Broxton, Akimi Okada, Babs Baldwin, Sue Parker, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

January 29th services

Holy, Holy, Holy - 70

Break Thou the Bread of Life - 176

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's 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.**