

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, July 16, 2023

10 am: "How to Pray (1)"
Matthew Series | Lesson 18
Matthew 6:9-11
Bill Parker

11 am: "A Glorious Vision of Christ" | Revelation 1:9-20
Bill Parker

Live Stream

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“Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, as of woolen and linen together.” (Deuteronomy 22:11)

As Christ was preached under types and figures through the whole Law, we may reasonably suppose that not a single command was then given but what had an eye to Him and His great salvation. But if we find the LORD so strict respecting the outward dress of the body, what may we conclude the LORD would enjoin respecting the inward clothing of the soul? If woolen and linen were offensive to be worn together, then surely we cannot appear before God in the motley dress of Jesus’ righteousness and our own. “The fine linen,” Scripture saith, “is the righteousness of saints” (Revelation 19:7-8). With this, which Jesus puts on His people, nothing of our own woolen garments must be worn. The righteousness of a creature, had we any (which in fact we have none) cannot be suited to mix with the righteousness of the Creator.

—Robert Hawker

The ***Book of Revelation*** gives us a panoramic view of the Gospel millennium (New Covenant/ Gospel Age) in which we are living today. This age began with the first advent of Christ to save us from our sins by His obedience unto death on the cross, His resurrection from the dead, and His ascension unto glory. It was inaugurated at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured out in a special way and the Gospel went out to the Gentiles (Acts 2; cf. Joel 2:28-32). It will culminate in the return of Christ to gather His people unto Himself and to judge the world in righteousness (Acts 17:31).

During this time, the Gospel will spread throughout the world, but the true church of Christ will be persecuted by the unbelieving world. Nevertheless, all of God's elect shall be saved, brought by the Spirit to faith in Christ and repentance of dead works, and preserved unto glory by God's grace in Christ (John 6:37-45; 2 Pet. 3:9). "*We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us*" (Rom. 8:37; Matt. 16:18). All of His, and our, enemies will be finally and totally conquered because of His power and His grace. In Revelation, all this is revealed in seven visions given by Christ to John to bring to the seven churches in Asia. The following is a chart that shows how these seven visions reveal the complete and perfect work of God in Christ both to sovereignly work all things after the counsel of His own will in providence and especially in the complete and perfect work of the salvation of His chosen people in and by the Lord Jesus Christ. These are events that occur simultaneously throughout the Gospel millennium.

Chapters 1 – 3

Christ in the midst of His churches, the seven golden candlesticks, in this world.

Chapters 4 – 7

Christ opening and fulfilling the seven sealed book of God's sovereign, eternal purpose.

Chapters 8 – 11

Christ answering the prayers of His people, protecting them from their enemies, and vindicating them by executing the seven trumpets of judgment in His providential rule of the universe.

Chapters 12 – 14

Christ and His church persecuted by Satan, world government, and false religion.

Chapters 15 – 16

Christ sending His angels to pour out the seven vials of His wrath upon the earth.

Chapters 17 – 19

Christ's conquest over Babylon, the beast, and the false prophet.

Chapters 20 – 22

Christ's dominion over and destruction of Satan and of the glory of the New Jerusalem.

***"And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, He took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray. And as He prayed, the fashion of His countenance was altered, and His raiment was white and glistering. And, behold, there talked with Him two men, which were Moses and Elias: who appeared in glory, and spake of His decease which He should accomplish at Jerusalem."* (Luke 9:28-31)**

Notice that when the Lord Jesus Christ always appeared in His effulgent glory, it was always in connection with His obedience unto death as Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer of His people. His glory as the Savior of sinners, and as Intercessor and Preserver of His sheep whom God the Father gave to Him, the Son, before the world began, was (and is) based on the accomplishment of righteousness by which God justifies His elect, from which He gives them eternal life, and for which He will bring them all to final glory with Christ. This is why the apostle said boldly, "***For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified***" (1 Cor. 2:2). This is the one and only risen and glorified Savior of sinners!

—Pastor Bill Parker

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

July 16th services

- Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus - 145
- Look, Ye Saints - 141

Birthdays

Frank Jones - July 21st

Call to Worship

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

**Rejoice in the Lord, be glad every heart,
Our God rules on high His grace to impart;
Jehovah is Lord, O how sacred His Name,
Bow down at His footstool, His glories proclaim.**

**God governs the world and rules from His throne,
The scepter is His, He reigns all alone;
Creator and Sovereign, omnipotent King,
All glorious and holy, His praises we sing.**

**The Lord meets our needs with daily supplies,
Let praises from saints to Him ever rise;
He gives of His bounties to vessels of clay,
Provides for His people by night and by day.**

**The ransomed of God are people made pure,
Through Jesus the Lord our hope is secure;
His mercies abundant we ever shall share,
Receiving salvation and unending care.**