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 28, 2024

10 am: "The Grace of Discipline" Matt. 18:15-20 | Lesson 67 Matthew Series Bill Parker

11 am: "Stan's Defeat and Final Judgment" | Revelation 20:7-15 Bill Parker

Live Stream

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"But the LORD shall endure for ever: He hath prepared His throne for judgment. And He shall judge the world in righteousness, He shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness." (Psalm 9:7-8)

Know, for your comfort, that the weakest believer in Christ is as nearly related to God the Father as is the strongest believer. Every branch of a tree is not alike strong nor big and yet the largest limb and the smallest twig is equally united to the tree and therefore to the root. The weakest believer is clothed with the white raiment of Christ's righteousness and is as much justified and sanctified as is the strongest. There is no condemnation to all who are in Christ; the weakest believer shall endure to the end. They are all kept by the power of God, through the faith of salvation. It is not the sinner that believes strongly that shall be saved but he that believes! "LORD I believe; help Thou mine unbelief." (Mark 9:24)

—Ebenezer Erskine

Faith is neither encouraged nor discouraged by anything we find in ourselves; it is neither encouraged by our graces nor discouraged by our sinfulness; for faith looks out of self unto Another. Nothing will afford such encouragement to believing prayer as a sight of the Lamb on His mediatorial throne (*Revelation 5:6*). No matter how desperate may be our case, how often we have failed and fallen, how low we have sunk, it is always the believer's privilege to turn unto his Redeemer and say, "Look Thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as Thou usest to do unto those that love Thy name" (*Psalm 119:132*). —Copied

Spiritual Jews

"For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God." (Romans 2:28-29)

The name "Jew" was originally given to Israelites who descended from the tribe of Judah. The name "Judah" means "praised" or "celebrated." The Lord Jesus in His holy, sinless humanity descended from the tribe of Judah, and He certainly is One to be praised and celebrated. Although the name "Jew" has come to identify all people who have physically descended from the nation of Israel, there is a wonderful and necessary distinction of persons revealed in the Word of God between those who are PHYSICAL descendants of Israel and those who are SPIRITUAL descendants of the Lord. A spiritual Jew is a sinner who has been born again by the Holy Spirit and brought to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the one and only Savior of God's people. A spiritual Jew has undergone the circumcision of the heart which is the new birth – regeneration and conversion by the Holy Spirit under the preaching of the Gospel of God's free and sovereign grace in Christ. He is one whom God has brought to be submitted to the righteousness of Christ imputed as his sole ground of justification and sole source of spiritual life. He truly praises and celebrates Christ crucified and risen from the dead. Therefore, every true believer is numbered with the elect of God, chosen by God in Christ before the foundation of the world. Every true believer a member of the family of God in Christ. Every true believer is a SPIRITUAL Jew. As Paul wrote, "For we (believers) are the circumcision (in the heart), which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh" (Php. 3:3).

—Pastor Bill Parker

When the LORD has taken a poor sinner in hand, He will never leave him but will surely purge away his dross and tin. He will slay his idols and tear him from those things he so much loves. He will not be aware how many idols he has until God shows him in a measure the deceitfulness of his heart. The more God's children are taught spiritually of Christ, the greater fools do they become in their own eyes and the more they know of their own wicked and vile state by nature, the more are they astonished that God should show mercy to such poor worms of the earth.

—William Tiptaft (1803-1864)

Birthdays

Jake Jones - July 30th

Prayer Requests

Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Sue Parker, Judy Fletcher, David Tennyson, Monica Hayes, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

July 28th services

- -Redeemed 475
- -Amazing Grace 236

Call to Worship

(Tune – Immortal, Invisible – p. 34)

We gather this morning to worship and praise,
The God of all glory, the Ancient of Days.
None other is worthy but Jesus alone
God's Lamb once provided, His blood has atoned.

From sin and from darkness, He brings out His own Through preaching the Gospel to them He makes known, The riches of glory and grace by His cross: Eternal possessions which cannot be lost.

> Praise be to the Father who chose us in grace. Praise be to the Son who has died in our place. Praise be to the Spirit who gave us new birth. Praise be to the One God of heaven and earth.

With all of our hearts does the Lord bid us sing Come humbly before Him, thanksgiving to bring. All others are idols, He lives, God alone By grace He has saved us and made us His own.