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, May 1, 2022

10 am: "Christ, Our Ransom" Christ in the Old Testament Lesson 77 | Job 33:16-28 Bill Parker

11 am: "Faith, Trials, Patience, & Wisdom" | James 1:1-8 Bill Parker

Live Stream

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"For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance" (Romans 11:29). Salvation is the free gift of God to His elect in and by the Lord Jesus Christ. All the blessings and benefits of salvation are covenant gifts, and Christ is the Surety of this covenant of grace and promise. God's covenant of promise towards His elect is immutable and sure because of two glorious and great truths:

- (1) God cannot change, cannot lie, and He cannot fail to keep His promises (Mal. 3:6) "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with Whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17).
- (2) Christ is the Surety of it (2 Sam. 23:5; 2 Cor. 1:20; Heb. 7:22). God has set His love upon His elect. His love cannot fail (Rom. 8:35-39). His love has provided all that His justice demanded for salvation, namely, Christ and our salvation conditioned on Him alone (John 3:14-17; 1 John 4:10). When God promises to save a sinner, He will not repent. God's promises never fail (Heb. 6:17-18).

—Pastor Bill Parker



Hymns

May 1st services All Hail the Power - 42 Jesus Paid it All - 125

Prayer Requests

Winston and Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Frank Dell, Cathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leonard Qualls, Cassie Broxton, Nancy Byrd, James Mwali and the mission in Malawi, Africa.

By William Cowper

As a vessel by the scent thereof tells what liquor is in it, so should our mouths smell continually of that mercy wherewith our hearts have been refreshed: for we are called vessels of mercy.

Christ the Redeemer!

There is no other redeemer — "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." All the types and symbols of the Savior teach you this. There was one ark in the flood — but one; and all perished save those who sailed in it. There was one altar in the temple — but one; and no sacrifices were accepted but those offered there — the altar, as the Bible says, that "sanctified the gift." There was one way through the depths of the Red Sea — but one; and only where the water, held back by the hand of God, stood up in crystal walls, was a passage opened for those that were ready to perish. And even so, there is but "one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;" therefore, the only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ. —Thomas Guthrie

The Most Precious Thing in Heaven or Earth

"Yes, He is altogether lovely. This is my Beloved, and this is my Friend!" (Song of Songs 5:16)

In giving Christ to die for poor sinners, God gave the richest jewel in His cabinet; a mercy of the greatest worth, and most inestimable value.

Heaven itself is not so valuable and precious as Christ is! Ten thousand thousand worlds, as many worlds as angels can number, would not outweigh Christ's love, excellency and sweetness. O what a lovely One! What an excellent, beautiful, ravishing One is Christ!

Put the beauty of ten thousand paradises, like the garden of Eden, into one; put all flowers, all fragrances, all colors, all tastes, all joys, all sweetness, all loveliness into one - O, what a lovely and excellent thing would that be!

And yet it should be less to that loveliest and dearest well-beloved Christ than one drop of rain to all the seas, rivers, lakes, and fountains of ten thousand earths!

Now, for God to bestow the mercy of mercies, the most precious thing in Heaven or earth upon poor sinners; and, as great, as lovely, as excellent as His Son was — what kind of love is this!

—John Flavel

Call To Worship

(Tune – Jesus Calls Us – p. 374)

Look upon me, Lord I pray Thee,
Let Thy Spirit dwell in mine;
Thou hast sought me, Thou hast bought me,
Take my heart, and make it Thine.

Nought I ask for, nought I strive for, But Thy grace so rich and free; This Thou givest by the Saviour, He hath all things who hath Thee.

Precious is the name of Jesus, Who can half its worth unfold? Far beyond angelic praises, Sweetly sung to harps of gold.

Guide me, Oh Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but Thou art mighty, Hold me with Thy powerful hand.

When Your Vow Fails

There never will be, there never can be, a particle of creature work or merit in sanctification. Nothing will do but the finished work of Christ. The hope must go of any betterness in self before we have any manifestive hope in Christ. When the Lord is pleased to bring manifestive sanctification into your conscience, you will know something of being drawn by the cords of a man, and with the bands of love. When your vows fail, when your promises fail, and all seems to fail, then you will know something of being sanctified in Christ Jesus and that there is no holiness but in and from him.

--William Gadsby