

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, October 1, 2023

10 am: "What Manner of Man is This?" | Matthew 8:14-23
Matthew Series | Lesson 28
Bill Parker

11 am: "God's Throne in Heaven"
Revelation 4:1-5
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.
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“He is Just, and Having Salvation”

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: He is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.” (Zechariah 9:9)

Is there any doubt that the King here is none other than our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ? Did He not enter Jerusalem humbly riding upon an ass, and, yet, He was (and is) still the King of glory Who came with power, bringing justice for His people AND salvation by His grace. Without grace justice would demand eternal damnation and death for us. But God's grace reigns *“through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom. 5:21)*. So, *“rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem.”* This describes all true children of God, His elect who are brought by God to believe and rest in Christ for all salvation, forgiveness, righteousness, and life. *“Zion”* is His true church, redeemed by His precious blood and justified in His righteousness imputed. *“Jerusalem”* is the heavenly Jerusalem (*Heb. 12:22*), the eternal city of God wherein dwells His citizens, sinners saved by grace in Christ. Sinner, do you want salvation? Then look to the one Who is just and Who has salvation, Christ the Lord.

—Pastor Bill Parker

“The Day Approaching”

“Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” (Hebrew 10:23-25)

What day is that which is approaching in our lives. It is either the day of our death, when our spirits will leave these wretched bodies and go to be with the Lord, or it is the day of Christ’s return to gather His people and judge the world in righteousness. What is it that we as children of God to do as we see this day approaching? We are to **“hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering,”** which means we are to set our minds and our hearts looking to and resting in the Lord Jesus Christ for our whole salvation (**2 Tim. 1:12; Heb. 12:2**). We are to **“consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works,”** which means we are to think of our brethren and be careful to encourage love and obedience motivated by grace, love, and gratitude. We are to be diligent and faithful not **“forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is,”** which means to gather together publicly to worship the Lord.

As we watch our nation in a religious and moral downgrade, which fills our hearts with sorrow, let us ever call to mind the words of Paul the apostle, **“Who maketh thee to differ,”** and be very, very thankful to God that we are not a part of the church’s apostasy and this nation’s reprobation; thankful that we have been snatched out of darkness and death and translated into the kingdom of light, the kingdom of God’s dear Son (**Col. 1:13**). In our sorrow, let us be thankful, very thankful!

Consider also that the most comforting and reassuring words of the above passage are these – **“FOR HE IS FAITHFUL THAT PROMISED.”** It is God our Father Who has promised to save us by His grace in Christ Jesus. Our heavenly Father is always faithful to His promises to His children, and His promises are all sure and certain in Christ (**2 Cor. 1:20**). Based on the glory of Christ’s Person (God manifest in the flesh) and the power of His finished work of redeeming from our sins by His obedience unto death as our Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer, God is just, merciful, and faithful to save us from our sins and declare us righteousness in Christ. Looking to Christ, we can look upon the day approaching with the assurance of God’s Word and the faith He has given us to believe in Christ. —Copied and edited

Faith in Christ Alone

Believing is the most wonderful thing in the world! Add anything of your own to it, and you spoil it. Christ will not look on that as believing. When you believe and come to Christ, you must leave behind your own righteousness and bring nothing but your sin (Oh! That is hard!), leaving behind all your holiness, sanctification, and duties or Christ is not fit for you, nor you for Christ. Christ will be a pure Redeemer and Mediator, and you must be an undone sinner, or Christ and you will never agree.

—Thomas Wilcox

“Know ye that the LORD He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.” (Psalm 100:3-4)

Birthdays

Steven Brown - Oct. 5th | Sandy O'Connor - Oct. 6th

Ladies Lunch

LADIES – MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
NEXT LUNCHEON ON TUESDAY, 10/17 AT NOON

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

October 1st services

Crown Him with Many Crowns - 62

Like a River Glorious - 287

Call to Worship

(Tune – This Is My Father’s World – p. 39)

(Words by Pastor Jim Byrd)

**Come sing of sovereign grace, ye people of the Lord;
Proclaim Jehovah’s matchless grace,
Join in with one accord.**

**Christ gave Himself to die – behold redeeming grace!
The Substitute laid down His life to save His chosen race.**

**The Spirit to us came, when we in sin were dead;
Poured quick’ning grace into the souls,
Of those for whom Christ bled.
That grace which saves from sin instructs us on our way;
And grace will keep us ever safe, nor let us go astray.**

**A vessel of His grace, by covenant design;
By grace the Savior calls me His,
By grace I call Him mine.
The good news of His grace should calm each doubt & fear;
God saves us by His grace alone, sweet message to the ear.**