

# 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, September 1, 2024

10 am: The Way to Eternal Life (1)

Matthew 19:13-21

Matthew Series | Lesson 70

Bill Parker

11 am: Christ, the Tree of Life

Revelation 22:1-7

Bill Parker



## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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## Behold His Grace for Lost and Undone Sinners

God promised to meet His people at THE MERCY SEAT – *“And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel” (Exod. 25:21-22)*. This was a type of Christ, and we can never meet with God to the salvation of our souls but by meeting with this grace in the Lord Jesus. The law is the ministry of death; it is the Gospel of grace which is the ministry of life and salvation. Look, therefore, beyond the law, which is a ministry of condemnation, beyond thine own righteousness, which is impurity to the eye of justice, beholding thee under the law, beyond thyself, who art an object of misery, horror and confusion, and by a spiritual eye of God's own making, behold His grace in Christ for lost and undone sinners.

—John Simpson (Perfection of Justification, 1648)

## ***“Buy the Truth, and Sell it Not”*** ***(Proverbs 23:23)***

The wise man is not saying that we in any way can buy the truth as it is applied in power by the Holy Spirit to the heart. One can buy a Bible which is truth, and one can even buy a copy of a truthful sermon. These are most certainly valuable tools, for we must have the Word of God in Christ Who is the truth. ***“Buy the truth”*** is literally, ***“GET the truth,”*** the same as when the wise man instructed his son to ***“Get wisdom, get understanding; forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth” (Proverbs 4:5).*** Men buy or set their goals on getting that which they hold valuable or what they need to live. My friend, the most valuable thing that any sinner needs is the true and saving knowledge of God’s mind and will concerning salvation by His free, sovereign grace in Christ Jesus, and the way that leads a sinner to Christ for all salvation. This truth is the Gospel of salvation, which comes from the God of truth, and has Christ, Who is the truth, for the substance of it. Sinners are directed and led to Christ by the Spirit of truth, and, thereby, given by God a love for the truth, which is a love for Christ. If God the Holy Spirit ever shows you the truth, and sets you free by that truth in Christ Jesus, you will never sell it, for you know that in doing so, you would be selling your very soul. Always remember, ***“Unto you therefore which believe HE is precious” (1 Peter 2:7).*** – Pastor Bill Parker

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Someone said, "If I knew I were one of God's elect, I would come to Christ; but I fear I am not." To you I answer – Nobody ever came to Christ because he knew himself to be of the elect. It is quite true that God has of His good pleasure elected some to everlasting life, but there is no evidence of election until we believe in Christ. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. So, the question for you is not, "Am I one of the elect?," but, "Am I a sinner who needs salvation by God’s grace in Christ? Am I in need of the blood of Christ to wash away my sins? Am I in need of His righteousness to clothe my nakedness? Is He my one and only hope for salvation?" Christ came to save sinners.

– Robert Murray McCheyne

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Christ loved His people from the beginning with an everlasting love; as the effect of that love, He became their covenant Head, their Surety, and Mediator. It was the love of His heart that constrained Him to "throw His radiant glory by," and veil His Godhead in a clay tabernacle; that constrained Him to suffer, bleed, and die, "the just for the unjust." "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us," and that "when we were enemies," as the effect of that love, "Christ died for us." And having finished and completed salvation's work in fulfillment of His covenant engagement, He has entered into heaven itself, and is the church's Head and Representative in glory; with the love of His heart firmly fixed on His church to this day; and, blessed be His name, He does not love His church in glory one jot or tittle more than His church on earth. The church in glory is more happy and blessed, but not more near and dear to the Redeemer, not more locked up in His heart, than His spouse, His bride, in this her militant state of trial and difficulty on earth. Neither our corruption inwardly, nor our sins outwardly, nor the powers of darkness unitedly, can ever turn the loving heart of Jesus away from His people. It is always the same. Harken to the solemn declaration; there is food in it for our souls: Jesus "having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end." HIS LOVE DOES NOT, CANNOT CHANGE AS OURS DOES.

—John Kershaw - (1792-1870)

## Birthdays

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Cassie Broxton – Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> | Banks Margeson – Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> | Patrick Flynn – Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> | Bill Parker – Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>

## Prayer Requests

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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

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### September 1st services

-Jesus Paid It All - 125

-When I Survey the Wondrous Cross-118

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## Call to Worship

(Tune – I Love Thy Kingdom – p. 188)

To God the only wise,  
Our Saviour and our King,  
Let all the saints below the skies  
Their humble praises bring.

Let all our powers be joined,  
His gracious name to praise;  
May joy and love fill every heart  
And every voice be raised.

His blood on Calv'ry shed,  
Has full atonement made;  
God's holiness is magnified,  
The sin-debt fully paid.

Christ will present our souls  
Unblemished and complete;  
Before the glory of His face,  
In His own righteousness.