

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 June 14, 2020

10 am: "Finding Christ and Being Found" | Song of Solomon Series
Lesson 8 | Song of Sol. 3:1-5
Bill Parker

11 am: "The Word of a Glorious Future" | Luke 23:46
Bill Parker

Live Stream

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Important Word for Sinners Saved by God's Grace

Does the Gospel, the good news that God saved you from sin and judgment by His great love and mercy through the obedience unto death of the Lord Jesus Christ, cause your heart to rejoice and your soul to be flooded with gratitude? Does the fact that you could have been a vessel of wrath prepared for destruction, but instead you are a vessel of mercy, which God prepared beforehand for glory, cause you to marvel and ask, "Why me?" If this is the case, then, how can you complain, grumble, and despair over life's trials, changes, and even tragedies? Think about it – God has done the greatest thing imaginable in sending His Son to die for your sins and work out a righteousness for you (**Rom. 8:31-34**). He tells you that because of Christ you cannot be separated from His love, care, and protection (**Rom. 8:35-39**). Surely, you can trust Him to provide for lesser needs.

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The Salvation of the Triune God

The glory of the Triune God in our salvation is great. He is God our Savior! Though we cannot explain the trinity of God, the three divine Persons of the Godhead are clearly distinguished. One such glorious occasion where we are made to see this blessed truth is in Matthew 3:16,17 – “And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well

pleased.” At this time we have the Lord Jesus Christ being baptized, the Holy Spirit descending as a dove upon Him and the Father audibly declaring His pleasure in the Son from heaven. This means that each Person of the Godhead is not only involved in our salvation but that each one’s work is absolutely necessary in it to the glory of the Godhead. Furthermore, they are all in a complete and eternal agreement on it: “For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.” (I John 5:7,8) Though men seek to make a disagreement in the Godhead saying the Father loves some the Spirit doesn’t regenerate, or the Son died for some that will not receive the Spirit’s effectual work, this is not consistent with Scripture. There we find Christ dying for those loved and chosen by the Father and all Christ died for being brought by the Holy Spirit to Christ in faith. The divine Three all agree! When Jude wrote his little epistle, he addressed it to “them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ and called” (by the Holy Spirit). As John wrote, “these three are ONE.” Thus we rejoice in “God our Savior.”

—Pastor Gary Shepard

Birthdays

SUSAN WAGES - JUNE 17TH
JENNIFER VANZANDT - JUNE 20TH

Hymns

June 14th services

Take the Name of Jesus With You-63
Like a River Glorious - 287

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“Such as do not truly know God can never sincerely aim at the glory of God in what they do. For what I do not know I cannot love; what I do not love, I cannot desire; what I do not desire, I can never intend. And, therefore, if I do not know God, I can never intend His glory in my actions; and if I do not intend His glory in my actions, I sin upon that very account, because I do not intend His glory.”

Call To Worship

(Tune – I Love Thy Kingdom – p. 188)

Thy works, not mine, O Christ
Speak gladness to this heart;
They tell me all the work is done,
They bid my fear depart.

Thy cross, not mine, O Christ
Has borne the awful load,
Of sins that no one else could bear
But our incarnate God.

Thy death, not mine, O Christ
Has paid the ransom due;
Ten thousand, thousand deaths like mine
Would have been all too few.

Thy righteousness, O Christ
Alone can cover me;
No righteousness can satisfy
Save that which is of Thee!

John 10 – (27) My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: (28) And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. (29) My Father, which gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand. (30) I and my Father are one.

The Eternal Security of the Saved

The Gospel truth of the eternal security of the saved does not teach, as one lost religionist stated, that “those who are saved by God’s grace cannot fall from that grace no matter what they do.” It teaches that those who are saved by God’s grace in Christ are eternally preserved by the power of God, indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and will, by God’s preserving grace, persevere in the faith of Christ. Now it is true that believers can and will sometimes stray from close fellowship with God and fall into open disobedience, but it is also true that they will never totally forsake Christ (*Heb. 10:38-39; 1 John 2:18-27; 3:5-9*). Those who totally forsake Christ to the point of apostasy, were never saved. But God’s true children will, again, by His grace and power, be brought continually to faith, repentance and godly sorrow over sin. God will never leave us, His children, to ourselves. He will never let us go (*John 10:27-30*), and He will never allow us to let go of Him (*1 John 3:5-9*).

—Pastor Bill Parker