

# 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 16, 2021

10 am: "That Rock Was Christ"  
Christ in the Old Testament  
Lesson 30 | Exodus 17:1-7  
Bill Parker

11 am: "A Good Conscience"  
1 Peter 3:21  
Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.  
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## One Message

***"We preach Christ crucified" (1 Cor. 1:23).*** In keeping with the apostle Paul, I proclaim the only message from God that will, if blessed of the Spirit, meet the needs of all who hear me. ***"Christ and Him crucified"*** is pardon to the guilty, clothing to the naked, rest to the weary, water to the thirsty, bread to the hungry, ransom to the slave, liberty to the bondman, cleansing to the filthy, righteousness to the sinful and peace to the troubled. To those who are spiritually sick, I preach ***"Christ crucified,"*** the Great Physician; to the sorrowful, He is the Comforter; to the lost sheep, He is the seeking Shepherd; to the fallen, He is the Advocate. To the weak, I preach Christ our strength; to the despairing, Christ our Hope; to the lonely, Christ our Friend; to the afflicted, Christ our Helper; to the anxious, Christ our solid Rock; to the faint, Christ our Preserver; to the needy, Christ our Provider; to the bereaved, Christ our Resurrection. To a lost sinner, I preach ***"Christ crucified"*** the way to God; to the ignorant, Christ the Truth; to the spiritually dead, Christ the Life.

Yes, ***"we preach Christ crucified,"*** for no other message is worth preaching or hearing. No other message is as honoring to the Father, no other message will do poor sinners like you and me any everlasting good, and no other message will prepare us to meet a holy God at the judgment.  
— Pastor Jim Byrd

## Christ, Not Faith, Is Our Savior

### THE SOVEREIGN PROTECTOR

A sovereign Protector I have,  
 Unseen, yet forever at hand,  
 Unchangeably faithful to save,  
 Almighty to rule and command.  
 He smiles, and my comforts abound;  
 His grace as the dew shall descend;  
 And walls of salvation surround,  
 The soul He delights to defend.

—Augustus Toplady

It is recorded several times in the *Gospel of Matthew, Mark, and Luke* where our Lord said to individuals He had healed of some physical problem, *“Thy faith hath made thee whole,”* and *“Thy faith hath saved thee.”* He also told a sinful woman whom He saved by His grace, *“Thy faith hath saved thee, go in peace” (Luke 7:50).* Given these statements by the Lord, how can we say that “Christ, not faith, is our Savior”? It is because the majority of what has come to be labelled “Christianity” today has perverted the truth of true God-given faith that drives sinners to Christ for salvation. When Christ made these statements, He was not telling these people that they were healed, or even saved, because they believed or made the right choice. Their faith was IN HIM as the Healer and only Savior.

This faith was never separated from the object of that

faith which is Christ the Lord Who alone is able to heal us and save us. The Christ that most people believe in today is one who did not actually save any person but who died to make salvation a mere possibility IF sinners would make the right choice and believe in him. The object of their faith, then, is their faith. They have faith, not in Christ whose death did no more for them than it did for souls who perish, but in their faith. That kind of faith does not save. To claim that Christ died for all without exception, even those who perish, leaves us with no hope but in ourselves. The true Gospel of God’s free and sovereign grace reveals the glorious PERSON and the FINISHED and SUCCESSFUL work of Christ shedding His blood on the cross to purge away all the sins of all His people, their sins imputed to Him, so that God does not impute their sins to them (*Psa. 32:1-2; Rom. 8:33*). This Gospel reveals how God has imputed Christ’s righteousness to His people so that they are justified in His sight and cannot be condemned, not because of their faith, but because Christ died for them (*Rom. 4:6-8; 8:34*). Christ’s righteousness imputed to His people guarantees their full salvation, even their faith in Christ! This message of grace, as revealed to us by the Holy Spirit, puts the gift of faith in its proper place so that we know it is not our believing that saves us, but Christ in Whom we believe. No sinner will be saved without faith to believe in Christ, or without repentance of dead works. No sinner will be saved without persevering in the faith. But all of these are gifts of God’s grace given to us in Christ Who is our one and only Savior. This shows us that our salvation was (and is) not accomplished by our believing or making the right choice but by God choosing us and sending Christ to die for our sins. CHRIST IS OUR SAVIOR, AND, BY GOD’S GRACE, OUR FAITH IS IN HIM!

—Pastor Bill Parker

### Hymns

#### May 16th services

I Am Thine, O Lord - 314  
 The Cleansing Wave - 227

### Birthdays

Mason Flynn - May 16th  
 Nicki Jones - May 18th  
 Melissa Riggins - May 22nd

### Pastor Bill Parker

The Lord willing, Wednesday, (May 19th) Debbie and I will be flying to Ruston, LA, for a Bible Conference at Grace Baptist Church where Brother Richard Warmack is the pastor. Please remember us in your prayers as we travel, visit with, and as I preach to our brethren in Ruston.

## **Call To Worship**

**(Tune – O For a Thousand Tongues – p. 46)  
(Words by Pastor Gary Shepard)**

**Is there a sinner here below,  
Who looks to God above?  
And as the object of His grace,  
Can sing redeeming love?**

**Is there a soul from sin set free,  
Now broken and contrite;  
Who from a heart now thankful made,  
Can praise our God aright?**

**Is there a tongue which once was filled,  
With every word so vile;  
That now can speak Jehovah's praise,  
Before His gracious smile?**

**Are there not many in our midst,  
Made clean by Jesus' blood;  
Then lift each voice and send abroad,  
God's praises like a flood!**