

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, January 25, 2026

10 am: "In the Last Days (1)"

Lesson 9 | 2 Timothy 3:1-4

Bill Parker

11 am: "Sin, Death, & Eternal Life"

1 John 5:16-21

Bill Parker



"A Wideness in God's Mercy"

A popular pastor was interviewing a famous evangelist and asked the man the following question – "Do you think those in religions other than Christianity will be in heaven?" The evangelist replied, "Oh yes. There will be Muslims, Hindus, Jews, and sincere, good people of all faiths in heaven." The preacher said in response, "What you're saying is that there is a wideness in God's mercy. I'm glad to hear you say that."

What both men revealed about themselves is that neither one of them knew the true and living God and His Son Jesus Christ. But fact is this – There IS a wideness in God's mercy! It is stated in the new song of all whom Christ has redeemed – ***"And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;" (Rev. 5:9)***. The way of God's mercy is a narrow way found only where sinners are brought by God's grace and power to believe, rest in, and follow the Lord Jesus Christ. But God's chosen people are found in all ages all over the whole wide world, both Jew and Gentile. God's mercy in salvation and final glory does not extend to every human being and to every religion. All religions but that which drives sinners to Christ for salvation, forgiveness, righteousness, life, and glory are false and deadly.

—Pastor Bill Parker

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Note how in vs. 21-23 of Matthew 7 Christ calls the claims and works of most religious people “iniquity” and those that profess them “ye that work iniquity.” It is because their works do not “equal” what God requires! He requires and accepts the work of the crucified Christ alone plus nothing! Christ’s finished work is the only work of righteousness and is the gift of righteousness to His chosen people.

—Pastor Gary Shepard

I am a poor, frail sinner, sinning in all I do. God is holy, and cannot look upon sinners but with detestation. The throne of grace presents God reconciled, God pacified, God satisfied, God honored in the obedience of Christ, God our Saviour. Oh, sweet mercy! Of His kingdom there will be no end. Unto that throne sinners may go to unburden their minds; leave their sorrows there; and draw grace from the mercy-seat to enrich, enliven, and rejoice the soul. He, as mediator, is anointed with the oil of gladness, and with that sacred unction He anoints the hearts of His sorrowful ones, for He gives the oil of joy for mourning. Oh, sweet, lovely Jesus, more precious than the rarest spices; a sight of His glory will make poor exiles sing and rejoice in hope of their eternal emancipation.

—John Warburton

The following written by Augustus Toplady takes a metaphor from God’s Word to describe the reality of the Gospel truth of the sins of God’s people imputed to Christ for which He for God’s elect was justly punished unto death by His Father, and the Gospel truth of His righteousness imputed to them by which God has justified them forever and ever –

"Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea." (Micah 7:19)

When God takes all our iniquities with His own hand, and casts them into the depths of the sea, they will never come out of those depths to witness against the family of God in the great and terrible day. Your sins now may seem to be all alive in your breast, and every one of them to bring accusation against you. This sin is crying out for vengeance, and that for punishment. This slip, this fall, this backsliding, this foolish word, this wrong action, are all testifying against you in the court of conscience. Do what you may, be where you may, live how you may, watch and pray how you may, keep silent and separate from the world or even from your own family how you may, sin still moves, lives, acts, works, and often brings you into guilt and bondage. But if God has had mercy upon us, He has cast all our sins with His own hands into the depths of the sea, and those sins have no more eyes to look at us with angry indignation, have no more tongues to speak against us in voices of accusation, have no more life in them to rise up and testify that they have been committed by us, that God’s law has been broken by them, and that therefore we are under its condemnation and curse. And there is no truth in God’s word more certain than the complete forgiveness of sins, and the presentation of the church of Christ at the great day faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.

—Augustus Toplady

Birthdays

Janet Fletcher - Jan. 26th | Tim Hall - Jan. 26th | Brent Cox - Jan. 30th | Molly Fuller - Jan. 31st

Prayer Requests

Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Judy Fletcher, David Tennyson, Monica Hayes, Patsy Parr, Phyllis Payne, Glenn Tennyson, Mason Flynn, Banks Margeson, Jermaine Harpe, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

-All the Way My Savior Leads Me - 296
-Like a River Glorious - 287

Call to Worship

(Tune – How Firm a Foundation – p. 268)

**Thy mercy, My God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart, the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affection and bound my heart fast.**

**For unworthy sinners my Lord bowed His head,
For unworthy sinners He suffered and bled,
My spirit rejoices, the work it is done,
My soul is redeemed, and salvation is won!**

**Great God of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant of love of Thy glorified Son;
All praise to the Saviour whose blood so divine,
Sealed pardon and mercy and righteousness mine.**

**Great God of glory, how rich is Thy grace!
What wonderful love is revealed in Thy face!
Lord Jesus, Beloved, we're washed in Thy blood,
With hope we shall stand at the throne of our God.**