

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, July 20, 2025

10 am: "Using the Law Lawfully"

Lesson 3 | 1 Timothy 1:8-11

Bill Parker

11 am: "The Seed of Abraham"

Galatians 3:15-29

Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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"Thank you, Lord!"

I have to remind myself often that I always need to give thanks unto my Lord and Savior for the great salvation with all blessedness He has freely and fully given me in and by the Lord Jesus Christ. There is not one blessing of salvation that I can say I have earned or deserved. It was, is, and always will be, now and forever, by His grace based on the righteousness of Christ, my Surety, Substitute, Redeemer, Life-Giver, Mediator, and Preserver. I have to remind myself also that giving thanks unto the God of my salvation is much more than words. Truly giving thanks involves worship, praise, and prayer (publicly and privately), love and service, the obedience of faith motivated by love, grace, and gratitude. It involves loving, serving, helping, praying for and encouraging my brethren in the faith. It means that I, as a good steward and able witness of Christ in His Word, should be ready to proclaim the glorious Gospel of His grace to lost sinners whenever I am given the opportunity to do so. As the hymn says, "Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul. Thank you, Lord, for making me whole. Thank you, Lord, for giving to me, Thy great salvation so rich and free."

—Pastor Bill Parker

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear” (1 Peter 3:15).

The word translated “preach” or “preaching” in the New Testament means “to herald, publish, or proclaim.” The word translated “Gospel” means “to announce good news or glad tidings.” To preach the Gospel is to herald, publish, or proclaim glad tidings. It is to declare that Christ actually saved His people from their sins (Matt. 1:21). It is to declare the only righteousness that enables God to be both “just and Justifier” of the ungodly. It is so heart-breaking to see how deceptive Satan is with his false message of salvation conditioned on sinners, conditioned on their faith, repentance, or their good works.

—Pastor Richard Warmack

“Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to Him Who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.” (Romans 7:4-5)

What is “**fruit unto death**”? It is the works of unregenerate unbelievers aimed at qualifying themselves, earning, or gaining salvation and its blessings. Such works are motivated by legal threats of punishment and/or mercenary promises of earned rewards. They are the fruit of sinners thinking that they, by their works, efforts, or choices, can make the difference between being saved or being lost. They are fruit unto death because they lead to eternal damnation. They are evidence of sinners rejecting Christ and His merits (His righteousness accomplished by His obedience unto death) and rejecting God Who justifies and saves the ungodly (Rom. 10:1-3; Gal. 2:21; 5:2-4).

What is “**fruit unto God**”? It is the obedience of justified sinners who have been born again by the Spirit and brought to faith in Christ and repentance of dead works and idolatry. It is the result of sinners who are saved by God’s grace based on the merits of Christ’s righteousness imputed to them and who have been redeemed by His blood and born again by the Spirit (Eph. 2:8-10). This fruit unto God is motivated, not by law or merit in the sinner, but by grace, love, and gratitude for the great salvation that God has freely and fully given them in and by the Lord Jesus Christ. This fruit is unto God as it is aimed toward the glory of God in Christ (Matt. 5:16). —Pastor Bill Parker

We ought to preach the Gospel discriminately, so as in the light of the Lord to define when Christ and salvation are effectually given, where, and in whose hands, the gift of salvation lies. God sending and giving Christ to His own are certain and unalterable acts of love in God; for God does so act towards His own, that they shall know the mysteries of the kingdom of God. Salvation is a secret power that comes from heaven, working itself into the doctrine, and is quite distinct from the trumpet, or open sound of words, which fall from the minister’s mouth. Jesus Christ is the Father’s servant to communicate the benefit, not to propound the offer; and He never sends servants to rob Him of His own high office. God’s gift of salvation, through Christ by the Spirit, is so high a piece of grace, that it will not stand with the arrogance of the creature in telling sinners, “Come, here I offer you Christ; here take Him.” This does not advance Christ, but man!

—Joseph Hussey (1660 – 1726)

Birthdays

Frank Jones - July 21st

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, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

July 21st service

The Solid Rock - 272

Near the Cross - 351

Call to Worship

(Tune – Brethren, We Have Met to Worship – p. 15)

Let us sing the King Messiah,
King of righteousness and peace;
Hail Him, all ye ransomed people,
Never let His praises cease.
How transcendent are Thy glories,
Fairer than the sons of men;
While Thy bless'ed intercession
Brings us back to God again.

Majesty combined with meekness,
Righteousness and peace unite;
Look, my soul, be still and wonder;
Grant us, Lord, Thy glorious light.
Blest are all who touch Thy sceptre,
Blest are all that know Thy name;
Grace hath put us in the number
Of the Saviour's family.