

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 18, 2025

10 am: "Our Suffering Savior"

Matthew 27:27-31

Matthew Series | Lesson 104

Bill Parker

11 am: "Our Living Union with

Christ" | 1 Corinthians 15:12-23

Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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When it come to salvation by God's grace, in what way could we boast in ourselves (Eph. 2:8-9)? God chose us before we chose Him, loved us before we had any love for Him (1 John 4:19). He saved us based on a righteousness we had no part in producing. He had to speak the quickening word before we could come forth from our spiritual grave (John 11:43). He opened our blind eyes before we see and changed our hearts before we were disposed to seek Him. He had to draw us before we came to Him (John 6:44). Thus, we have no ground for boasting, nothing for which we can take any credit. All the glory of your salvation belongs alone unto the Lord.

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In the economy of salvation, God has made ample display of His omnipotence. The fulfillment of the holy law, the perfect satisfaction rendered to divine justice, the opening of the prison doors to them that were bound, and the emancipation of the prisoners, the conquest of our beloved LORD over death, hell and sin, the destruction of death, and him that had the power of death, which is the devil, the regeneration and quickening of His elect, together with their preservation in grace unto eternal glory, the resurrection of their bodies in the likeness of His own glorious body, and the consummation of their everlasting happiness in the world to come. The man must surely be a stranger in Israel who cannot trace the power and Godhead throughout the whole work of salvation, from the foundation to the top stone.

—Gilbert Beebe

The True Gospel

The true Gospel is the one and only message where salvation is revealed by God for sinners all conditioned on the glorious Person and finished and successful work of the Lord Jesus Christ to secure the complete salvation of all for whom He lived, died, and arose again. The satisfaction to God's law and justice which was accomplished by Christ in His death and the righteousness He established by His obedience unto death is the ground upon which God justifies His chosen people (Rom. 1:16-17; 4:6-8; 8:33-34; 2 Cor. 5:19-21) and which demands that all His sheep be born again, given faith to believe, repent, and persevere unto glory. It is all by His grace, and it is all ordered in all things and sure towards the objects of God's redeeming love because it is all conditioned on Christ our Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer (2 Sam. 23:5; Jer. 31:31-34; Heb. 10:14-25; 1 John 4:10).

The true Gospel is not a message of a possible salvation conditioned on sinners if they will do their part, whether by working or by believing to gain or maintain it. If that were the case, no sinner would be saved. Why? It is because we are all fallen in Adam into a state of depravity, darkness, and spiritual death wherein we are all by nature at enmity with God and will not submit to a salvation that gives HIM all glory and leaves us no room to boast (Jer. 17:9; John 6:44; Psalms 51:5; Rom. 3:10-12; 5:12; 8:6-7; 1 Cor. 2:14; Eph. 2:1-3). Any message that presents Christ as trying to save all without exception and puts the difference between saved and lost in the hands of the sinner is a false gospel. If this were the case, then every sinner who dies in unbelief and is condemned forever would be a monument to the failure of Christ to do what He wills to do. But thank God this is NOT the case; for His name is JESUS, and this means "HE SHALL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS" (Matt. 1:21).
—Pastor Bill Parker

Look and Live

"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:14-15). The allusion is to what God said to Moses. ***"And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live" (Numbers 21:8).*** Here a divine remedy was provided against a national calamity; a sovereign antidote against spreading and mortal poison. Those who were stung and perishing, though they were at the utmost limits of the camp, might look up to the brazen serpent and find health and life.

Physicians were of no use to cure that dreadful malady; human efforts, applications, plasters, or medicines were insignificant. The swift and fiery poison operated powerfully in such as were bitten, and, without relief, they were quickly brought to the very borders of the grave. But though they were just about to expire, if they could but cast a look towards the appointed remedy, they were sure of healing and recovery. On the confines of the grave, and the brink of death, they were restored to life and happiness by a look to the brazen image of the serpent. A most lively picture this of a believing sinner. He is in himself as one ready to perish, but being enabled to believe the promises of grace in Jesus Christ, and looking to Him that he may be saved, he is pardoned and healed; he is delivered from going down to the pit, through the ransom which has been found and accepted for him (Job 33:24). Such an one, in the words of our blessed Redeemer Himself, "he shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

—John Fawcett

Congratulations

Our congratulations and prayers go to Neil Jackson (Jim and Sylvia's grandson) and Liz Huller who are to be married Sunday May 18, 2025. May the Lord bless their union.

Birthdays

Nicki Jones - May 18th | Melissa Riggins - May 22nd

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, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

May 18th services

-My Redeemer - 488

-Glory to His Name - 489

Call to Worship

(Tune – Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus – p. 378)

I see the blessed Savior uplifted on the tree.
The law holds Him its captive, that sinners would go free.
His blood poured out in mercy; it does for sin atone.
I hear Him cry, "It's finished!" The work is fully done!

I see the mighty victor arising from the grave;
Death, hell, and Satan vanquished; this mighty God can save.
Christ took His place in heaven upon the throne above.
To Him all pow'r is given to save the souls He loves.

I trust You, Jesus, Savior; I bow before Your throne.
By sov'reign mercy saved me, and took me for Your own!
Your blood, my only cleansing; Your righteousness, my robe.
You are my only Refuge; I have no other hope.