

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 25, 2025

10 am: "And They Crucified Him"

Matthew 27:32-37

Matthew Series | Lesson 105

Bill Parker

11 am: "God is All in All"

1 Corinthians 15:23-30

Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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Faith & Repentance - Gifts From God

The faith that brings a sinner to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for all salvation and the repentance by which that same believing sinner turns away from himself, his dead works and idolatry, are both gifts of God's grace, goodness, and power given to all His people by the Holy Spirit and from the Lord Jesus Christ by Whose righteousness he has been justified. Many today, who claim to be "Christians," erroneously think that faith and repentance are acts of man's "free-will" decision as if man, even as fallen in and by Adam into sin and spiritual death and depravity, retains a spark of goodness by which he has the ability to choose that which is good and right when it comes to salvation. But God's Word tells us otherwise – ***"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Cor. 2:14; cf. John 6:44; Rom. 3:10-12).*** God's Word tells us that even faith to believe in Christ is not of ourselves but the gift of God and comes by the power of the Holy Spirit in new birth (***John 1:12-13; Eph. 2:8-10***). The reason it is important, and even necessary that we see this truth is that God in Christ must have ALL the glory in our salvation, and we must be left with no room to glory in ourselves – ***"That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord" (1 Cor. 1:31).*** —Pastor Bill Parker

The elect child of grace is not sanctified by his perpetual adherence to the law, his moral betterment, his appropriation of means, or show of religion, by conditions! The ones for whom Christ died were justified AND sanctified for all time by Jesus's life, death, and resurrection. All other "ways" are "not THE way" and all other "gospels" are "not THE Gospel." They are man's attempt to be like God. However, when granted repentance and faith, the children of grace begin to listen and look to Christ alone as their justification and sanctification. They are given to know the depth of their sin, the inability to keep God's law, even minutely, to see their flesh profits nothing, and are given hope in Christ alone as their salvation. Looking unto Jesus, the Author and the Finisher of our faith, which Gospel is revealed from faith to faith! —M. Smith

Repentance is a subject that is misunderstood and misused by most people involved in religion. Their thought process concerning repentance goes something like this – "You have to get people lost before you can get them saved." What do they mean by this kind of statement? Speaking from personal experience as one who formerly walked in this same darkness, they mean that you have to point out to a sinner how grievously they have broken God's law and then under the load of guilt inflicted on the convicted sinner by such knowledge, they must show remorse over their failure, usually evidenced by tears. Once the supposed "repentant" sinner has shown some outward evidence of a change of heart, exhibited by a change of ways, the religious world tragically pronounces that sinner converted or saved. This isn't true Godly repentance, but mere conscious conviction which all men are capable of experiencing and which can drastically alter a person's way of life. Under this kind of conviction the drunk will quit drinking, the adulterer will quit philandering, and the non religious will act deeply religious. The problem with this kind of "repentance" is that sinners are deceived into thinking everything is alright, while in reality they are in worse shape than they were before this experience – ***"Woe (judgment) unto you, scribes and Pharisees (moral, sincere, religionists), hypocrites! For ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves" (Matt. 23:15).***

What then is Biblical repentance? True repentance is evidenced by a sinner willingly turning their back on everything they thought saved them or recommended them to God, and resting SOLELY on Christ ALONE as their only ground, hope, or cause of eternal life. The Apostle Paul wrote, ***"For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh" (Php.3:3).*** —Pastor Richard Warmack

From the Pastor

The Lord willing, Debbie and I will be leaving next week to travel to Ruston, LA, where I will be preaching on May30-June 1, in a Bible Conference at Grace Baptist Church, where Brother Richard Warmack is pastor.

**THERE WILL BE NO 10:00 SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY (6/1/25)
ELDER JIM CASEY WILL PREACH HERE AT 11:00 A.M.**

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, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

May 25th services

-Power in the Blood - 198

-Hallelujah, What a Savior - 127

Call to Worship

(Tune – Depth of Mercy – p. 233)

**Gracious Spirit, Dove Divine,
Let Thy light within me shine.
All my guilty fears remove
With atoning blood and love.**

**Speak Thy pardoning grace to me,
Set Thy burdened sinner free.
Lead me to the Lamb of God,
Wash me in His precious blood.**

**Life and peace to me impart,
Seal salvation on my heart.
Breathe Thyself into my breast,
Earnest of immortal rest.**

**Guard me round on every side,
Save me from self-righteous pride.
Me with Jesus' mind inspire,
Melt me with celestial fire.**

**Thou my dross and sin consume,
Let Thy inward kingdom come.
All my prayer and praise suggest,
Dwell and reign within my breast.**