

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, September 7, 2025

10 am: "Who is Qualified?"

Lesson 9 | 1 Timothy 3:1-13

Bill Parker

11 am: "This is the Message"

1 John 1:5-10

Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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The Believer's View of Sin

We who believe the Gospel of God's free and sovereign grace in Christ Jesus should not view our sinfulness and wretchedness to the point of despair and unbelief, but we should never forget it lest we presume and become ungrateful and proud. We need to realize that anything we have from God is mercy and grace from God in the Lord Jesus Christ. This is true of all of God's children, from the least to the greatest. Just like the Apostle Paul, we must all say, ***"O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Rom. 7:24-25).*** God keeps all these things in our minds to show us continually that we can never trust ourselves, but that our hope, confidence, and assurance is in Him Who saves us, keeps us, and blesses us in Christ. We rejoice in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh. As one man wrote, "The more we are growing in the sense of our sins and infirmities, the more shall we see our need of clinging more closely to Christ, drawing more largely upon His grace, and entering more fully into the cleansing virtue of His atoning blood." As we acknowledge and confess our sins, let us in faith acknowledge and confess our salvation through shed blood and imputed righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. —Pastor Bill Parker

“And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.” (Isaiah 32:17)

Where can sinners find true peace with God, quietness (calm and rest), and assurance of salvation? Although we who are saved by God’s grace should strive to be obedient, to fight sin, and strive to be like Christ, we must not seek these blessings in our works and efforts. We must seek and find them in Christ, the Author and Finisher of our faith; for He is our Righteousness, and He and His righteousness are perfect for sinners like us who, at our best, fall short. In Christ we find the complete perfection of righteousness, the very righteousness of God, by which we are justified forever in God’s sight.

—Pastor Bill Parker

Treasure

The Hebrews had one general name for treasure, and called it Ozer. The sweetest of all thoughts is that Jesus is the treasure of His people. JEHOVAH promised the church by Moses, that He would command the blessing upon Israel in His storehouses, and in all that He would set His hand unto. And when the Holy Ghost explains this to the soul of the redeemed, and he sees that this is emphatically the blessing; then, and not before, he enters into an apprehension of the sense of the covenant promise. Hence, Jesus speaking under the character of Wisdom-Mediator, saith: "That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance, and I will fill their treasures." Where Jesus is, there is treasure, yea durable riches and righteousness. But where Jesus is not, nothing, be it what it may, can be called treasure.

—Robert Hawker

"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 with His own arm 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 upon 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

Bill Parker – Sept. 7th | Patrick Flynn – Sept. 7th | Felton Riggins – Sept. 11th

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, Prince Rodway, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

September 7th service

It is Well with My Soul - 256

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus - 257

Call to Worship

(Tune – Immortal, Invisible – p. 34)

**We gather this morning to worship and praise,
The God of all glory, the Ancient of Days;
None other is worthy but Jesus alone,
God's Lamb once provided, His blood has atoned.**

**From sin and from darkness, He brings out His own,
Through preaching the Gospel to them He makes known;
The riches of glory and grace by His cross:
Eternal possessions which cannot be lost.**

**Praise be to the Father Who chose us in grace;
Praise be to the Son Who has died in our place;
Praise be to the Spirit Who gave us new birth;
Praise be to the One God of heaven and earth.**

**With all of our hearts does the Lord bid us sing,
Come humbly before Him, thanksgiving to bring;
All others are idols, He lives, God alone,
By grace He has saved us and made us His own.**