

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, March 31, 2024

10 am: "Precious Treasure;
Precious Pearl" | Matt. 13:44-46
Matthew Series | Lesson 52
Bill Parker

11 am: "Truth in Judgment"
Revelation 14:6-13
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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Christ's resurrection from the dead means everything to God's people. It means all the prophecies of the Old Testament, all that Christ said of Himself in the Gospels, and all that is recorded of Him in the New Testament epistles are true. Jesus of Nazareth is Who He said He is! He is the Messiah sent of God to accomplish redemption and full salvation for His people – all whom the Father gave Him before the world began (John 6:37-45).

It means the sins of His people, the debt which was imputed to Him, have been totally dealt with in God's justice through Christ's blood, His death on the cross. Sins cannot be charged to God's elect as their sins were imputed to Christ, and He died to satisfy God's justice for them. Therefore, they cannot be condemned. They have been redeemed (**Rom. 8:33-34**).

It means the righteousness God requires of His people, and they must have, has been fully established by Christ for them. They are justified by God's grace through Christ's righteousness imputed to them (**Rom. 4:6-8; 5:21**).

It means they will all be born again by the Holy Spirit, brought to faith in Christ, repentance of dead works, and preserved unto final glory. Not one for whom Christ died and arose again will perish in their sins (**Rom. 8:10; John 6:37-40**).

—Pastor Bill Parker

"By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament" (Heb. 7:22).

When one undertakes to be surety for another, then the debt is reckoned unto him, and he accepts it. Thus our dear Savior, our blessed Surety, stood up for us engaged in our behalf. Our debts, all our iniquities, were imputed to Him and laid upon Him, charged upon His person. He fully satisfied, perfectly atoned justice for them. By the one sacrifice of Himself He has taken them all away, made an end of sin, so that justice itself proclaims its own faithfulness to forgive sin (1 John 1:9). Grace reigns, mercy triumphs, sinners are pardoned, believers rejoice. Oh believer, you are blessed of your God Who is just, therefore does not, cannot, impute sin to you. True, you have committed sins innumerable; but it is just as true, they were all laid upon Jesus. True, you do commit sins; it is equally true, Christ has borne them. You will commit sins; it is perfectly true your Savior has atoned for them all. You have nothing to plead but guilty in yourself, but perfectly righteous in Christ. Every charge the enemy brings from the righteous law against you is just. Own it, but ever plead in your own conscience, and before the throne, Jesus has satisfied for all; there is now no condemnation. Oh believer, this is a most precious truth of God. —William Mason

There are some who regard it a great mark of spirituality to be ever looking at their own hearts, and dwelling upon what they find there, even though that be the work of the Spirit. This is a great mistake. So far from it being a proof of spirituality, it is a proof of the very reverse: for it is expressly declared of the Holy Ghost that "He shall not speak of Himself," but that, on the contrary, "He shall take of Mine and show it to you." Therefore, whenever one is looking inward, and building on the evidences of the Spirit's work there, he may be assured he is not led by the Spirit of God in doing so. It is by holding up Christ that the Spirit draws souls to God. —C. H. Mackintosh

We dare not hope to be accepted with God because of anything that is in us by nature or may be infused into us by grace. We are accepted in the Beloved, and apart from Him we look not to be found accepted. Even what the Holy Ghost works in us does not furnish us with any merit which we can plead, for it is a gift of grace, and no part of our justifying righteousness. We rest upon Jesus Christ crucified (His imputed righteousness, atoning blood and mediation alone), and not upon our faith, repentance, or prayers. —Copied

What About Those Who Never Hear?

The non-elect who hear nothing of the apostolic Gospel in this life will still confront it with hatred on judgment day because they want to be justified by works and not a redemption provided solely in God. The sole difference between the elect and non-elect for eternity will be that one class wants to be justified to some degree by a personal rightness and the other realizes this is 100% futile and totally rest in the work of Christ by faith. —Bob Higby

Lord's Supper

We will serve the LORD'S SUPPER following the messages this morning. All who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for all salvation are invited to participate in this blessed memorial ordinance given to the church by our Lord and Savior. Following these worship services, we will meet in the fellowship hall for lunch. All of you are invited to have lunch with us.

Prayer Requests

Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Akemi Okada, Sue Parker, Judy Fletcher, David Tennyson, Banks Margeson, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Birthdays

Mills Fuller – Mar. 31st | Patsy Parr – Apr. 4th

Hymns

March 31st services

-There is a Fountain - 222

-Break Thou the Bread of Life - 176

Call to Worship

(Tune – O Worship the King – p. 1)

(Words by Pastor Jim Byrd)

**We gather this day to honor the King,
Who sits on His throne, His triumphs we sing;
The Savior who died to atone for our sin,
Came forth from the tomb and He liveth again.**

**Christ Jesus the Lord the battle has won,
He died and arose, all praise to the Son!
He took on Himself all our debt to repay,
The sins of His people are all washed away.**

**To Jesus our Lord all honors we bring,
And say unto death, “Here now is thy sting?”
Enthroned in His glory, almighty to save,
Victorious His conquest o’er sin and the grave.**

**He conquered the grave and liveth above,
All praise to His Name, all power and love;
Made righteous in Jesus we someday shall rise,
To dwell with our Savior above earth and skies.**