

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, February 12, 2023

10am: "Christ's Righteousness Imputed" | Lesson 112
Zechariah 3
Christ in the Old Testament
Bill Parker

11am: "Marriage That Reflects Christ" | Ephesians 5:22-33
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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Excerpt from "**The Golden IDOL Of Freewill**" by Augustus Toplady –

There are no marks of shipwrecks, no remnants of lost vessels, floating upon that sea, which flows between God's Jerusalem below and the Jerusalem which is above. The excellent Dr. William Gouge has an observation full to the present point:

“If a man were cast into a river, we should look upon him as safe, while he is able to keep his head above water. The church, Christ's mystic body, is cast into the sea of the world (and, afterwards, into the sea of death); and Christ, their Head, keeps Himself aloft, even in heaven. Is there, then, any fear, or possibility, of drowning a member of this body? If any should be drowned, then either Christ Himself must be drowned first, or else that member must be pulled from Christ, both which are impossible. By virtue, therefore, of this union, we see that on Christ's safety, our's depends. If He is safe, so are we. If we perish, so must He. Well, therefore, may dying believers sing, "Not unto us, O Lord, but to Thy Name, give glory! Thy loving mercy carries us, when we cannot go, and for Thy truth's sake, Thou wilt save us to the utmost without the loss of one."

“Reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ, our Lord” (Romans 6:11).

Our sins were crucified with Christ. They were put to death when He died, for He was our covenant head, and we were legally represented by Him. The law has no more right to condemn us than it has to condemn Him. Justice is bound to deal with us as it has with our Savior. ***“He that is dead is freed”*** from the sin for which He died; so are we! If we do not see this complete mortification in Him, sin will reign in us. No sin can be crucified in heart or life unless it be first pardoned in conscience. If the believer does not see PERFECT DEADNESS IN CHRIST, he will open wide a door to unbelief. If a believer does not see HIS COMPLETENESS IN CHRIST, he leaves room for attacks of self-righteousness and legalism. If Christ be not all, self will feed personal merit and importance.

—William Romain (1714-1795)

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.” (John 14:6)

God’s doctrine is Truth, and Christ is Truth. By Truth God shows us the Way of salvation, and Christ (the glory of His Person and power of His finished work) is that one WAY of salvation. God’s doctrine, which is His Word, is Life (***John 6:68; 1 John 1:1***), and Christ is that Word and that Life. Now, the doctrine of Christ as He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, must be revealed and taught to us by the Lord God through the preaching of the Gospel (***John 6:45; Rom. 1:16-17; 10:17; 1 Cor. 1:21-24***). It is by God’s doctrine preached and understood in the power of the Holy Spirit that we learn of God as our heavenly Father, the Sovereign Savior of sinners, and of Christ as our Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer by Whose blood and righteousness we are justified before God and from which we receive spiritual life from above. Hereby we are brought to the Father through Jesus Christ (***John 6:45***). So make no mistake about it – Where God’s doctrine is missing, Christ is missing; where Christ is missing, God’s doctrine is missing. There is no Christ without true doctrine, and true doctrine cannot be effectual for our salvation without Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit (***James 1:18***). So, when a preacher says, “I don’t preach doctrine, I preach Christ,” he either does not realize what he is saying, or he is ignorant of the true Christ of the Bible. ***“If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained” (1 Tim. 4:6).***

—Pastor Bill Parker

Faith is not the impulsive or moving cause of justification. It is an act of pure and free grace, without any motive in the creature. Therefore, the apostle saith, ***“being justified freely by His grace, through the redemption which is in Jesus Christ” (Eph. 1:7)***. But this benefit would not be of grace, but of works, were our faith the impulsive cause of it, because faith is a work or act of ours, as we learn from the words of Christ – ***“This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent” (John 6:29)***. Salvation is not of works, in any branch of it – ***“For by grace are ye saved, through faith; that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast” (Eph 2:8-9)***. From whence it is evident that justification, which is a considerable part of salvation, cannot be by works. The grace of God eminently appears in contriving the way of our justification by Christ’s righteousness, and in sending Him into the world to work out a righteousness for us, in which we stand complete in His sight. Hence, we are said to be justified by His grace, that we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life (***Titus 3:7***). No other cause can be assigned why sinners are justified in the sight of God, than His free favour and sovereign pleasure, as the effect of which He determined to justify them in the righteousness of His Son.

—John Brine

Birthdays

Neil Jackson - Feb. 12th | Rylie Renfroe - Feb. 15th | Delaney Renfroe - Feb. 15th | Andrea Pannell - Feb 15th
Tony Jones - Feb. 16th | Jarrett McKenzie - Feb. 16th | Sylvia Casey - Feb. 17th

Prayer Requests

Winston and Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Frank Dell, Cathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier,
Cassie Broxton, Akimi Okada, Babs Baldwin, Sue Parker, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

February 12th services

He Hideth My Soul - 258

Rock of Ages - 126

Call To Worship

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

**I see the blessed Savior uplifted on the tree;
The law held Him its captive that sinners might 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 for those He came to 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’rign mercy save me, and take me for your own!
Your blood, my only cleansing — Your righteousness, my robe;
You are my only refuge — I have no other hope.**