

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, January 22, 2023

10am: "The Just Shall Live by Christ" | Lesson 109 | Habakkuk
Christ in the Old Testament
Bill Parker

11am: "Followers of God"
Ephesians 5:1-7
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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My friends, do you love to hear Christ lifted up and exalted as your all in all? If you do, you are willing to be made less than nothing and vanity in yourselves. Professors of religion, generally, do not like to be thus humbled. They love to have something to do, in whole or in part, to recommend themselves to God. But the Lord's salvation is not a mixture of grace and works. It is of free and sovereign grace, and received by faith alone, which is the gift of God. It is "*not of works, lest any man should boast.*" The Lord alone be exalted as Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, the first and the last in the salvation of His people.

—John Kershaw (1848)

“For He hath made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him” (2 Corinthians 5:21).

I heard a man say that he was so tired of arguing over how Christ was “made sin” and how God’s elect are “made the righteousness of God in Him.” Well, I wish we did not have to argue over and debate this matter. I wish that we who claim to believe the Gospel of God’s free and sovereign grace in the Lord Jesus Christ were of one mind on this matter. But the problem of simply ignoring the issue is this – To deny or even confuse how Christ was “made sin” or how God’s elect are “made the righteousness of God in Him” as in **2 Corinthians 5:21**, is to wade head deep into heresy. This matter is the heart of the Gospel as it answers the eternal question of how God can punish His holy and sinless Son, and how He can declare sinners like us to be righteous, and still be true to Himself, His own holiness and justice. It answers the great question of how God can be both a just God and a Savior –

“Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside Me; A JUST GOD AND A SAVIOUR; there is none beside Me. LOOK UNTO ME, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.” (Isaiah 45:21-22)

The answer to this question is found only in God’s wisdom, power, and grace to impute the sins of His elect to Christ – ***“To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation” (2 Corinthians 5:19).*** If God did not impute our sins to us, to whom did He impute them? He imputed them to His Son. This is what is meant in the Bible when we read Scriptures such as found in **Isaiah 53:6** – ***“the LORD hath LAID ON HIM the iniquity of us all.”*** In the same way, God has imputed Christ’s righteousness to His elect – ***“Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin” (Romans 4:6-8).*** This is how God justifies sinners, and it is no side issue or matter that we can agree on which to disagree. Do not let anyone cause you to ignore or belittle this vital issue of salvation by God’s grace in Christ!
—Pastor Bill Parker

The Mighty God is Mighty to Save

Oh how sweet it is to lean the full weight of the soul, with all its sins, upon the Savior knowing that one of His many names is, ***“the mighty God” (Isaiah 9:6).*** The Son even declared that He is ***“mighty to save” (Isaiah 63:1).*** The weakest believer, therefore, may say with confidence, “My sins which are many are all washed away in that fountain filled with blood, and I stand before God having been made the righteousness of God in the Savior.” We are complete in Christ and are assured that all the perfections of God encircle us providing us with safety and security.
—Pastor Jim Byrd

“Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To Whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 2:1-5)

The only peace for the sinner's heart lies in the fact that the success of their eternal salvation depends wholly on another – God's Son, Who has already accomplished it to such a degree that we are both now and for eternity accepted by God in Him. —Pastor Gary Shepard

Lord's Supper

LORD'S SUPPER AND FELLOWSHIP DINNER NEXT SUNDAY (1/29/23)

Birthdays

Bill Sparks - Jan. 22nd | Tim Hall - Jan. 26th | Janet Fletcher - Jan. 26th

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

January 22nd services

Grace Greater Than Our Sin - 209

Take My Life - 393

Call To Worship

(Tune – This Is My Father's World – p. 39)

(Words by Horatius Bonar, 1861)

**Not what my hands have done, can save my guilty soul;
Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do, can give me peace with God;
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear the awful load.**

**Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within;
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to Thee,
Can rid me of this dark unrest and set my spirit free.**

**Thy grace alone O God, to me can pardon speak;
Thy pow'r alone O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.
No other work save Thine, no other blood will do;
No strength save that which is divine can bear me safely through.**