

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, July 3, 2022

10am: "Christ - Wisdom
Personified - 2" | Lesson 84
Christ in the Old Testament
Proverbs 8:9-36
Bill Parker

11am: "Signs of the End - 2"
Mark 13:9-13
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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The religion of Christ is the religion of JOY. Christ came to take away our sins, to roll off our curse, to unbind our chains, to open our prison house, to cancel our debt; in a word, to give us the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Where can we find a joy so real, so deep, so pure, so lasting? There is every element of joy; satisfying, sanctifying joy in the Gospel of Christ. The believer in Jesus is essentially happy. The child of God is, from necessity, joyful. His sins are forgiven, his soul is justified, his person is adopted, his trials are blessings, his conflicts are victories, his death is immortality, his future is a heaven of inconceivable, unthought of, untold, and endless blessedness. With such a God, such a Savior, and such a hope, is he not, ought he not, to be joyful?

—Octavius Winslow

FOR WISDOM IS BETTER
 THAN RUBIES. ALL THE
 THINGS THAT MAY BE
 DESIRED CAN'T BE
 COMPARED TO IT.

Proverbs 8:11

Birthdays

Kedrial Riggins - July 4th
Judy Fletcher - July 6th
Mary James Fuller - July 8th

Prayer Requests

Winston and Patricia Pannell,
 Alex Wages, Audrey Asher,
 Frank Dell, Cathy Robinson,
 Lori Ann Loosier, Leonard
 Qualls, Cassie Broxton, Nancy
 Byrd, James Mwali and the
 mission in Malawi, Africa.

Welcome

We welcome Nick and Patsy
 Parr into our church family.
 May the Lord bless them
 through the ministry of our
 church.

A Just God And A Savior!

The only true and living God commands His people to look unto Him alone for all salvation in that He identifies and reveals Himself to them as both *“a just God AND a Savior”* (Isa. 45:21-22). He states emphatically that *“in the LORD shall all the seed of Israel* [spiritual Israel, God’s elect] *be justified, and shall glory”* (Isa. 45:25). In the justification of the elect by Christ, God did not, as some say, make Christ to be sin and then impute the sins of His elect to Him. The only way that Christ could have been “made sin” is by the imputation of the sins of His people to His account. This is His office as the Surety of His people. He was not “made sin” in any other way. This is the way that God condemned His sinless Son so as to preserve His justice and honor. This is how Christ is *“the propitiation for our sins”* (1 John 2:2). Also, God did not, as some say, make His elect to be righteous within themselves and then impute Christ’s righteousness to them. The only way that we who are sinful within could be “made the righteousness of God” is by the imputation of Christ’s righteousness to us – “IN HIM.” This is the only way that God could declare us righteous in His sight and not dishonor His justice. God is both *“a just God AND a Savior.”* But is not the redemptive work of Christ more than imputation? YES! In order to redeem us from our sins, Christ had to become incarnate, obey the law, suffer, bleed, and die to pay the debt of sin which had been imputed to Him by the Father. And is not our salvation by God’s grace more than imputation? YES! Because God has imputed Christ’s righteousness to us, we must be born again by the Spirit and brought to faith in Christ, repentance of dead works, and perseverance by God’s grace unto the end. In this way alone, God acts in justice and mercy towards His people in Christ. —Pastor Bill Parker

My experience with many who claim to be reformed is that they would rather see their children be moral and successful than for them to be regenerated and know the true Gospel and consequently the true Christ. This makes me think that they also are trusting their own morality instead of the righteousness of Christ.

—Pastor Gary Shepard

Hymns

July 3rd services

Nothing But the Blood - 212

My Faith Looks Up to Thee - 359

Call To Worship

(Tune – O For a Thousand Tongues – p. 46)

Great God! Thy glory and Thy love,
Our humble songs employ;
In mercy from Thy throne above,
Look down and cause our joy.

Thy presence and Thy glory, Lord,
Fill all the realms of space;
O let Thy presence, by Thy Word,
Divinely fill this place.

This hymn begins the solemn sound,
Of holy worship here;
May ev'ry saint with joy abound,
And reverential fear.

Eternal Spirit! Heav'nly Dove!
Descend and fill this place;
Reveal the Saviour's matchless love,
The wonders of His grace!

“When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, It is finished: and he bowed His head, and gave up the ghost.” (John 19:30)

When our Lord Jesus cried out, “It is finished,” it was not the last gasp of a worn out, disintegrated life, but it was the exultant expression of joy because of the completion of the divinely determined work that the Father had given Him to do. He did not say, “I am finished.” He said, “IT is finished,” and by that indefinite “IT” He intended that the whole divine program of glorifying His Father in the redemption of His people was fully and finally completed (*John 17:1-5*). And though it is true that many of His people were yet to be brought from darkness into the light of God’s glory in Him, their redemption and their righteousness was finished. And because of and based upon His FINISHED work, there was absolutely no doubt that all whom the Father had given Him would be given spiritual life, come to Him, be preserved, and brought to everlasting glory by Him (*John 6:37-45*).

So, Christ’s cry, “It is finished,” was a triumphant assertion of achievement. It was a conquering shout, and just after what our Lord said, “Father into thy hands I commit my spirit,” and with that, His spirit burst into the presence of God in heaven and the joy of having done the work which He had come, and after thirty-three years had accomplished. As God manifest in the flesh, Christ accomplished what no angel or human being could have accomplished. If all the angels in heaven or all people on earth were there to attempt to accomplish this with all the unified strength in their beings, they could not have lifted the burden one inch from the floor. But our Lord Jesus has accomplished the whole of the work by virtue of the infinite worth of His own glorious Person and finished work. —Copied