

# 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 June 13, 2021

10 am: "Christ in the Old Covenant" | Exod. 24 | Lesson 33  
Christ in the Old Testament  
Bill Parker

11 am: "Judgment at the House of God" | 1 Peter 4:17  
Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.  
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## "According to His Mercy"

*(Titus 3:5)*

The mercy of God is natural and essential to Him, but the actings and exercise of it, towards this or the other objects, are sovereign and free, according to His will. The effects of His mercy are many. He is rich and abundant in it, and they are channeled in and flow forth through the blood and righteousness of Christ. This is the moving cause of salvation. Mercy moved God to make a covenant with His Son, the blessings of which are the sure mercies of David in the Lord Jesus Christ, and in which God is merciful to the sins and unrighteousnesses of His people. It is owing to the tender mercy of God that Christ, the Dayspring from on high, has visited the earth. And the glory of mercy is very conspicuous in the redemption by Him. The pardon of sin is according to the multitude of God's tender mercies, regeneration springs from the abundance of it, and even eternal life is the effect of it. Now according to this, God has "saved" His people. Salvation is not only a thing determined and resolved upon in the mind of God, but is actually and completely accomplished by Jesus Christ and an application of it is made to the saints in effectual calling.

—John Gill

## Why Christ Had to Die, And Why His People Must Live

The doctrine of the imputation of the sins of God's elect to Christ, as stated in *2 Corinthians 5:21*, "**For He made Him to be sin,**" does not limit the substitutionary work of Christ only to a judicial declaration of God as Christ was made to be the Surety of His people. It is the reason Christ had to die in our place. Because He was made to be our Surety, because our sins were reckoned to Him, Christ had to suffer, bleed, and die on the cross to redeem His people from their sins (*Heb. 2:14-17*). He had to be "**wounded**" and "**bruised (crushed) for our iniquities**" (*Isa. 53:5*). He had to take upon Himself sinless human flesh, and, as Godman, He had to pour "**out His soul unto death**" (*Isa. 53:12*). And why did He have to go through such agony? It was because of the sins of His people imputed to Him.

By the same token, the imputation of Christ's righteousness to His people, as stated in *2 Corinthians 5:21*, "**that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him,**" does not limit the salvation of God's people only to a legal declaration of God that we are justified in His sight and adopted into His family by His grace. It is the reason we must be justified and live forever. Because of His righteousness reckoned to us, Christ sends forth His Spirit to give us spiritual life in the new birth and bring us to faith in Him and true repentance (*Rom. 5:21; Gal. 4:4-6*). So we emphasize –

The imputation of our sins to Christ was the reason He had to suffer, bleed, and die in our place, to pay our debt, and to bring forth the righteousness of God revealed in the Gospel – "**Wherefore in all things it behoved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people**" (*Heb. 2:17*).

The imputation of Christ's righteousness to us is the reason we must be born again by the Spirit, brought to faith in Christ, and preserved unto glory – "**That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord**" (*Rom. 5:21*).

Those who claim that, in either case, one ignores or denies the other do not know the true Gospel and the glory of God Who justifies the ungodly and saves by His grace through the merits of Christ (*Rom. 1:16-17*).

—Pastor Bill Parker

### Hymns

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#### June 13th services

Take the Name of Jesus With You - 63

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - 118

### Birthdays

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Susan Wages - June 17th

## Call To Worship

(Tune – Doxology)

(Words written by Pastor Jim Byrd)

We bless the God of sovereign grace,  
Whose Word is preached within this place;  
May He be pleased to come this hour,  
And by His Spirit speak in pow'r.

Oft has the Holy Spirit fed,  
Our hearts with manna, living Bread.  
While we have met within this place,  
We have been blessed by mighty grace.

Here we have heard of God's great love,  
Which sent His Son down from above;  
To save His sheep from death and hell,  
His praise our tongues shall gladly tell.

Low at Thy throne Thy people fall,  
And for fresh mercies we now call;  
May Thy sweet Gospel bless each heart,  
And to each soul Thy grace impart.

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### *“It is God Who Justifies” (Romans 8:33)*

Behold the eternal security of the weakest believer in Jesus. The act of justification, once passed under the great seal of the resurrection of Christ, God can never revoke without denying Himself. Here is our safety. Here is the ground of our dauntless challenge, *“Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God who justifies.”* What can I need more? What more can I ask? If God, the God of spotless purity, the God of inflexible righteousness, justifies me, “who is he that condemns?” Sin may condemn, but it is God that justifies! The law may alarm, but it is God that justifies! Satan may accuse, but it is God that justifies! Death may terrify, but it is God that justifies! *“If GOD is for us, who can be against us?”* Who will dare condemn the soul whom He justifies? How gloriously will this truth shine forth in the great day of judgment! Every accuser will then be dumb. Every tongue will then be silent. Nothing shall be laid to the charge of God's elect. GOD Himself shall pronounce them fully, and forever justified: *“And those He justifies, He also glorifies.”*

—Octavius Winslow