

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 20, 2021

10 am: "Christ, Our Mercy Seat"
Exodus 24:10-22 | Lesson 34
Christ in the Old Testament
Bill Parker

11 am: "The Crown of Glory"
1 Peter 5:4
Bill Parker

Live Stream

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Christ is Everything to His People

If we have been born again by the Holy Spirit, we know Christ to be everything to us for our eternal salvation and final glory. He is our Representative before Holy God and our Surety to bear the debt of our sins. He is our Substitute Who took our place under the wrath of God to pay our sin-debt in full. He is our Redeemer Who actually paid our sin-debt by His own blood and secured our salvation unto final glory. He is the one Mediator between God and us, our Intercessor and our Advocate. He is our Prophet to reveal His Word to us. He is our High Priest to go into the holiest for us. He is our King to reign and rule over us. He is our Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification, and Redemption. He is our Shepherd to lead, provide for, and protect us. He is our Head, our Foundation, and our Chief Cornerstone. To us who are His people, CHRIST IS ALL, and HE IS IN ALL who believe and trust in Him for all salvation and eternal life.

—Pastor Bill Parker

The most popular idol that unregenerate people worship is the idol of their own self-righteousness and self-will by which they imagine that their salvation is in some way conditioned on themselves rather than on the Lord Jesus Christ alone! Worshipping at the altar of their own works and/or their own wills, they boldly proclaim that it is they themselves, not Christ, who really makes the difference between salvation and damnation. Worshipping at this same altar, they deny the true sovereign and effectual love, grace, mercy, and justice of God Who saves His people (sinners) freely by His grace through the merits of the righteousness of Christ freely imputed and received by God-given faith. God Himself in His Word proclaims the utter sinfulness and depravity of all people by nature. He proclaims His absolute sovereignty in salvation by His grace and mercy in Christ and not by the works or the wills of spiritually dead sinners. He proclaims, ***“I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy” (Rom. 9:15-16).*** To deny these truths is to forsake the true and living God and turn to idols.

—Pastor Bill Parker

Our Righteousness

The BASIC truth of Jesus Christ being LORD is the fact that He is God Himself who created the world and everything in it. Not only that, but He sustains and controls all things too. He is the only way of salvation, and that way is described in the gospel of grace, which identifies Him as the God-appointed God-Man Mediator who accomplished Redemption by establishing an everlasting righteousness whereby God's elect will be justified. This is done without works or conditions on their part but wholly by the free and sovereign grace of God alone.

For His sheep He is THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS (Jer. 23:6). That is one of His names. Since believers (also called His "church" or "bride") are said to be dead to the law and married to Christ, they take on His name – THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS (Jer. 33:16). This makes perfect sense since their righteousness came from Him as they were MADE righteous by the Father freely charging (imputing, legally transferring or reckoning) them with His righteousness, justifying them freely forever.

This is real Lordship Salvation. His sheep love and serve Him because He first loved them.

—Pastor Scott Price

Welcome

We welcome Brother Audrey Asher into the fellowship of our church family. Audrey will confess Christ in believer's baptism this morning.

Hymns

June 20th services

The Solid Rock - 272
Unsearchable Riches - 495

Birthdays

Jennifer Vanzandt - June 20th | Nick Parr - June 22nd | Mark Pannell - June 24th

Call To Worship

(Tune – Be Thou My Vision – p. 334)

Jesus, my Savior, and Lord of my life,
I will exalt Thee in calm and in strife.
Thou my salvation, my comfort and stay,
Thy will be done as you guide on my way.

Righteousness given, by grace I am free,
No condemnation for those who believe.
Source of my life and my glorified end,
God has forgiven me of all of my sin.

Mercy and justice are met in accord,
Christ is my Surety Who took justice's sword.
There on the cross where He died in my place,
Jesus my Savior and Giver of grace.

Lord of all glory, my Lord over all,
I worship Thee and upon Thee I call.
Praises and honor to Thy holy name,
Sing of Thy greatness and Thy truth proclaim.

“One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in His temple. For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me up upon a rock.” (Psalm 27:4-5)

I do not accept the doctrine of progressive sanctification. In the New Testament, sanctification is a gift of a perfect status of holiness or purification imputed to the believer in Christ – even as justification is a gift of a perfect status of rightness or justness imputed to the believer based on Christ's merit. The hope expressed that believers will be “sanctified wholly” or “preserved blameless” is the same as the hope expressed that believers will hold fast the beginnings of their confidence unto the end. Neither notion is progressive if we believe in the sovereign election of God in Christ.

—Bob Higby

God will confound the language of those sons of pride who cry up the powers of nature; as if man with the slime of his own free will and the bricks of his own self-righteousness, was able to rear up a building whose top might reach to heaven itself.

—William Gurnall