

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 27, 2021

10 am: "The Glory of God in Christ" | Exodus 33 | Lesson 35
Christ in the Old Testament
Bill Parker

11 am: "Christ, Not Faith, Is Our Savior" | Romans 5:1-11
Bill Parker

Live Stream

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“Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to Him shall men come; and all that are incensed against Him shall be ashamed.” (Isaiah 45:24)

Christ is ***“the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth;” (Rom. 10:4)*** and, under deep depression of spirit, real faith will be vehemently struggling after the enjoyment of this truth, and the soul will be feelingly crying, ***“O to be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith!”*** The Lord reveals the glorious righteousness of Christ to faith, and faith receives and bears witness to the conscience of its reality, and of its blessed suitability to the sinner’s case and to the honor of God. And it is one branch of the work of faith to enter into the blessedness of this justifying righteousness, and so, under the power and unction of God the Holy Ghost, to bring justification into the sinner’s conscience, thus enabling him to say, ***“In the LORD have I righteousness and strength.”***

—William Gadsby

The Faith That Evidences Salvation

If we understand the true nature of that faith that evidences salvation, we know then that this faith begins with the revealed knowledge of God in the glorious Person and finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer of His people given to Him by God before the foundation of the world. This knowledge is not only for ultra-intellectuals or seasoned theologians. It is described by the apostle as *“the simplicity that is in Christ” (2 Cor. 11:3)*. This is the Gospel that shows all who have been brought to see their sinfulness and depravity, by which they deserve eternal damnation and death, how salvation comes from God through one single Person, the Lord Jesus Christ, and based upon one single work, His obedience unto death for the sins of His people. It shows how the one true, holy, and just God can and will save sinners because of His free and sovereign grace through the blood of Christ to satisfy His justice on their behalf. It shows how all spiritual blessings and eternal life come to sinners based on Christ’s righteousness imputed to His people. It is the very *“righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith” (Rom. 1:17)*.

Another truth concerning that faith that evidences salvation is that its source is God’s grace through Christ and not the supposed goodness or “free-will” of man. It is the gift of God. The way this comes clear to those who truly believe the Gospel is that they see that all of salvation, including the new birth which brings us to faith, is of the Lord and based on the glorious Person and finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, their faith is in Christ, crucified and risen from the dead, and not in their faith, their choice, or their decision. They know that it was (and is) the grace and power of God in Christ that made the difference in their being saved. Christ Himself stated this plainly – *“All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out” (John 6:37)*. The Apostle John, a man of faith, stated it plainly – *“But as many as received Him, to them gave He power [the right] to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:12-13)*. The Apostle Paul, another man of faith, stated it plainly – *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them” (Eph. 2:8-10)*.

—Pastor Bill Parker

Deuteronomy 32:3-4

“Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. He is the Rock, His work is perfect: for all His ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He.”

Hymns

June 27th services

Nothing But the Blood - 212

Jesus Paid it All - 125

Birthdays

Connie Qualls - June 27th | WIP Payne - June 29th

Call To Worship

(Tune – Doxology)

**Great God! my Maker and my King,
Of Thee I'll speak, of Thee I'll sing;
All Thou hast done, and all Thou dost,
Declare Thee good, proclaim Thee just.**

**Thy ancient thoughts and firm decrees;
Thy threatenings and Thy promises;
The joys of heaven, the pains of hell –
What angels fear, what devils feel;**

**Thy terrors and Thy acts of grace;
Thy threatening rod, and smiling face;
Thy wounding and Thy healing word;
A world undone, a world restored;**

**While these excite my fear and joy,
While these my tuneful lips employ,
Accept, O Lord, the humble song,
The tribute of a trembling tongue.**

O, to *“be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:”* (Php. 3:9).

“Are you afraid of the consequences of death, and what will come after? Throw yourself upon God in Christ, and you are safe. Christ’s righteousness is law-proof, death-proof, and judgment-proof.”

—Augustus Toplady

The Gospel is offensive to the self-righteous and a stumbling-block for those who are proud or self-confident of their own goodness. It is received gladly only by those to whom the Spirit has humbled and made content to regard themselves as spiritually bankrupt and desperate for the free grace and righteousness of Jesus Christ alone. —Pastor Scott Price