

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 30, 2024

10 am: "Another Prophecy Fulfilled" | Matthew 17:10-21
Matthew Series | Lesson 63
Bill Parker

11 am: "The Lamb & His Bride"
Revelation 19:1-10
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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The Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross in fulfillment of all the requirements and conditions of the everlasting covenant of grace, sometimes called the covenant of redemption. It was absolutely impossible that an innocent person —absolutely considered as such— should suffer under the sentence and curse of the law, for the law denounced no punishment on any such person. Guilt and punishment are related; and where guilt is absent, condemnation cannot be. It was because the Holy One of God was made guilty, meaning as He stood Surety and Substitute of God's elect and by their sins being imputed to Him, that He could righteously be smitten in their place. Yet even that had not been possible unless the spotless substitute had first assumed the office of suretyship; and that, in turn, was only legally valid because of Christ being the Representative (High Priest) of His people, God elect given to Him before the foundation of the world. The sacrifice of Jesus Christ owes all its validity from the covenant: the holy and blessed Trinity, by counsel and oath, having appointed Him and His finished work on the cross to be the true and only propitiation (sin-bearing sacrifice accomplishing satisfaction) for sin.

—Pastor Bill Parker

Excerpt from
The Righteousness of Christ Alone

The doctrine of imputed righteousness does not mean God subjectively changes His particular people. Instead, this doctrine teaches that God legally and forensically justifies the elect because of Christ's vicarious law-keeping and substitutionary death alone. Righteousness is imputed, not infused.

Roman Catholics embrace infused righteousness because they think men must collaborate with God to obtain righteousness for everlasting salvation, which is heresy. Per Scripture, God justifies the elect because of Christ's finished work ALONE, excluding works. Put another way, Roman Catholics focus on their sinful and fallible works, but Christians look only to the Savior's finished work.

Christians know they are not inherently righteous but must always look to the perfect righteousness of another, Jesus Christ. After God credits the perfect righteousness of the Savior to His people, the elect will know that Christ's righteousness is theirs, but only by imputation. Christians, therefore, believe in assurance of salvation because of Christ ALONE and embrace the preservation of the saints because God took their wretchedness and gave them the Saviour's righteousness. ***Second Timothy 4:18*** states, ***"And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and WILL PRESERVE ME UNTO HIS HEAVENLY KINGDOM: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen"***

—Pastor Sonny Hernandez

Justification is a spiritual blessing, therefore where our spiritual blessing is, there is our justification; but all spiritual blessing are IN CHRIST. ***"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with ALL spiritual blessings in heavenly places IN CHRIST; according as he hath chosen us IN HIM before the foundation of the world."*** {*Eph.1:3,4*} ***"He hath made HIM to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God IN HIM."*** {*II Cor.5:21*} Saving benefits and blessings are not in us, but such things as accompany salvation. Where we are accepted, there we are justified, and we ARE ACCEPTED IN THE BELOVED {*Eph.1:6*}. Therefore, we ARE JUSTIFIED IN THE BELOVED. So, we are complete IN HIS COMPLETENESS, NOT IN OURSELVES, BUT IN HIM WHO IS OUR PERFECTION {*Heb.10:14*}. Our justification is a part of our completeness, therefore where we are complete, there we are justified, AND WE ARE COMPLETE IN HIM {*Col.2:10*}.

—Samuel Richardson {Divine Consolations Part 3, 1649}

I must constantly be reminded of this: On my BEST day, I remain a beggar of grace. The grounds of my assurance is the spotless Lamb of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me. All my gifts and service and obedience are sanctified in Him Who was pleasing to the Father at all times.

—Kenneth Halloran

The Lord's Supper

We will serve the LORD'S SUPPER following the messages this Sunday. All who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for all salvation are invited to participate in this blessed memorial ordinance given to the church by our Lord and Savior. Following these worship services, we will meet in the fellowship hall for lunch. All of you are invited to have lunch with us.

Birthdays

Kedrial Riggins – July 4th | Judy Fletcher - July 6th

Prayer Requests

Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Sue Parker, Judy Fletcher, David Tennyson, Monica Hayes, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

June 30th services

-There is a Fountain - 222

-Break Thou the Bread of Life - 176

Call to Worship

(Tune – Doxology)

**The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
We celebrate with one accord;
It is our comfort in distress,
Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.**

**He blotted out with His own blood
The judgment that against us stood;
He full atonement for us made,
And all our debt He fully paid.**

**That this is now and ever true
He gives an earnest ever new:
In this His holy supper here
We taste His love so sweet, so near.**

**Oh, blest is each believing guest
Who in this promise finds his rest;
For Jesus will in love abide
With those who do in Him confide.**