

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 March 17, 2019

10 am: "Married to Christ"
Romans 7:1-6
Bill Parker

11 am: "Who is Every Man? (2)"
Hebrews 2:9-18
Bill Parker

Live Stream

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In His death for the sins of His people, Jesus Christ brought forth an everlasting righteousness enabling God to be both a just God and a Savior, a righteous Judge as well as a merciful, loving Father. His righteousness is given by God to His people in the same way that their sins were made to be His – by imputation (**2 Cor. 5:21**). This is a legal accounting of the merits of Christ's righteousness to the elect and their sins to Christ. All the agony and suffering unto death Jesus Christ experienced on the cross was due to the sins of His people imputed to Him. All blessings of salvation, spiritual life, and final glory God's elect gain and experience are due to the righteousness of Jesus Christ imputed to them. The sins of His people imputed to Him and the suffering He experienced were all necessary for the salvation of His people. The righteousness of Christ imputed to His people and the blessings of spiritual life in the new birth and glory in heaven are all necessary for the salvation of His people. —Pastor Bill Parker

A Fitting Salvation

“For such an high priest became us...” (Heb. 7:26) The Amplified New Testament reads, “Here is the High Priest perfectly adapted to our needs.” The salvation of God in the Lord Jesus Christ is the only salvation for such a one as myself. Others may think they find a lesser one that is sufficient for them but not me. This salvation which is in Christ who is the Wisdom of God is suited for both God and me. It satisfies God in what He requires, and if God is satisfied then surely I can be. First, the CHOICE in salvation is God’s. This suits me, for as the songwriter said, “Tis not that I did choose Thee, For, Lord, that could not be; This heart would still refuse Thee, but Thou hast chosen me.” It was God’s choice and He made it before the foundation of the world. He chose me **“in Christ”** and **“unto salvation”** and this made things sure! (*Eph. 1:4; II Thess. 2:13*)

It was also a salvation of SINNERS! **“Christ came into the world to save sinners: of whom I am chief.” (I Timothy 1:15)** God’s salvation is not for those who, like Pharaoh, Balaam and Saul say “I have sinned” while distressed over the consequences of their sin, but for those like David and the publican who say “Against Thee and Thee only have I sinned.” They beg God to “be propitiated toward me the sinner.” Sin is not only what I’ve done but what I am! God’s salvation is just for such as this.

The salvation of God is by GRACE! It is a free gift. I have nothing to give, nothing to pay and nothing to present to God, therefore it is the only way that a spiritually bankrupt sinner could ever be saved. This salvation is entirely in Another, the Lord Jesus Christ. It is His death that reconciles me to God and satisfies His justice. It is His righteousness that is imputed to me thereby making me accepted of God. It is His works, and not mine, that God honors and receives. It is this salvation which is wrought by the power of God the Holy Spirit alone. He comes to me while I am yet dead in sin and gives me spiritual life, revealing Christ to me through the Gospel. It is He who keeps me and preserves me and shall present me faultless before the throne of glory. Let others trust in other saviors, but let me trust in Christ alone. He alone is the Savior and His alone the salvation that is suited for a sinner like me.

—Pastor Gary Shepard

A Note From the Pastor

Debbie and I are thankful to be coming home from our trip to Hawaii. We thank the Lord we were able to meet with and enjoy fellowship with our brethren there, and spend time with our daughter-in-law, Alissa, and our grandboys, Aiden and Neil. I will tell you more about it in the coming days.

Hymns for 3.17 services

Praise Him! Praise Him! - 442

Take My Life, and Let It Be - 393

Call To Worship

(Tune – Jesus Calls Us – p. 374)

**Precious Saviour, friend of sinners
We, as such, to Thee draw near;
Let Thy Spirit dwell within us
With that love that casts out fear.**

**Matchless Saviour, let us know Thee
As the Lord our Righteousness;
Cause our hearts to cleave unto Thee,
Come, and with Thy presence bless.**

**Open now Thy precious treasure,
Let Thy Word here freely flow;
Give to us a gracious measure,
'Tis Thyself we long to know.**

**Come and claim us as Thy portion,
Let us all find rest in Thee;
Leave us not to empty notions,
We must find our hope in Thee!**

Christ Must Be All!

We cannot keep our eye too exclusively or too intently fixed upon Jesus. All salvation is in Him. All salvation proceeds from Him. All salvation leads to Him. And for the assurance and comfort of our salvation we are to repose believingly and entirely on Him. Christ must be all! Christ the beginning – Christ the center – Christ the end. Oh, sweet truth to you who are sensible of your poverty, vileness, and insufficiency, and of the ten thousand flaws and failures of which, perhaps, no one is cognizant but God and your own soul! Oh, to turn and rest in Christ – a full Christ – a loving Christ – a tender Christ, whose heart's love never chills, from whose eyes dart no reproof, from whose lips breathes no sentence of condemnation! Christ must be all!

—Octavius Winslow