

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 7, 2021

10 am: "Christ in the Burning Bush" | Christ in the Old Testament Series | Lesson 21
Exodus 3:1-12
Bill Parker

11 am: "The Testing of True Faith"
1 Peter 1:6-12
Bill Parker

Live Stream

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An Excerpt From John Bunyan's "Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners"

One day as I was passing into a field, this sentence fell upon my soul – "Thy righteousness is in heaven." And with the eyes of my soul I saw Jesus at the Father's right hand. "There," I said, "is my righteousness!" So that wherever I was or whatever I was doing, God could not say to me, "Where is your righteousness?" For it is always before Him. I saw that it is not my good frame of heart that made my righteousness better, nor yet my bad frame that made my righteousness worse, for my righteousness IS Christ. My chains fell off indeed. My temptations fled away, and I lived sweetly at peace with God. Now I could look from myself to him and could reckon that all my character was like the coins a rich man carries in his pocket when all his gold is safe in a trunk at home. I saw that my gold was indeed in a trunk at home in Christ my Lord. Now, Christ was all my righteousness, sanctification, redemption.



The Great Gift of Revelation

In speaking of his own conversion, the Apostle Paul wrote, *“But when it pleased God, Who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by His grace, TO REVEAL HIS SON IN ME, that I might preach Him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood” (Gal. 1:15-16).* In the new birth, the Holy Spirit takes the Gospel of God's grace in Christ and REVEALS (uncovers, makes known) TO us (by communicating the Word to our minds) and IN us (by implanting the Word in our hearts) the truth of Christ in His Person and finished work of redeeming us from our sins and working righteousness for our justification. Consider:

This revelation is a sovereign act of God and comes at HIS time – *“All things are delivered unto Me of My Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him” (Matt. 11:27).*

This revelation is a gracious act – *“Because IT IS GIVEN unto you [believers] to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them [unbelievers] it is not given” (Matt. 13:11).*

This revelation is not dependent upon our supposed goodness or “free will,” for we have neither goodness nor desire to believe the revelation of God in Christ – *“But as many as received Him, to them gave He power [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).*

This revelation is definite as it is given to all of God's chosen people in God's appointed time – *“It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto Me” (John 6:45).*

This revelation comforts all to whom God gives it – *“Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls” (Matt. 11:28-29).*

—Pastor Bill Parker

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Birthdays

ANNIE COX - MAR. 8TH
WINSTON PANNELL - MAR. 12TH

Hymns

March 7th services

Take the Name of Jesus With You - 63

I Need Thee Every Hour - 318

Call To Worship

(Tune – Jesus Calls Us – p. 374)

Look upon me, Lord I pray Thee,
Let Thy Spirit dwell in mine;
Thou hast bought me, Thou hast sought me,
Take my heart and make it Thine.

Nought I ask for, nought I strive for,
But Thy grace so rich and free;
This Thou givest by the Saviour,
He hath all things who hath Thee.

Precious is the name of Jesus,
Who can half its worth unfold?
Far beyond angelic praises,
Sweetly sung to harps of gold.

Guide me, Oh Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.

Upon a review of the past year, I desire to confess that my unfaithfulness has been exceedingly great, my sins still greater, God's mercies greater than both. My short-comings and mis-doings, my unbelief and want of love would sink me into the lowest hell, were not Jesus my Righteousness and my Redeemer.

—Augustus Toplady

The comfort of a believer's heart lies not in a mere "feeling" that everything will be alright. It lies in the Spirit of God's application of truth to our hearts and minds. It is comfort based on the promises of God who cannot lie, die, change or fail in any way. Oh, it does produce wonderful feelings. But these feelings are the product of the assurance of faith, faith based upon that which is given us by God's grace through Christ's righteous blood.

—Pastor Gary Shepard

The glorious good news of the Gospel is that, "It is finished." Justice has been satisfied, righteousness has been established. The believer rests exclusively in a finished work. On the other hand, the religious moralist strives daily under a crushing weight of duties and expectations, looking to a future judgement on his performance, where he may, or may not be rewarded. For the believer, this judgement occurred at the cross and there is no possibility of future condemnation. The believer is counted by God to be the very righteousness of God in Christ (*2 Cor. 5:21*). Therefore, the believer is a joint-heir with Christ and shall inherit all things (*Rom. 8:17,32*). *"Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth"* (*Rom. 8:33*). I would encourage you to take the time to read all of *Romans 8* and prayerfully consider these glorious truths.

—Brother Kenny Dyess (Ruston, LA)