

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, May 19, 2024

10 am: "Our Rock, Christ Jesus"

Matthew 16:13-20

Matthew Series | Lesson 59

Bill Parker

11 am: "The Woman & the Beast"

Revelation 17:7-10

Bill Parker



"Love...Thinketh No Evil"

1 Corinthians 13:5

The word *"thinketh"* is the word generally translated impute or reckon. It means literally that love keeps no records of wrongs done. That is certainly true with regard to the LORD's love for His elect. There is no record in heaven of the many wrongs they have done! If I keep a record of the wrongs done to me, I am not practicing love! Love keeps no record of wrongs. And what a blessing it would be to keep no record of wrongs! The person who does so is a much happier person!

Love ... *"Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth."* Love does not rejoice in iniquity, either in self or others. It does not rejoice in others falling and having their sin exposed. Love rejoices in the Truth. Christ is the truth, and the truth is that everybody Christ died for has no sin to be exposed. They stand before God without sin! That is the Truth! That is something to rejoice in!

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Grace - The Essence of Righteous Living

First, what is righteous living? It is living in and by the free, sovereign grace of Almighty God given to us in and by the Lord Jesus Christ Who is the Lord our Righteousness. It is NOT trying to establish a right standing and relationship with God by our efforts and works of obedience. It is realizing, believing, and being convinced that our right standing and relationship with God is already firmly, completely, and eternally established for us by our Savior Who died on the cross as our Surety, Substitute, Redeemer, Life-Giver, and Preserver (**2 Tim. 1:12; Heb. 10:14**). When the Holy Spirit in the new birth gives us spiritual life from Christ and brings us to faith in Him, He sets within our hearts and minds the knowledge of Christ in the glory of His Person (God manifest in the flesh) and the power of His finished work to put away our sins and establish the only righteousness by which God has justified us, the imputed righteousness of Christ. It is then we are made by God to be **“freed from sin”** and made to be **“servants of righteousness”** (i.e. bondslaves of Christ) (**Rom. 6:17-18**). This freedom and servitude are manifested in our resting in Christ for our whole salvation. They also involve the Lord God our God working in us **“both to will and to do of his good pleasure”** (**Php. 2:13**). Hereby we bring forth the fruit of faith, love, and obedience to God, all motivated by His grace to save and preserve us in Christ unto glory. We, therefore, find no merit in our efforts to live righteously, but we are assured and believe that all merit accepted by God is ours as we stand before Him in Christ and plead HIS righteousness as our one and only ground of salvation. This is righteous living. —Pastor Bill Parker

“Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.” (Psalm 85:10)

When I read this verse of divine inspiration, I can only think of one person and one thing – Christ and Him crucified. Mercy I could never deserve and truth I could never see have met together for me in Christ my LORD. For you see, Christ alone is Truth. God’s mercy that I so desperately need is only found in Him. In Christ alone have mercy and truth met together in perfect harmony for me, an undeserving sinner. And because God caused them to meet together, now perfect righteousness I could never perform or provide and peace I could never buy or embrace have kissed each other in Him. Christ is truly made unto me all I need; and He is all that God requires. —Copied

There is a great difference between a sinner seeking to establish a righteousness of his own by his works and a sinner submitting to Christ as his only righteousness before God by which he is accepted (**cf. Rom. 10:1-4**). That difference is the sovereign power and grace of God through the Lord Jesus Christ in sending the Holy Spirit to impart spiritual life to a spiritually dead sinner and create within him a new heart to submit to God’s way of righteousness in Christ. Works righteousness is natural to sinful men. Grace righteousness, the righteousness of Christ freely imputed and received in our minds and hearts by God-given faith, is not of men in its creation or application. It is all of God, and, therefore, all of grace. **“That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom. 5:21).** —Pastor Bill Parker

Christ hath not presented unto His Father’s justice a satisfaction for the sins of all men; but only for the sins of those that do, or shall, believe in Him, which are His elect only. Those sins for which Christ hath presented a satisfaction to His Father’s justice, He hath so fully satisfied for, that they are not to be suffered again. It must needs be such because the satisfaction that Christ hath presented to His Father’s justice is sufficient for the full and final putting away of all their sins for whom it is presented; and this cannot be denied. —John Spillsbury

Birthdays

Melissa Riggins - May 22nd

Prayer Requests

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

Hymns

May 19th services

-Savior, Like a Shepherd - 294

-Rock of Ages - 126

Call to Worship

(Tune – Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus – p. 378)

**I see the blessed Savior uplifted on the tree.
The law holds Him its captive, that sinners would go free.
His blood poured out in mercy; it does for sin atone.
I hear Him cry, “It’s finished!” The work is fully done!**

**I see the mighty victor arising from the grave;
Death, hell, and Satan vanquished; this mighty God can save.
Christ took His place in heaven upon the throne above.
To Him all pow’r is given to save the souls He loves.**

**I trust You, Jesus, Savior; I bow before Your throne.
By sov’ reign mercy saved me, and took me for Your own!
Your blood, my only cleansing; Your righteousness, my robe.
You are my only Refuge; I have no other hope.**