

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, November 12, 2023

10 am: "The Role of Faith in
Salvation" | Matthew 9:18-26
Matthew Series | Lesson 33
Bill Parker

11 am: "The Lamb Opening the
Seals (2)" | Revelation 6:9-17
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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There is Nothing But Emptiness Anywhere Else

"It pleases the Father that ALL fullness" should dwell in Christ (Col. 1:19), and, therefore, there is nothing but emptiness anywhere else. And He is said to be "full of grace and truth" (John 1:14), and "of His fullness we receive, and grace for grace" (John 1:16). So, then the Father, in His great part in this solemn economy of salvation, gave His Son to be the Head and Representative of the church, the grand repository of heaven. And God locked up His honour, His truth, His grace, and "all spiritual blessings" in the heart of Christ. And Christ pledged His honour to save all securely and to magnify all the honours of God in making this mystery known by the power of His Spirit to the hearts and consciences of His people. This is a "great thing," that God has done for them.

—William Gadsby

“Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, Who is even at the right hand of God, Who also maketh intercession for us.” (Romans 8:33-34)

The righteousness of Christ is a glorious garment upon the Church; but not left to the creature to put on, any more than it was left to the creature to prepare it. No, He who made our first parents coats of skins clothed them therewith. Provision and application are both of grace. God, Who hath made Christ unto us righteousness, imputeth that righteousness, and gives faith to the soul as an eye to see how fine grace hath made it and as a tongue to sing its praises in sweeter notes and in a humbler strain.

He hath clothed me; he hath covered me; he hath done all for me; and all in me, while I with joy am made to behold it. Although we do put on Christ by way of God-given faith, it is God's work alone to put His righteousness on us legally for our justification (Rom. 8:33-34). No, no, to talk of the creatures putting on the righteousness of Christ will not be found harmoniously with what the Church says, “I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.” (Is.61:10). —Lewis Wayman

Oh, then, Thou dear Lord! If I am by sovereign grace, precious and pleasant in Thy view, be Thou eternally praised and eternally glorified for the distinguishing mercy. For of Thee, and from Thee, and by Thee, I am what I am, and, oh, let Thy grace live in me, to Thy praise, and to the glory of His grace, "who hath made me accepted in the Beloved!" —Robert Hawker

The book of life, or decree of election, is the marriage-register of the saints in which their everlasting espousal to Christ stands indelibly recorded by the pen of God's free and eternal love. As the gold of money is made the king's property even before it is struck into coin, and before it visibly bears the royal image and superscription, so the unregenerate elect are God's own heritage, though they do not appear to be such until the Holy Spirit has made them pass through the mint of effectual calling, and actually stamped them into current coin for the kingdom of heaven. The elect are betrothed to Christ from everlasting in the covenant of grace. They are actually married to Him and join hands with Him in conversion. But they are not taken home to the Bridegroom's house until death dismisses them from the body. —Augustus Toplady

Is there any doubt that we sinners are in serious need of God's grace and Christ's righteousness imputed for our whole salvation? Evil is found in the best deeds and duties. As a matter of fact, everything is full of sin. All you and I ever did including prayer, preaching, and everything else is full of sin from the top to the bottom. The best thing we ever did is worthy of Hell's heat. Quit talking about how good we are and start pleading to God for mercy. Your merit and mine put together wouldn't fill up a thimble, and it would rattle like a peanut in a box car. —Copied

**WE WILL CONDUCT OUR ANNUAL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING ON SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 19 AT 9:30 A.M.**

Prayer Requests

Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Akemi Okada, Sue Parker, Melissa Riggins, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

November 12th services

Under His Wings - 269

Yesterday, Today, and Forever - 283

Call to Worship

(Tune – Brethren, We Have Met to Worship – p. 15)

**Glory, glory, I'm forgiven;
All my sins are washed away.
Christ, by His great blood atonement,
All my sin has put away.
Sin imputed to my Savior, and He died upon the tree
As the Substitute for sinners, God will not impute to me.**

**Glory, glory, I'm accepted,
Robed in Christ's own righteousness.
I'm a child, an heir of heaven,
Saved by God's almighty grace.
Christ's obedience to the Father is imputed now to me.
In God's sight I'm pure and holy, He declares me so to be.**

**Glory, glory, I'll not perish,
In Christ's hands I am secure.
He who saved me, sure, will keep me,
By God's grace I shall endure.
This is not a vain presumption; I just take Him at His word.
Christ has sworn, "They shall not perish
who believe on Me their Lord."**