

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 1, 2020

10 am: "The Blood Makes All the Difference" | Christ in the Old Testament Series | Lesson 5
Genesis 4:1-8
Bill Parker

11 am: "You Must Be Born Again (2)" | John 3:1-12
Bill Parker

Live Stream

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The True Church

The true church of the living God consists of sinners saved by the grace of God through the Lord Jesus Christ. They are all who were chosen by the Father before the foundation of the world. They are all for whom Christ was made Surety and who are justified in Him. They are all whom Christ, as their Substitute, redeemed by His blood shed on the cross of Calvary. They are all who are sanctified by the Holy Spirit in the new birth and brought to faith in Christ and repentance of dead works. They are all who persevere unto glory, not by their own power and goodness, but as they are sovereignly and powerfully preserved by God's power, goodness, and grace. All whom the Father chose, the Son died to redeem. All whom the Son redeemed, the Holy Spirit sanctifies, quickens, and calls. All whom the Holy Spirit sanctifies, quickens, and calls, will, by God's grace and power, persevere unto glory. —Copied



Reminder

Don't forget to turn back your clocks one hour this weekend!

William Mason

He who thinks he has no need of Christ has too high thoughts of himself. He who thinks Christ cannot save him has too low thoughts of Christ.

Birthdays

BROOKS MARGESON - NOV. 1ST
 KELLEY SPARKS - NOV. 6TH
 ALISON WAGES - NOV. 7TH

Hymns

Nov. 1st service

“How Firm a Foundation” – p. 268
 “Pass Me Not” – p. 235

The death of Christ is the redemption and salvation of His people. It is not a possibility of redemption and salvation effectual only if we can get sinners to cooperate and believe. It is not even a probability of redemption and salvation because, as one man said, “Odds are, some will believe.” NO! The death of Christ is a guarantee, the assurance, the security of the complete salvation of all whom the Father gave Him before the foundation of the world. Because of His death, they will hear and believe the Gospel of God's grace in Christ – ***“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me. This He said, signifying what death He should die.” (John 12:32-33).*** —Copied

The Ground of Our Justification

If someone were to ask me, “Upon what ground do you expect God to bring you into His eternal fellowship and glory? What is the ground of your justification (being forgiven of all your sins, declared righteous and accepted) before and with God?” I would answer without hesitation, “The righteousness God has provided in and by His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, through His obedience unto death, the merit of which God has imputed (charged, accounted) to me.” There is no other ground of justification before God. Faith is not that ground; repentance is not that ground; obedience is not that ground. The ground of forgiveness and acceptance before God is entirely and exclusively the work of Christ on the cross because God the Father ***“made Him to be sin for us”*** (charging, accounting our sins to Christ), ***“that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him”*** (accounting, charging Christ's righteousness to us) (***2 Cor. 5:21***).

Someone once asked me, “Why do you preach this doctrine so much?” I answer that this truth is the heart of the Gospel which is the power of God unto salvation (***Rom. 1:16-17***). Also, this truth is attacked by the enemies of Christ in every generation and on every side. When this great truth is ignored, denied, challenged, or confused, the whole Gospel of God's sovereign grace and the whole standing of the church is also ignored, denied, challenged, and confused. It is from this great Person and work, the Lord Jesus Christ as the Lord our righteousness, that God gives spiritual and eternal life to all His people – ***“In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death” (Prov 12:28).***

—Pastor Bill Parker

Call to Worship

(Tune – Majestic Sweetness – p. 52)

The blood which Jesus shed for me,
When hanging on the tree;
Shall never lose its saving pow'r,
Through all eternity, Through all eternity.

When Christ for us was crucified,
The law was satisfied;
'Tis by that bloody sacrifice,
Our souls are justified, Our souls are justified.

'Twas on the cross the Savior bled,
Our Lord and Cov'nant Head,
When hanging on that curs-ed tree,
He suffered in our stead, He suffered in our stead.

What wondrous, condescending grace,
That Christ would take our place;
And fully put the sins away
Of all His chosen race, Of all His chosen race.

The Wicked Justified — The Righteous Condemned

"He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the LORD" (Proverbs 17:15). In a court of law, for a guilty man to be declared innocent and a just man to be condemned, each would be a horrible miscarriage of justice. However, that which men must not do is the message of the Gospel. The Lord does this without any breach of His law, but to the glory of His grace. It is written that God *"justifieth the ungodly" (Romans 4:5)*. The way He justified the wicked was by charging the sins of His chosen people to His just and innocent Son, and then He condemned Him to die for crimes which were His only by imputation. In the same way that their sins became His, by imputation, His righteousness became theirs. *"God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation ... For He hath made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:19, 21).*

– Pastor Jim Byrd