

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 28, 2021

10 am: "The Lord is King"

Christ in the Old Testament

Lesson 56 | 1 Samuel 8

Bill Parker

11 am: "We Preach Christ

Crucified" | 1 Corinthians 1:23

Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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Justification and Sanctification

In justification by God's grace, God imputes Christ's righteousness (the merit of His obedience unto death as our Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer) to His elect. In sanctification by the Holy Spirit, which is also by God's grace, He brings His elect providentially under the preaching of the Gospel where, by His power, they are born again (regenerated and converted) and given spiritual life, along with the gifts of faith, repentance, and resolve. When sinners are brought by God to believe in Christ, they are justified in the court of their own consciences, but they have already been justified before God in His court of justice. The cleansing of the guilty conscience by the Spirit's application of the blood of Christ is the evidence of a sinner already having been justified before God by the blood of Christ (**Heb. 10:19-23**). The instrument, the means, by which God justifies His people is the legal imputation of our sins to Christ and His righteousness to us (**Rom. 4:6-8; 8:33-34; 2 Cor. 5:21**). The fruit and result of this legal work of God is the spiritual union of His people with Christ by new birth. —Pastor Bill Parker

“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed” (John 8:36). The Son makes us free, and not ourselves. Suppose we were in debt and had nought to pay the debt, and a kind friend were to come and pay it for us, we should justly be free. And so it is with Christ. He paid our enormous debt and set us free. He is ***“the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.”*** And thus is the law magnified more than if Adam had fully obeyed its commands, inasmuch as it has the obedience of God and man. By faith we realize this great truth and are made free. God grant us the enjoyment of this freedom, and we shall then be free indeed.

—William Gadsby

Christ is All!

A man who tells me, “you must be so and so, in order to be saved,” robs the cross of all its glory and robs me of all my peace! If salvation depends upon our being or doing this or that, we shall, inevitably, be lost. Thank God, it does not; for the great fundamental principle of the Gospel is that CHRIST IS ALL; man is NOTHING. It is not a mixture of CHRIST and man. Salvation is entirely by the doing and dying of our Lord and God Jesus Christ. The peace of the Gospel does not rest in part on CHRIST’s work and in part on man’s work; it rests wholly on CHRIST’s work, because that work is perfect, perfect forever, and it renders all who put their trust in HIM as perfect as HE IS! CHRIST must either be a whole Saviour or no Saviour at all. The moment a man says, “you must be so and so, in order to be saved,” he totally subverts the Gospel; for in the Gospel I find Christ coming down to me, just as I am—a lost guilty, self-destroyed sinner, and coming, moreover, with a full remission of all my sins, and a full salvation from my lost estate, all perfectly wrought by Himself on the cross. What rest! Perfect rest! is there for the heart and conscience of the believing sinner! What full relief for the burdened spirit! All our sins buried in the grave of CHRIST—not one—not even the smallest sin left out! God did this for us! All the sins that His searching eye could detect in His people, He laid on the head of CHRIST when He hung upon the cross! Our Heavenly Father judged Him there and then, instead of judging us, in hell forever!

—C. H. Mackintosh

What Fellowship Can There Be?

What fellowship can there be between those who have been made the righteousness of God in Christ by grace and those that Paul describes in another place like his own people that he says they are going about to establish their own righteousness? What kind of fellowship can there be between people who look to the Lord Jesus Christ and call Him all their righteousness and those who on the other hand cover themselves, dress themselves in the filthy rags of their own self righteousness? If we did not know anything else, we would know by the virtue of the fact that even among those first two boys that were born into this world, Cain and Abel, there could not be—even though they were brothers—any fellowship because one was righteous and the other was unrighteous. What fellowship can there be between those whose hope is in an imputed righteousness, one charged to their account by God and that of Christ, and those things that they do by their own hands or do not do? No way. No way. What fellowship could there be between those who believe and hope in the free grace of God alone and those who fly in the face of God’s Word and seek to be justified by their own works? There is no way. There is absolutely no way.

—Pastor Gary Shepard

Birthdays

ROBERT MARGESON - NOV. 30TH | ROBYN PANNELL - DEC. 1ST

Hymns

November 28th services

Come Thou Fount - 17

Near the Cross - 351

Prayer Requests

Winston and Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Frank Dell, Cathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, and the Gospel mission in Malawi, Africa.

Call to Worship

(Tune – Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned – p. 52)

(Words by Pastor Gary Shepard)

O God into whose presence now,
We come as sinners low,
And trace all blessings to your throne,
Received by us below. (R)

O precious Christ whose blood alone,
Did put away our sin,
Whose righteous death there in our place,
Did our redemption win. (R)

Stir now our hearts to praise your Name,
And glory to you give.
Be this our purpose and our goal,
In all the days you give. (R)

Then raise us up when death has come,
To live with you above;
And with the people of your choice,
There sing your matchless love. (R)