

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 8, 2020

10 am: "Noah Found Grace"

Christ in the Old Testament Series

Lesson 6 | Genesis 6:1-10

Bill Parker

11 am: "Evidences of the New

Birth (1)" | John 3:7-15

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Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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What Does Imputed Righteousness Mean?

It means that the Lord Jesus Christ IS my righteousness before God. It means that as I truly stand before God in Christ, God sees no sin in me as a matter of Divine justice. The record books of heaven record no iniquity, no transgression, and no sin against God's elect. God will not impute sin to His people, or require satisfaction from us, because our sins were made Christ's and were justly imputed to Him when He was made sin for us. He paid the sin-debt in full with the price of His precious blood (*Rom. 4:8; 8:1,33,34; 2 Cor. 5:19-21*). It means that as a result of Christ's accomplished work on the cross, everyone of God's elect will be born again by the Holy Spirit and come to faith in Christ and repentance of dead works (*John 6:37-45; 12:32-33; 16:7-11; 17:1-4*).

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Although I am a sinner, yet I despair not; for Christ, Who is my Redeemer and my Righteousness, liveth. In Him I have no sin, no fear, no sting of conscience, and no fear of judgment; for in Him there is no condemnation. I am indeed a sinner as touching this present life; but I have a righteousness of God which is above this life, Who is Christ my Lord. In Him I rejoice!"

Thomas Wilcox

When you come to Christ, you must leave behind you all your own righteousness, all your own holiness, all your own sanctification, all your own duties, all your own tears, all your own repentings. Oh, this is hard! You must bring nothing but your sins and miseries to Him. Otherwise, Christ is not fit for you, nor you for Christ!

Birthdays

SUE PARKER - NOV. 10TH
CHIP LOWELL - NOV. 12TH

Hymns

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Abiding in Christ

The Lord told His disciples, *"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing"* (John 15:5). It is clear that the spiritual life of all saved sinners is in Christ the Vine. Christ is our life, and He gives us life. The evidence of this glorious life in Him is that we abide (continue) in Him. The causal reason of our abiding in Him is that He will not let us go (John 10:28-30; Jude 24-25). The instrumental cause of our abiding in Him is the power of His grace which God the Holy Spirit implants within our hearts to show us our continual need of Christ. By the Spirit and by His Word we see three things that assure we are truly abiding in Christ. (1) To abide in Christ is to continue in the confident recognition of the value of His glorious Person as Godman and His perfect sacrifice – the power of His precious blood for the forgiveness of all our sins and His righteousness imputed for our justification before God. (2) To abide in Christ is to maintain a spirit and an attitude of complete dependency on Him. I can at no time depend upon my self – *"without ME ye can do NOTHING."* Someone wrote, "What are the branches of a vine but helpless, creeping, clinging, things? They cannot stand alone; they need to be supported, held up." (3) To abide in Christ is to draw from His fullness – the fullness of His Spirit, His Word, and in the fellowship of His people. There is no bread and water in the desert, no warmth in the frozen tundra, no health in the cesspool of the world. We must be where Christ is present, and He is present where His Word is preached and taught in the power of the Holy Spirit, where the people of God meet to worship, praise, and pray. It is not that He is absent from us outside of public worship, but His ever-abiding presence within us draws out our hearts and inspires us in public worship and fellowship.

—Pastor Bill Parker

An infant can recognize the sound of his mother's voice and distinguish it from others. A bee, laden with pollen, returns to a collection of many hives to the exact one from which it proceeded, recognizing the distinctive scent of his queen. A dog knows his master's call, and though a hundred others may hail him, he will come only to one. A sheep knows and will follow the voice of the shepherd. A believer, granted faith by God, will know the truth of His gospel, and distinguish it from what is not the gospel.

--John Pedersen

Call to Worship

(Tune – My Faith Has Found a Resting Place – p. 228)

Thy providence O gracious Lord has brought us to this place;
May Thy great name now be adored, Thou Giver of free grace.
‘Tis not to honor flesh that we now join our hearts as one;
But we desire to worship Thee through Jesus Christ Thy Son.

To Thee, our Father, praises be for blessings numberless;
For grace from old eternity which we in Christ possess.
Blest Lord, Thy wonders we confess, Thou Lamb of Calvary;
For by Thy blood and righteousness, we are from sin set free.

Thou Holy Spirit, heav’nly Dove, we praise Thee for Thy grace;
Because of Thy great pow’r and love, by faith we Christ embrace.
O Sovereign God of earth and sky, this is our one design;
Thy gracious name to magnify, may all the praise be Thine.

The Unsearchable Riches of Christ

Ephesians 3:8

Consider what rich blessings Christ has purchased for His people – purchased not with corruptible things such as silver and gold, but with His own precious blood! The purchase price recommends and endears the blessings, though they are so great in themselves, as to need no such recommendation! What can be greater or more suitable blessings to hell-bound sinners than pardon for the guilty, redemption for slaves, righteousness and justification for the condemned, sanctification for the unholy, rest for the weary, comfort for mourners, the favor of God for rebels and exiles, strength for the impotent, protection for the helpless, and everlasting happiness for the heirs of hell! And, to sum up all, grace and glory, and every good thing, and all the unsearchable riches of Christ for the wretched and miserable; for the poor, the blind, and naked! These are blessings indeed, and, in comparison with them, all the riches of the world are impoverished and vanish to nothing! —Samuel Davies