

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 October 11, 2020

10 am: "Christ, Our Tabernacle"

Hebrews 9:11-14

Jim Casey

11 am:

Mark Pannell

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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“But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world” (Galatians 6:14).

In the cross of Christ we see the rights of divine justice maintained, the designs of divine mercy revealed, sin appearing exceedingly sinful, the law magnified and honored, and the law-breaker pardoned and delivered!

At the cross, God and sinners meet and a reconciliation takes place. Here, man drops the weapons of rebellion, and God lays aside the sword of divine displeasure. Here, the works of Satan are destroyed, and the gates of paradise are thrown open. Here, the creditor is discharged, his every crime is atoned for, and everlasting righteousness is completed! Here, God is *“just, and the justifier of the one who believes in Jesus” (Rom. 3:26).*

—James Smith

Birthdays

BECKY PANNELL - OCT. 13TH

JIM FULLER - OCT. 15TH

Hymns

October 11th service

He Leadeth Me - 295

God Leads Us Along - 298

From the Pastor

Debbie and I will be in Ashland, KY and plan to start home Sunday afternoon. Please keep us in your prayers.

Ephesians 1:12

God has designed all things in salvation *“That we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ”*

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The work of the Holy Spirit within us is as necessary as the work of Jesus for us! For if the righteousness of Christ justifies us before God and entitles us to glory, we must have the work of the Holy Spirit to prepare us to experience and enjoy all the blessings of it. We must be washed, justified, and sanctified, in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of God, or we cannot be saved!

There is Forgiveness with God

“If Thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? BUT THERE IS FORGIVENESS WITH THEE, that Thou mayest be feared” (Psalm 130:3-4).

The forgiveness of our sins is such an awesome blessing of God towards His people, but we sometimes take it for granted and fail to realize what true forgiveness involves. Consider that the forgiveness that God gives is always and only in and by the Lord Jesus Christ and based upon His blood alone. Why must this be the only way? It is because God’s forgiveness of our sins is always based on and connected to our justification before God based on our sins having been imputed to Christ and His righteousness imputed to us. Forgiveness is one of the sure blessings of God toward His people because Christ bore our sins on the cross and satisfied the justice of God for us. Therefore, God will not *“mark”* (keep a record of) our *“iniquities”* (hold them against us). This is equivalent to the non-imputation of our sins to us – *“Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity” (Psalm 32:2a)*. How can God be just and not charge us with the sins we have committed? He made Christ to be our Surety (one who becomes legally accountable to pay the debt of others). This means that all the sins of God’s people were imputed to Christ – *“For He made Him to be sin, Who knew no sin” (2 Cor. 5:21a)*. Christ paid our sin-debt when He died on the cross as our Substitute and Redeemer. We, therefore, who have been brought to Christ by God-given faith in Him have had His righteousness imputed to us – *“Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin” (Rom. 4:6-8; cf. 2 Cor. 5:21b)*. Herein we find the whole ground and basis for God forgiving all our sins – past, present, and future. When the Holy Spirit reveals this great Gospel truth to us in the new birth, then we realize that there truly and justly is forgiveness with God Who justifies the ungodly. God will not charge us with sin – *“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” (Rom. 8:33-34)*. Truly, there is forgiveness with God.

—Pastor Bill Parker

Call to Worship

(Tune – Doxology)

(Words by Pastor Jim Byrd)

**Come sinner unto Jesus now,
Before the Lord in meekness bow;
None else can give new life within
And save your soul from guilt and sin.**

**To save His people Jesus came,
This is the meaning of His Name;
He was the bleeding sacrifice,
Who paid His people's ransom price.**

**God's justice nailed Him to the cross,
To save His seed from endless loss;
The Lord was fully satisfied,
When Jesus suffered, bled and died.**

**Christ to the Father is the Way,
Believe on Him without delay;
O may the Spirit's gracious pow'r,
Draw you to Christ this very hour.**

“There are many devices (thoughts, plans, intentions) in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand” (Proverbs 19:21). Regardless of what anyone wants to do, plans to do or intends to do, that only shall come to pass which God's eternal, unchangeable and wise purpose has determined. The wants, wishes and determinations of the creature neither frustrate nor hinder the sovereign decree of the Creator. *“Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did He in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places” (Psalm 135:6).*

—Pastor Jim Byrd