

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 3, 2021

10 am: "Dry Land and Twelve Stones"

Christ in the Old Testament
Lesson 48 | Joshua 3-4
Bill Parker

11 am: "Beware of False Prophets" | Jude 4
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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Spiritual Fragment

This blessed Christ is *"the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth"* (Rom. 10:4), and, under deep depression of spirit, real faith will be vehemently struggling after the enjoyment of this truth, and the soul will be feelingly crying, *"O to be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith!"*

The Lord reveals the glorious righteousness of Christ to faith, and faith receives and bears witness to the conscience of its reality, and of its blessed suitability to the sinner's case and to the honour of God. And it is one branch of the work of faith to enter into the blessedness of this justifying righteousness, and so, under the power and unction of God the Holy Ghost, to bring justification into the sinner's conscience, thus enabling him to say, *"In the Lord have I righteousness and strength."* —William Gadsby

Another Gospel

In Galatians 1:6-9, we read of **“another gospel which is not another”** but a perversion of **“the Gospel of Christ.”** There are many false gospels that deceive the world into thinking they believe in the true Christ of the Bible when they do not (*cf. 2 Cor. 11:4*). There are many points on which people are deceived, but there are two things that all false gospels have in common:

(1) All false gospels condition salvation in some way, at some stage, to some degree on sinners. They may condition salvation on the sinner’s faith, and/or the sinner’s repentance, and/or the sinner’s perseverance (obedience). But the true Gospel states that the Lord God placed ALL the conditions of the salvation of His chosen people squarely and wholly upon the Lord Jesus Christ as their Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer. And the true Gospel states emphatically that Christ Himself fulfilled completely all the conditions for His people and secured their eternal salvation unto glory.

2) All false gospels measure righteousness on a sliding scale, comparing themselves to themselves and/or to one another. To them, righteousness is a matter of progressive attainments by their efforts to keep the law and to become better people. The true Gospel measures righteousness by the Lord Jesus Christ by Whose righteousness imputed God’s people are justified and from which He gives them spiritual and eternal life. The true Gospel shows us that the perfection of righteousness which God accepts can only be found in Christ crucified and risen from the dead. In God’s sight, anything less is sin.—Pastor Bill Parker

“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In His days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is His name whereby He shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS” (Jeremiah 23:5-6).

Sinning Less Than Before

No one can be saved by "sinning less than before," i.e. by committing less obvious sins. But our flesh is still putting on this show. We are still trying hard to deceive ourselves and others.

Our human measurements of holiness, such as "doing relatively better" (than other people) fall short of God's perfect righteousness. They cannot meet the requirements of God's law. The Thrice Holy God will not accept a "relative progress" in obedience to moral law in place of true, perfect obedience to the law.

Either Christ is our righteousness and sanctification, or we perish. There is no hope for us outside of Christ and His work. —Renat Ilyasov

Till men have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, their best services are but glorious sins. —Thomas Brooks

Man’s entire apostasy and death in sin, so that he cannot save himself, and God’s entire supremacy, so that He saves whom He will, are doctrines exceedingly distasteful to human pride. But they are Scriptural. Why was one thief saved and the other lost? ***“Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in Thy sight” (Matt. 11:25-27).*** God was not bound to save the one, and He had power enough to have saved the other, and neither could save himself. What made the difference? The Sovereign grace of God!

—Horatius Bonar

Birthdays

SANDY O'CONNOR - OCT. 6TH

Hymns

October 3rd services

Unsearchable Riches - 495

Blessed Assurance - 255

Prayer Requests

Please pray for – Winston and Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Al Hatsell, Frank Dell, Cathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, and the Gospel mission in Malawi, Africa.

Call to Worship

(Tune – How Firm a Foundation – p. 268)

**Thy mercy, My God, is the theme of my song
The joy of my heart, the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last
Hath won my affection and bound my heart fast.**

**For unworthy sinners my Lord bowed His head
For unworthy sinners He suffered and bled
My spirit rejoices, the work it is done
My soul is redeemed, and salvation is won!**

**Great God of mercies, Thy goodness I own
And the covenant of love of Thy glorified Son
All praise to the Saviour whose blood so divine
Sealed pardon and mercy and righteousness mine.**

**Great Father of glory, how rich is Thy grace!
What wonderful love is revealed in Thy face!
Lord Jesus, Beloved, we're washed in Thy blood
With hope we shall stand at the throne of our God.**