

# 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, September 12, 2021**

10 am: "The Parable of the Lost Coin" | Luke 15:8-10

Jim Casey

11 am: "Do Believers Have Two Natures?" | 1 John 1:1-10

Jim Casey



## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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## ***"Buy the Truth, and Sell it Not"*** ***(Proverbs 23:23)***

The wise man is not saying that we in any way can buy the truth as it is applied in power by the Holy Spirit to the heart. One can buy a Bible which is truth, and one can even buy a copy of a truthful sermon. These are most certainly valuable tools, for we must have the Word of God in Christ Who is the truth. ***"Buy the truth"*** is literally, "GET the truth," the same as when the wise man instructed his son to ***"Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth"*** (Proverbs 4:5). Men buy or set their goals on getting that which they hold valuable or what they need to live. My friend, the most valuable thing that any sinner needs is the true and saving knowledge of God's mind and will concerning salvation by His free, sovereign grace in Christ Jesus, and the way that leads a sinner to Christ for all salvation. This truth is the Gospel of salvation, which comes from the God of truth, and has Christ, Who is the truth, and His righteousness, as its main theme. Sinners are directed and led to Christ by the Spirit of truth, and, thereby, given by God a love for the truth, which is a love for Christ. If God the Holy Spirit ever shows you the truth, and sets you free by that truth in Christ Jesus, you will never sell it, for you know that in doing so, you would be selling your very soul. Always remember, ***"Unto you therefore which believe HE is precious"*** (1 Peter 2:7).

—Pastor Bill Parker

## Condemnation

*Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.*

*(Romans 5:18-19)*

There was a condemnation that came about due to Adam's fall. We see this in **Romans 5:18**. When we speak of our condemnation in Adam, we have to speak of it within the context of the everlasting covenant of grace made before the world began and our justification in Christ. It is asked – Were God's elect ever charged with their sin and condemned? Yes, but only as they were considered in their Surety, the Lord Jesus Christ. This sentence of condemnation comes upon all the sons of Adam, even upon God's elect, though it is not executed upon them, but on their Surety, the Lord Jesus Christ. Sin was never charged to their person's individually apart from being considered in Christ. It is not as if God condemned them as individuals and then changed His mind at the cross. The sins of God's elect were charged to them IN CHRIST. Christ was always legally responsible for the sins of His elect. Christ became a Surety for His people from everlasting, engaged to pay their debts, bear their sins, and make satisfaction for them. He was eternally accepted as such by God His Father, Who viewed His elect eternally IN CHRIST on the ground of the payment and satisfaction that Christ made on the cross. The cross is not a testimony to the changing mind of God, but a testimony to the eternal mind, will, and purpose of God from the beginning – *“Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began” (2 Tim. 1:9).*

As one old writer said – “We fell in Adam, but we did not fall out of Christ.” *“He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God” (John 3:18).* We must understand that our believing or not believing does not make us condemned or not condemned. Our believing or not believing only gives evidence of our being condemned or not condemned – *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life” (John 5:24).* Christ took care of the whole sin problem on the cross when He died for His sheep and established righteousness for them. If you are in Christ, if Christ represented you in His cross death, *“there is therefore now no condemnation.”*

—Elder Jim Casey

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The key to understanding the history of this world is the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. From the very beginning, since the creation of man, God has been calling out a spiritual nation, that group of people He chose unto salvation before the world began and bought with the blood of His Son. Every event happens because, in some mysterious way, it is relevant to the continual existence, growth and welfare of the church of our Lord Jesus Christ. There is no question but what unusual things are going on around us, and some of them are quite painful to the children of God, but in all things, the Lord is working out His good and perfect will.

—Pastor Jim Byrd

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust Him for His grace;  
 Behind a frowning providence, He hides a smiling face.  
 His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding every hour;  
 The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flower!

(William Cowper, 1774)

## Birthdays

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JIMMIE MATHIS - SEPT. 17TH  
TONY WAGES - SEPT. 18TH

## Hymns

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### September 12th services

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus - 145  
I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord - 188

## From the Pastor

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I am preaching this Sunday morning and night at the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church in Ashland, KY. The Lord willing, Debbie and I plan to return home later in the week. We covet your prayers.

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## Call to Worship

(Tune – O God Our Help – p. 10)

**Christ bears the name of all His saints,  
Deep on His heart engraved;  
Attentive to the state and needs  
Of all whom He has saved.**

**In Christ our Righteousness complete,  
God's glory forth doth shine;  
Where mercy, truth, and justice meet  
Our Savior all Divine.**

**When justice smote our Surety's head,  
Then satisfaction made;  
The blood which our High Priest has shed,  
A perfect ransom paid.**