

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, April 6, 2025

10 am: "Christ the Gethsemane"

Matthew 26:36-46

Matthew Series | Lesson 98

Bill Parker

11 am: "Using the Law Lawfully"

1 Timothy 1:8-14

Bill Parker



Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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Pardoned Sin

It is true that I have sin in me, but it is pardoned. God has forgiven me all trespasses. I stand before Him in my Redeemer, Who undertook for me, and I am perfect in Him. The Father chose me in His Son: He looks upon the face of His Beloved, and sees me in Him. In Christ He is well pleased, so He is with me! As He loves Christ, He loves me! This is the glorious privilege which by faith I now enjoy. I deny sight and sense, and I believe the Word of God! I adhere strictly to the Word of God concerning me, believing myself to be dead indeed unto sin as I stand in Christ, and in Him absolutely freed from guilt and condemnation. The Father is at peace with me, and He loves me in His son, with the same love with which He loves Christ – His Father and my Father. With this persuasion I go to war with my corruption. They are fighting against everything that is dear and precious to my soul. But having the promised grace of the Almighty Saviour for my help, I desire to set upon them in His name. I am at war with sin but at peace in Christ! —William Romaine

God Deals With All People in Righteousness

“But with righteousness shall He judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and He shall smite the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips shall He slay the wicked.” (Isa. 11:4)

The Lord God, the great Judge of heaven and earth, always deals with people (elect and non-elect) in righteousness (i.e. strict and perfect justice). When He saves His chosen ones, He saves them by His grace that ***“reigns through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ the Lord” (Rom. 5:21)***. Christ, having borne their sins on His own account to the cross satisfied God’s justice and as their Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer. Their salvation is based upon the propitiation that Christ attained for them insuring their salvation unto final glory. God causes them to know their spiritual poverty and humbles them to submit to Christ as the Lord their Righteousness.

When God judges and condemns the wicked (the non-elect who stand before Him without Christ), He does so by the standard of that same perfect righteousness that Christ wrought out upon the cross – ***“Because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead” (Acts 17:31)***.

How can I know whether or not Christ’s righteousness will be my salvation or my condemnation? According to God’s Word, it will be condemnation for all who live and die in unbelief seeking to establish their own righteousness by their works (***Rom. 10:1-3***). These are sinners who reject Christ as the one and only way of righteousness before God. It will be eternal salvation and glory for those who believe in Christ and submit to Him as their only righteousness (His righteousness imputed) before God (***Rom. 10:4; cf. 4:4-6; 2 Cor. 5:20-21***). May the Lord give us faith to believe! —Pastor Bill Parker

“By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all ... For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.” (Hebrews 10:10,14)

Sanctified

Believers are sanctified through the one offering of Christ (***Hebrews 10:10-14***). They are holy brethren, partakers of the Heavenly calling, sanctified through the offering of the body of Christ, once for all. This is the Foundation of their conformity to God; the more they are under the teaching of the Spirit, the more they know of the things that are freely given to them of God. The more are they renewed in the spirit of their mind (***Ephesians 4:23; Romans 12:2***) the better they understand that they are complete in Christ and that He is made of God unto them Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification and Redemption (***1 Corinthians 1:30***). —James Haldane

“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 2:5).

The Lord Jesus Christ is the only conduit of all fellowship between God and men. Through Him glorious mercies stream down to us from the Lord and through Him our worship, praise and thanksgiving rise to God. Not one drop of mercy nor one drop of praise flows outside this channel.

—Pastor Jim Byrd

Hymns

April 6th services

Look, Ye Saints - 141

I Need Thee Every Hour - 318

Prayer Requests

Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Judy Fletcher, David Tennyson, Monica Hayes, Mike Loosier, Patsy Parr, Phyllis Payne, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Call to Worship

(Tune – O For a Thousand Tongues – p. 46)

**My God! How cheerful is the sound!
How pleasant to repeat!
Well may that heart with pleasure bound,
Where God hath fixed His seat.**

**What want shall not our God supply
From His abundant stores?
What streams of mercy from on high
An arm almighty pours!**

**From Christ the ever-living spring,
These ample blessings flow:
Prepare, my lips, His name to sing,
Whose heart has loved us so.**

**Now to our Father and our God
Be endless glory given,
Through all the realms of man's abode,
And through the highest heaven.**