

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, August 25, 2024

10 am: Marriage and Divorce
Matthew 19:1-12
Matthew Series | Lesson 69
Bill Parker

11 am: The New Jerusalem
Revelation 21:9-27
Bill Parker

Live Stream

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“And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness” (Romans 8:10). Christ’s righteousness imputed is not only the ground of our justification before God, it is the source and power of our regeneration and conversion (new birth) by the Holy Spirit. Christ resides within His people by His Spirit and His Word, and this is only possible because they are justified legally before God by His grace *“through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom. 5:21)*. This is how the justified *“live by faith” (Rom. 1:17)*, i.e. looking to, trusting in, and depending upon Christ, *“the Author and Finisher of our faith” (Heb. 12:2)*. —Pastor Bill Parker

How can we who are sinners have any assurance of salvation? It is by looking to and trusting in our sinless Savior and Lord Who stood in our place and gave Himself a ransom, dying on the cross for all whom the Father had given Him in covenant grace before the world began. To look elsewhere and find assurance is nothing more than self-righteousness. —Copied

The Preciousness of Imputed Righteousness

The older I get the more precious Christ's imputed righteousness is to me. Here is a truth about which we cannot say too much.

(1) THE ETERNALITY OF IMPUTATION. God eternally justified and declared His people to be righteous in the Son of God. He has always been, "**THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS**" (*Jeremiah 23:6*). How could God justify and pronounce His people to be righteous even before the Savior died? Our sins were charged to Him before the world was made, and God looked to our Surety for satisfaction to His justice. From old eternity we have been "**accepted in the Beloved**" (*Ephesians 1:6*).

(2) THE LEGALITY OF IMPUTATION. The Savior's death was a justice-satisfying transaction between the Father and the Son. The sins of His people having been charged to our Substitute, Christ died and rendered full payment for the wages of our sins. Don't underestimate the importance of the legality of salvation. The greatest issue of all time is, "How can God be just and justify the ungodly?" Here is the Gospel answer – Only through the substitutionary, sacrificial, justice-satisfying death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(3) THE REALITY OF IMPUTATION. The sins of God's elect were charged to the spotless Savior, and His righteousness has been credited to His people. We are actually "**made the righteousness of God in Him**" (*2 Corinthians 5:21*). Like the infant described by Ezekiel, we are made perfect through the comeliness of Christ (*Ezekiel 16:14*).—Pastor Jim Byrd

Who and What?

I once heard a preacher say, "Salvation is not WHAT you know; it is WHO you know." The idea he had in mind is that salvation is to know Christ as Savior and Lord, and this is true – "**And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom Thou hast sent**" (*John 17:3*). But the statement, in and of itself, is at best misleading and at worst a lie. The reason is that one cannot know WHO Christ is without knowing WHAT He is and has done to save His people from their sins. The Apostle Paul wrote, "**For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, AND Him crucified**" (*1 Cor. 2:2*). We cannot know who Jesus Christ really is without knowing the doctrine of His glorious Person and His finished work; i.e. what He has done for His people to secure their complete salvation. WHAT does God's Word tell us about Christ as to WHO He is? It tells us that He is the Son of God incarnate, the Word made flesh, God with us (*Matt. 1:23; John 1:14*)! To presume to know the true Christ apart from this is to know a false Christ. WHAT does God's Word tell us about the work of Christ to save us from our sins and secure us for eternal life and glory? It tells us that, as our Representative, Surety, Substitute, Redeemer, Life-Giver, Preserver, Provider, Protector, and the one Mediator between us and God, Christ fulfilled all the conditions to satisfy God's law and justice and work righteousness by which God justifies all those whom He, in sovereign electing grace, chose and gave to Christ before the world began (*Matt. 1:21; John 6:37-45; 10:10-27; Rom. 8:28-39; Gal. 4:4-6; Eph. 1:3-14*). It tells us that Christ bore our sins in His own body on the cross; i.e. our sins imputed to Him for which He suffered and died to satisfy God. It tells us that, having accomplished righteousness which God has imputed to all His people (*2 Cor. 5:14-21*), Christ arose from the dead and ascended unto the Father where He ever lives to make intercession for us (*Rom. 4:24-25; Eph. 2:1-10*). It tells us that He now intercedes on our behalf, sends His Spirit to give us spiritual life by the Word of truth, and preserves us by His grace and power to bring us to glory with Him (*1 John 2:1-2*).

—Pastor Bill Parker

Sympathies

We express our sincere sympathies and prayers to Mike and Lori Ann Loosier. Mike's daughter, Layla, passed away a week ago Thursday.

Birthdays

Jeremy Pannell – Aug. 30th | Rodney Hiers – Aug. 30th

Prayer Requests

Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Sue Parker, Judy Fletcher, David Tennyson, Monica Hayes, Mike Loosier, mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

August 25th services

-I Love to Tell the Story - 431

-Come, Thou Fount - 17

Call to Worship

(Tune – Take My Life and Let It Be – p. 393)

**Brethren, let us join to bless
Christ our Peace and Righteousness;
Let our praise to Him be given,
High at God's right hand in heaven. (Repeat)**

**Son of God, to Thee we bow,
Thou art Lord, and only Thou;
Thou the woman's promised seed,
Thou, who didst for sinners bleed. (Repeat)**

**Thou hast the glad tidings brought
Of salvation fully wrought;
Wrought, O Lord alone by Thee,
Wrought to set Thy people free. (Repeat)**

**Thee, our Lord, would we adore,
Serve and follow more and more;
Praise and bless Thy matchless love,
Till we join Thy saints above. (Repeat)**