

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, February 20, 2022

10 am: "Christ - Our Great Physician"

Christ in the Old Testament
Lesson 67 | 2 Kings 5:1-14
Bill Parker

11 am: "Clothed With Christ"

Galatians 3:27
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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There is an Advocate

There is an Advocate and Intercessor always waiting to present the prayers of those who come to God through Him. That Advocate is the Lord Jesus Christ. He mingles our prayers with the incense of His own almighty intercession. Our prayers, as poor as they are in themselves, are mighty and powerful in the hands of our High Priest and Elder Brother. The bank note without a signature at the bottom is nothing but a worthless piece of paper. The stroke of the pen gives it all its value. The prayer of a poor child of Adam is a poor and feeble thing in itself; but once endorsed by the hand of the Lord Jesus, it availeth much.

—Scott Richardson

Oh! Sweet Grace, Blessed Grace!

“For by grace are you saved.” – Ephesians 2:8

We are saved by grace, free grace, rich grace, sovereign grace, distinguishing grace without one atom of works, without one grain of creature merit, without anything of the flesh. Oh! Sweet grace, blessed grace! Oh! What a help, what a strength, what a rest for a poor toiling, striving, laboring soul to find that grace has done all the work, to feel that grace has triumphed in the cross of Christ, to find that nothing is required, nothing is needed, nothing is to be done!

—J. C. Philpot

In Jesus Christ, God has reconciled me to Himself, imputing my trespasses to Him and His obedience to me. God by Jesus Christ takes away all my sins, His own wrath, and my deserved condemnation! All good things are treasured up in Christ, were procured for me by Christ, flow to me through Christ, and are conferred on me for the sake of Christ!

—James Smith

Oh, That We Could Be Like Christ!

Do true Christians ever engage in unchristian behavior? Whenever we see a professing Christian sin in some specific way, especially ways that offend us, do we judge them to be unregenerate false Christians? For example, was Abraham unregenerate when he lied to Pharaoh concerning Sarah his wife? Was Moses unregenerate when in anger he struck the rock twice? Was David unregenerate when he committed adultery with Bathsheba? These sins were certainly unchristian – not Christ-like at all, but they were done by justified sinners who were saved by God’s grace in Christ.

It is all too easy for us to say, “Christians would never commit this or that sin ...,” or “Christians always do this or that in obedience ...” when speaking of the Christian life. And there is no argument that we who profess to be saved by God’s grace should all strive to follow Christ in all our ways. We should always be engaged in the warfare of the Spirit against the flesh. The ease with which we can sometimes question the salvation of others actually comes from our remaining sinful flesh and self-righteousness. And they are almost always easier for us to make when we think they are not treating us in ways we feel we deserve. In light of this, let us consider some biblical facts –

(1) In our striving to be like Christ, we as TRUE Christians ALWAYS fail to measure up to the perfection of righteousness that can only be found in Him and based on His redemptive work as our Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer. This is why we must continually look to and rest in Him for all righteousness. We plead His righteousness imputed as our only ground of salvation and assurance. This causes some to accuse us of using grace to excuse our sins.

(2) This truth of God’s grace ought to be the strongest motivation for us to strive diligently to war against the flesh and strive to be like Christ in our obedience, our love to others, our forgiveness of one another, and helping one another. True grace in the heart never gives us an excuse for sin.

(3) To our shame, many times we do not strive as we should to be like Christ. Many times we simply give in to our selfish desires and do what can be called “unchristian” things. Do true Christians do unchristian things? Yes!

(4) But we should never use the grace of God and our liberty in Christ to excuse sin or any behavior that is less than Christ-like.

(5) Even though there are times that we are to deal with the sins and failures of our brethren, we should always do this lovingly and humbly. We should always be more focused on our own sins and failings and strive in our own lives to do what we should do rather than striving to be a watchdog and judge of others (*Gal. 6:1-5*).

—Pastor Bill Parker

Birthdays

PAUL PAYNE - FEB. 21ST | EVAN RENFROE - FEB. 22ND | MARSHA MCKENZIE - FEB. 24TH

Hymns

February 20th services

Standing on the Promises - 175

Rock of Ages - 126

Prayer Requests

Winston and Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Frank Dell, Cathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leonard Qualls, Cassie Broxton, and the Gospel mission in Malawi, Africa.

Call to Worship

(Tune – I Love Thy Kingdom – p. 188)
(Words written by Pastor Gary Shepard)

**Complete in Christ the Lord.
No trusting in my best.
Wrapped fully in the garment of
Imputed righteousness.**

**Complete in Christ the Lord.
By faith His fullness known.
The Father looks at me and sees
One as His very own.**

**Complete in Christ the Lord
No better could be had.
For none can by their doing here
To His completion add.**

**Complete in Christ the Lord.
Though circumstance be grim.
Above it all does God declare,
"Ye are complete in Him."**

Jesus Christ is the Lord our Righteousness Who justifies us from all charges, entitles us to eternal life, and enables us to lift up our heads with boldness in God's presence. —Copied