

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, July 23, 2023

10 am: "How to Pray (2)"
Matthew Series | Lesson 19
Matthew 6:12-15
Bill Parker

11 am: "A Glorious Vision of
Christ (2)" | Revelation 1:12-20
Bill Parker

Live Stream

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Righteous In Christ

How righteous are those sinners for whom Christ was obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, sinners to whom God the Spirit has given spiritual life, repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? We are far more righteous than our father Adam was when God created him and he stood innocent before his Creator in the garden prior to his fall. The first Adam had a creature righteousness, which he ultimately lost by his disobedience (*Rom. 5:12*). The children of the Lord, however, have the righteousness of the Son of God freely imputed to us. Adam's righteousness was forfeited through one willful transgression (*Rom. 5:21a*), but the righteousness we have can never be lost, for it is the righteousness of Christ Jesus our Lord Who liveth and abideth forever. By His one act of obedience, His substitutionary, sacrificial death upon the cross (*Rom. 5:21b*), we were made "*the righteousness of God in Him*" (*2 Cor. 5:21*).

—Pastor Jim Byrd

It is true that “in the mouths of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.” Yet, if ten million agree on something that is not to be found in the holy scriptures, or contrary to them, their agreement does not make it true or right. Men find security and confirmation in the agreement of others with them. They have little “mutual admiration societies” in which they praise each other, hold others in contempt and believe themselves to be the only ones that are right. This was the way of the Pharisees that Christ publicly rebuked with scathing words. Our praise is to be to Christ Who alone is right, our agreement is to be with Him and His Gospel and our loyalty is to be to Him and His brethren.

—Pastor Gary Shepard

Not an Insult But a Necessity

The doctrine of the total depravity of all men is not revealed to insult us. It is the diagnosis of a terrible disease we all have by nature – the terrible disease of sin. Because of self-righteousness and pride, the natural (unregenerate, unbelieving) man sees it as an insult to his self-proclaimed dignity and goodness, but he does not know the real depths of his own depravity and the seriousness of sin as it rules and mars his whole life and being. Total depravity does not mean that we are all as bad as we could be in the eyes of men. Thank God for His restraining power to keep us from going the full depths of our fallen, sinful natures on earth before men. But when it comes to God’s judgment and the reality of total depravity, it means:

(1) We have no righteousness of our own. Man lost what righteousness he had when Adam fell and brought us all, the whole human race, into a state of sin, depravity, and death (Rom. 5:12; 3:10).

(2) We cannot work out righteousness by our best efforts to keep the law and obey God. Righteousness cannot be attained by our works (Rom. 3:19-20; Eph. 2:8-9).

(3) Because we all fell in Adam, we are born spiritually dead with no desires for the things of the glory of God in the Lord Jesus Christ. We do not know, desire, or seek after righteousness God’s way in the Gospel of His free and sovereign grace through the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. 3:11-12).

This is revealed to God’s people by the Holy Spirit in the new birth as He convicts us of sin, righteousness, and judgment, showing us our need of Christ through the grace of God and His righteousness alone for our complete salvation and justification before God. This is when the Holy Spirit imparts life to a dead sinner and gives that sinner a desire to seek and cling to Christ for all salvation.

—Pastor Bill Parker

Survey this treasure-house of grace; how rich! how full! The believer may say, “This heritage is all my own.” Measure, if it be possible, the golden chain, which extends from one hand of God in eternity past to the other in eternity to come. Every link is a blessing. Behold the starry canopy. The glittering orbs outshine all beauty and exceed all number. Such is the firmament of Christ. It is studded with blessings. But millions of worlds are less than the least; and millions of tongues are weak to tell them. Mark, how they sparkle in the eye of faith. There are constellations of pardons. “In Him we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins.”

—Henry Law

Prayer Requests

Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Akemi Okada, Sue Parker, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

July 23rd services

- Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us - 294
- Hiding in Thee - 282

Lord's Supper

Next Sunday (7/30), we will serve the Lord's Supper following the services. We will not have a dinner afterwards. We will resume our fellowship dinners at the next scheduled Lord's Supper Sunday, Oct. 29.

Call to Worship

(Tune – At Calvary – p. 477)
(Words by Pastor Jim Byrd)

**Son of God, one of the Trinity,
Came to earth, a wondrous mystery;
He descended by divine decree.
O praise His Name!**

**Chorus: Jesus saved His chosen family,
Paid our debt of sin on Calvary;
By His grace He saves eternally,
O praise His Name.**

**On the cross He bore our misery,
Died from sin to set His people free;
By Himself He won the victory,
O praise His Name! (CHORUS)**

**Now for us the Savior intercedes,
Unto Him the Holy Spirit leads;
Every blessing from His throne proceeds,
O praise His Name! (CHORUS)**

**Soon will come the long-awaited day,
Christ will come and take His bride away;
Never from His bless'ed side to stray,
We'll praise His Name. (CHORUS)**