

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, May 7, 2023

10am: "The Temptation of Christ"

Lesson 9 | Matthew 4:1-11

Bill Parker

11am: "True Faith & Repentance

(2)" | Philippians 3:1-11

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Live Stream

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Look Up!

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth." (Psalm 121:1-2). God's Word tells us to look up to Him alone for salvation as He reveals Himself in the glorious Person and finished work of Christ (*Isa. 45:21-25*). It also tells us that we can look up to Him alone for help in time of need. When we, as children of God, experience trouble in this world, and we often do, our real help can only come from the Lord. Our brother Job said, *"Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble" (Job 14:1)*. Our Lord told us that *"in the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33)*. These troubles come from without and from within, but we know that no trouble can separate us from the love of God in Christ (*Rom. 8:35-39*). And whatever trouble we experience now, we can look up to our Savior and rest in His power, goodness, and grace to preserve us in His righteousness unto glory.

—Pastor Bill Parker

For the kingdom is the LORD'S: and He is the Governor among the nations. All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before Him: and none can keep alive his own soul. A seed shall serve Him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. They shall come, and shall declare His righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that He hath done this." (Psalm 22:28-31)

You Cannot Find It In Yourselfes

"Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:24).

Our justification by grace and acceptance with God is only to be found where it is treasured up IN CHRIST. YOU CANNOT FIND IT IN YOURSELVES. It has pleased the Father that in the Lord Jesus Christ all fullness should dwell for every poor, sensible soul who is brought by God the Spirit to confess his guilt and misery, feel his need, and have earnest desires, hungerings, and thirstings after Christ's justifying righteousness. The Lord brings His people to know that in His solemn presence they are altogether as an unclean thing, and that all their doings and righteousness are as filthy rags (*Isa. 64:6*). They find that when they would do good, evil is present with them; that the good they would, they do not, while the evil they would not, that they do.

So that the poor soul who is brought more and more to feel his own evils, and to see that he has nothing in self to glory in, but that he is as an unclean thing before the Lord, will be led by the Holy Spirit to discover that HIS JUSTIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE IS TREASURED UP IN A PRECIOUS CHRIST; and he will burst out in the language of the church of old, *"Surely shall one say, in the Lord have I righteousness and strength" (Isa. 45:24)*; and again, *"In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified and shall glory" (Isa. 45:25)*. Our justification, our acceptance, and our glory before a holy God is in the Lord Jesus Christ. BOASTING IS EXCLUDED ON EVERY SIDE. Hence, the apostle says, *"To declare at this time HIS righteousness: that He might be just, and the Justifier of him who believes in Jesus. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? No, but by the law of faith." (Rom. 3:26,27).*

—John Kershaw

Assurance of a Perfect Glorification of Every Believer

"Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification."

Christ did not only rise for Himself, but for His members, and their justification (*Rom. 4:25*), and, therefore, for their resurrection. For there is no reason death, the punishment, should remain, if guilt, the meritorious cause of it, be removed. He rose for our justification declaratively, i.e. His resurrection was a declaration of our fundamental justification, BECAUSE JUSTICE WAS THEREBY DECLARED TO BE SATISFIED, which would else have shut us in the grave and locked the chains of death for ever upon us. It is by this, the first step of His entrance into glory, WE HAVE AN ASSURANCE that the graves shall open, bodies stand up, and death be swallowed up in victory. HENCE, ARISETH AN ASSURANCE OF A PERFECT GLORIFICATION OF EVERY BELIEVER. The heavens receive Him till, and, therefore, in order to the *"restitution of all things" (Acts 3:21)*. This is the full restoration of all things into due order, AND, THEREFORE, A FULL FREEDOM OF THE REGENERATE MAN FROM SIN AND MISERY.

—Stephen Charnock

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

May 7th services

-The Solid Rock - 272

- Nothing But the Blood - 212

Call to Worship

(Tune – Immortal Invisible – p. 34)

(Words by Pastor Gary Shepard)

**Sweet mercies of Jesus, I find my delight.
My hope in the morning, my song in the night.
Whatever He sends me, I know it's from Him.
Both sorrow and joy, till this life shall end.**

**Sweet grace of the Savior, I find my delight.
The grace of the Sovereign, to give is His right.
The grace that now reigneth, in righteousness true.
The grace everlasting, the covenant new.**

**Sweet peace of the GodMan, whose blood has prevailed;
And reconciled fully, when to the cross nailed.
Sin now made an end of, salvation so free.
Sweet blessings, sweet prospect, sweet gospel to me.**