

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, November 10, 2024

10 am: "A Ready Salvation Rejected" | Matthew 22:1-8
Matthew Series | Lesson 79
Bill Parker

11 am: "Adding to Our Faith"
2 Peter 1:5
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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The Wicked Justified — The Righteous Condemned

"He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the LORD" (Proverbs 17:15). In a court of law, for a guilty man to be declared innocent and a just man to be condemned, each would be a horrible miscarriage of justice. However, that which men must not do is the message of the gospel, but the Lord does this without any breach of His law, but to the glory of His grace. It is written that God *"justifieth the ungodly" (Romans 4:5)* and the way He justified the wicked was by charging the sins of His chosen people to His just and innocent Son, and then He condemned Him to die for crimes which were His only by imputation. In the same way that their sins became His, by imputation, His righteousness became theirs. *"God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation ... For He hath made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:19, 21).*

— Pastor Jim Byrd

Do You Want Salvation God's Way?

“Do you believe God saves sinners even when they do not want to be saved?” You may think this is a strange question, but it was recently asked of me. The answer is, NO, but we must go to the Scriptures to understand what goes on in the salvation of a sinner. The Bible teaches that no sinner by nature wants or desires salvation GOD’S WAY – By free, sovereign mercy and grace in and by the Lord Jesus Christ alone! We read this in passages such as **John 6:44** and **Romans 3:9-18**. These are just a few examples that show us the reality of man’s depravity. Sinful man wants salvation, but he wants it on his own terms, like Cain of old, by works for which he can boast. When God saves a sinner, does He save that sinner even if that sinner does not want to be saved God’s way? No. When God saves a sinner, God alone, by His power and grace, makes that sinner willing to believe in, rest in, flee to the Lord Jesus Christ for all salvation – all forgiveness of sin, all righteousness, all eternal life, and all glory. He does this by the power of the Holy Spirit in the new birth as He imparts to that sinner a new knowledge, a new heart, and a new spirit (**Ezekiel 36:26-27; Hebrews 8:10-12**). God the Holy Spirit, by the preaching of the Gospel of Christ, convinces that sinner of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment so that under true, invincible, Holy Spirit conviction, that sinner is more than willing to run to Christ as fast as he can and hold on for dear life. The question, then, we all need to ask and consider is this – “Do I want salvation GOD’S WAY, by His grace in the Lord Jesus Christ?” All who truly desire THIS salvation have been made willing by the power of God.

—Pastor Bill Parker

If our acceptance with God depended on anything in ourselves, we would have to believe we might be children of God today and children of the devil tomorrow! What, then, is to keep us from sinking altogether into despair, without hope or help? Why, a knowledge of our acceptance “IN THE BELOVED,” independent of everything in us – good or bad! **“And you are complete in Him!” (Colossians 2:10).**

—J. C. Philpot

Spiritual Fragment

This blessed Christ is "the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth" (Rom. 10:4) and, under deep depression of spirit, real faith will be vehemently struggling after the enjoyment of this truth, and the soul will be feelingly crying, "O to be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith!"

The Lord reveals the glorious righteousness of Christ to faith, and faith receives and bears witness to the conscience of its reality, and of its blessed suitableness to the sinner's case and to the honour of God. And it is one branch of the work of faith to enter into the blessedness of this justifying righteousness, and so, under the power and unction of God the Holy Ghost, to bring justification into the sinner's conscience, thus enabling him to say, **"In the Lord have I righteousness and strength."**

—William Gadsby

Birthdays

Sue Parker - Nov. 10th

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, Patsy Parr, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

November 10th services

-Jesus Paid It All -125

-More About Jesus - 326

Call to Worship

(Tune – I Love Thy Kingdom – p. 188)

**To God the only wise,
Our Saviour and our King;
Let all the saints below the skies
Their humble praises bring.**

**Let all our powers be joined,
His gracious name to praise;
May joy and love fill every heart
And every voice be raised.**

**His blood on Calv'ry shed,
Has full atonement made;
God's holiness is magnified,
The sin-debt fully paid.**

**Christ will present our souls
Unblemished and complete;
Before the glory of His face,
In His own Righteousness.**