

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 5, 2023

10 am: No 10 a.m. message this Sunday.

11 am: "Justified Before God (2)"
Romans 3:19-26
Jim Casey

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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The doctrine of Divine Grace is unique. It is a truth peculiar to Divine Revelation, a concept to which the unaided powers of man's mind could never have risen. Proof of this is seen in the fact that where the Bible has not gone, grace is quite unknown. Not the slightest trace of it is to be found in any of the religions of heathendom, and when missionaries undertake to translate the Scriptures into the native's tongues, they can find no word which in any wise corresponds to the Bible word "grace." Grace is something to which none has any rightful claim, something which is due unto none, being mere charity, a sovereign favor, a free gift. Divine grace is the favor of God bestowing inconceivable blessings upon those who have no merits and from whom no compensation is demanded. Nay, more, grace is exercised unto those who are full of demerits. How completely grace sets aside all thought of desert or worth in its subject appears from that declaration, "*being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus*" (Rom. 3:24). That word "*freely*" signifies "without a cause." Grace is based upon the merit of Christ's obedience unto death for His people – sinners saved by grace.
—Arthur Pink

Lay it to heart that we are here today to worship the Lord God of heaven and earth Who saves sinners by His grace through the work of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. There is no other way, and if you rejoice in God's way, if you rejoice in Christ, it is only because God has brought you out of your spiritual death and depravity and has given you a heart to believe, worship, and serve Him. He has given you the privilege and the will to believe and rest in Christ for all salvation, forgiveness, righteousness, and life.

—Pastor Bill Parker

The Blood of Justification

The apostle Paul wrote, ***“Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him” (Romans 5:9).*** What a positive comforting thing it is to hear – ***“we shall be saved from wrath.”*** The wrath of God, which shall fall upon every sinner outside of Christ, shall not fall upon me, not because I do not deserve it nor because God has decided not to judge my sin, but because it has already fallen upon Christ my Substitute. We shall be saved ***“through Him.”*** Simply stated, believers in Christ shall be saved because they have been saved! Our justification through His blood (His life laid down, His cross death) was not only the sum of all our justification before God, but is also the source of all our consolation from God. Since God has declared us righteous in Christ and put away our sin by the shedding of His blood, we now ***“wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come” (1 Thess. 1:10).*** Everything is ***“through Him,”*** through our Lord Jesus Christ, and this comfort and consolation is received and enjoyed by us through God-given faith. How can a sinner live in this life without fear of the wrath to come? HIN! HIS BLOOD! We believe God, and sit in quietness of conscience and mind as those Hebrews sat in their house in Goshen with the blood of the Passover Lamb on their doors as the death angel passed through Egypt. We have been saved, so we shall be saved!

—Pastor Gary Shepard

“And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever” (Isaiah 32:17).

The book of life, or decree of election, is the marriage-register of the saints in which their everlasting espousal to Christ stands indelibly recorded by the pen of God's free and eternal love. As the gold of which money is made is the king's property ever before it is struck into coin, and before it visibly bears the royal image and superscription; so the unregenerate elect are God's own heritage, though they do not appear to be such, until the Holy Spirit has made them pass through the mint of effectual calling, and actually stamped them into current coin for the kingdom of Heaven. The elect are betrothed to Christ from everlasting in the covenant of grace; they are actually married to Him, and join hands with Him, in conversion; but they are not taken home to the bridegroom's house until death dismisses them from the body.

—Augustus Toplady

“I have set the LORD always before me: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.” (Psalm 16:8-9)

**WE WILL CONDUCT OUR ANNUAL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING ON SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 19 AT 9:30 A.M.**

From the Pastor

I am in Lexington, KY, today at Trinity Gospel Church, where Brother Sonny Hernandez is pastor and where I preached in an all-day conference yesterday. Elder Jim Casey is preaching here today in our 11:00 service. Lord willing, I will travel home tomorrow --Pastor Bill Parker

Birthdays

Kelley Sparks - Nov. 6th | Sue Parker - Nov. 10th

Prayer Requests

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

Hymns

November 5th services

-O'God our Help in Ages Past - 10

-The Church's One Foundation - 186

Call to Worship

(Tune – I Love Thy Kingdom – p. 188)

**Great God, we come to meet,
With Thee, our Lord and King,
To bow before Thy sovereign throne,
And here Thy praises sing.**

**May every worldly care,
Be banished from our mind;
May we Thy word with profit hear,
And peace and comfort find.**

**Our strength will soon decrease,
Unless our souls be fed;
We know our health, our joy and peace,
Depend on living Bread.**

**So let our hearts be drawn,
To Jesus Christ our Lord;
Find sweet redemption through His blood,
And feed upon His Word.**