

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, October 13, 2024

10 am: "The Barren Fig Tree"

Matthew 21:12-19

Matthew Series | Lesson 76

Bill Parker

11 am: "Faith and Good Works"

James 2:18

Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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Every sinner bought by blood, shall at last be brought to God.
Truth and justice make it plain, Jesus did not die in vain.
None for whom the Savior bled, can be severed from their Head.
Called by grace! Kept forever! Jesus is a mighty Savior!

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Good Works

Good works are acts of obedience to the Lord done by sinners who have been justified by God's grace based on Christ's righteousness imputed, who have been born again by the Holy Spirit and brought to faith in Christ and repentance of dead works and idolatry. They are works done towards God in our worship, service, devotion, and self-denial, and towards our brethren in Christ and our neighbors – acts of charity, compassion, and kindness – done in the power of the Holy Spirit from the regenerate heart, guided by the Word of God, aimed towards HIS glory, and motivated by grace, love, and gratitude in the assurance of our complete salvation by God's sovereign grace in Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

—Pastor Bill Parker

Christ Made Sin - By Imputation!

To redeem poor sinners, Jesus came down from heaven, put on the rags of our mortality, agonized, bled, and died. Jesus is made His people's substitute, burden-bearer, sin-remover, and guilt-sustainer. Their debt is placed to His account. His riches pay the full amount. Sin is removed from the sinner and placed on the Sinless! Their curse is rolled on Him, and He endures it until no more remains! God deals with Jesus as the guilty one! He, as spotless Deity, receives imputed sins, and fully expiates them all. In the vicarious victim, God's justice is satisfied, and wrath expires! Jesus, in His life, in the garden, on the cross, suffers their sufferings, dies their death, and so becomes their uttermost salvation! His pains are their pardon! His stripes are their healing! His agony is their recovery! —Henry Law

When the Lord Jesus comes to take His people home to be with Him, they will enjoy His presence without sin or flesh for eternity. But we enjoy Him now. We enjoy His presence, His word, His forgiveness, His justification, His righteousness imputed to us. We greatly enjoy His intercession for us, and we especially enjoy the Gospel of free and sovereign grace that gives Him all the glory for the salvation He accomplished for all whom He died. What joy fills our hearts to know we are complete in Him and without spot or blemish in Him, that He put all our sins away by “the sacrifice of himself”, and that God remembers them no more. Yes, we will enjoy Him throughout eternity, but our enjoyment of Him starts here. —Copied

What Is “IT”?

“For what saith the Scripture? Abraham believed God, and IT was counted unto him for righteousness.” (Romans 4:3)

What exactly did God impute (charge, credit, account, reckon) to Abraham (and to all true believers) for righteousness? In other words, how was Abraham made right with God? However it was for Abraham, it is the same for all justified sinners. Many, even most would claim that Abraham's believing was imputed to him for (or in place of) righteousness. But this is not the case. Our believing in Christ (which is the gift of God, by the power of the Spirit, and the fruit of righteousness) is not our righteousness, nor even counted as our righteousness, before God. Righteousness is perfect satisfaction to God's holy law and justice. Where can we find the perfection of righteousness whereby God would justify ungodly sinners (***Rom. 4:5***)? It is said that Abraham's ***“faith is counted for righteousness.”*** What was Abraham's faith, i.e. what did Abraham believe? ***“Abraham believed God.”*** And what did God promise Abraham? It was the same promise that is given to all of His people – the Gospel promise of righteousness by the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished by His obedience unto death as the Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer of His people. This is ***“IT,”*** the righteousness that God has freely imputed to all of God's elect as evidenced by their God-given faith in Christ (***Rom. 1:16-17***). ***“Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom GOD IMPUTETH RIGHTEOUSNESS without works” (Rom. 4:6).*** Another way to read Romahs 4:3 is, “Abraham believed God, and thus he was considered to be made right with God.” It is clear, then, that Christ's righteousness is what is imputed to all who believe in Christ (***Rom. 10:4***).

—Pastor Bill Parker

Birthdays

Becky Pannell - Oct. 13th | Jim Fuller - Oct. 15th | Julie Perry - Oct. 16th

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

October 13th services

-Look to the Lamb of God - 216

-Praise the Savior - 51

Call to Worship

(Tune – O For a Thousand Tongues – p. 46)

**Now gracious God, Thine arm reveal,
And make Thy glory known;
Now let us all Thy presence feel,
And soften hearts of stone.**

**Help us to venture near Thy throne,
And plead our Savior's name;
For all that we can call our own,
Is vanity and shame.**

**From all the guilt of wretch'ed sin,
May mercy set us free;
And let the week we now begin,
Begin and end with Thee.**

**Send down Thy Spirit from above,
That we may love Thee more;
And others now may learn to love,
Who never loved before.**