

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, September 4, 2022

10am: "Christ, Our Victorious Substitute (2)" | Lesson 92
Christ in the Old Testament
Isaiah 53:10-12
Bill Parker

11am: "Good Hope Through Grace" | 2 Thess. 2:11-17
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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Elect or Non-Elect?

Someone said, "If I knew I were one of God's elect, I would come to Christ; but I fear I am not." To you I answer – Nobody ever came to Christ because he knew himself to be of the elect. It is quite true that God has, of His good pleasure, elected some to everlasting life, but they never knew it until they believed in Christ. Christ nowhere commands the elect to come to Him. He commands all men everywhere to repent and believe the Gospel. The question for you is not, "Am I one of the elect?", but, "Am I a sinner? Am I in need of the blood of Christ to wash away my sins? Am I in need of His righteousness to clothe my nakedness? Is He my one and only hope for salvation?" Christ came to save sinners.

-Robert Murray McCheyne



Bible Conference

**REMINDER – BIBLE
CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 14-16**

**Speakers – Gary Shepard and
Richard Warmack**

Birthdays

Cassie Broxton - Sept. 3rd

Hymns

September 4th services

Rock of Ages - 126

Jesus Paid It All - 125

Prayer Requests

Winston and Patricia Pannell,
Alex Wages, Audrey Asher,
Frank Dell, Cathy Robinson,
Lori Ann Loosier, Leonard
Qualls, Cassie Broxton, Nancy
Byrd, James Mwali and the
mission in Malawi, Africa.

“But We Preach Christ Crucified” (1 Cor. 1:23)

To preach Christ crucified is more than preaching historical facts. It is more than preaching undefined cliches or poetic platitudes. It is to preach *“the doctrine of Christ”* (2 John 9). It is to preach THE GLORY OF HIS PERSON. He is God *“manifest in the flesh”* (1 Tim. 3:15), the eternal Son of God Who was *“made flesh, and dwelt among us”* (John 1:14). It is to preach THE FULLNESS OF HIS GRACE. The whole salvation of God’s elect was conditioned on Christ (Isa. 9:6; 2 Cor. 1:20; Eph. 1:3-13). It is to preach THE EFFICACY OF HIS SACRIFICE and THE EXCELLENCY OF HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS. By His obedience unto death, Christ accomplished the sure salvation of all for whom He died.

By His blood, all their sins are forgiven (Heb. 10:14), and by His righteousness imputed, they are all justified in God’s sight (Rom. 8:32-34; Heb. 2:14-17). It is to preach THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION AND HIS INTERCESSION. Christ intercedes on behalf of all whom He redeemed. As long as He intercedes for us, we are safe in Him and secure until He comes again to gather us together and glorify all of us (sinners saved by His grace) with Himself (1 John 2:1-2). This is the reality of Christ crucified and risen from the dead for all whom the Father gave to Him before the foundation of the world (John 6:37-40).

—Pastor Bill Parker

Excerpt from "The Biblical Doctrine of Substitution," a sermon preached on by Joseph Irons on *2 Corinthians 5:21* –

What an exchange! What a voluntary act of substitution! How marvelous! Yonder debtor visited by his chief creditor, who condescends to become a prisoner, and renders Himself liable to all his demands, that the debtor may go free! Was ever such a thing heard of among mortals? *“Scarcely for a righteous man would one die; yet, peradventure, for a good man some would even dare to die; but God commended His love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners”* (Rom. 5:7-8), transgressors, debtors, "Christ died for us."

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.

The following statement regards God's relationship to His children as it applies to their justification –

“God sees His children only in Christ, not in themselves; and if they were not in such a perfect righteousness, they could not be loved of Him, because His eyes are purer than to behold iniquity, or to love a sinner as a sinner.”
—John Saltmarsh

In *Psalm 85:10* we see these four words – mercy, truth, righteousness and peace. We also see and know these are in Jesus Christ our Savior. In *Isaiah 32:17*, we read, “*And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.*” Back to *Psalm 85:10-11*, we read, “*Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.*” Mercy is the promise that God will have mercy on all the people He chose to love. Truth is His word going forth. Righteousness is Christ our righteousness fulfilled by Him, imputed to us believers. Peace is the result of all this. Now we sinners have peace with a Holy God. All four attributes of God have met in the eternal covenant of grace between the triune God concerning salvation of all the elect, ordained to salvation through the blood and death of Jesus Christ. Righteousness and peace have kissed each other and now our righteousness sits on the right hand of His Father, for He finished the work of salvation for all the people His Father sent Him to redeem. And the earth is His footstool. He is at rest, and we have peace with God.

—Brother Stan Terry