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, February 13, 2022

10 am: "Our Mantle is Christ" Christ in the Old Testament Lesson 66 | 2 Kings 2:1-15 Bill Parker

11 am: "The Value of God's Judgment" | 1 Corinthians 4:1-7 Bill Parker

Live Stream

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Let Your Conscience Be Your Guide?

It is often said, "Let your conscience be your guide." The conscience is the seat of judgment in our minds and hearts. It is our mental courtroom in which we judge what is right and what is wrong. Although it is true that God has given us a moral compass by which to guide us naturally in our worldly relationships (Rom. 2:14-15), our natural conscience is fallen and in bondage to sin. Therefore, unless the conscience be quickened and convicted by the Holy Spirit and cleansed by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ in true faith and true repentance, when it comes to salvation, it will guide us into eternal damnation. The one whose conscience has been cleansed by the grace, power, and word of God clings to Christ and rests in His blood to cleanse us from all sin and iniquity. —Pastor Bill Parker

In the Place of Self

In the place of self the believer gets the Son of God. Christ fills us, occupies us, engrosses us henceforth. He is all to us what self was before. He takes the place of self in everything from first to last, great or small. He is the substitute for self in the matter of our standing before God. As the first thing the Holy Spirit does is to set aside self in the matter of justification and acceptance, so His next is to present to us the Son of God as the true ground of our acceptance. We no longer seek to be justified by self in any sense or on account of anything done to self, on account of ammended self or improved self or mortified self, but solely on account of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us and Who rose again. And in this Son of God, Whom we take as a substitute for self, we find an object worth living for, someone we can carry through every part of our life and into every region of our life.

—Horatius Bonar

Christ, the Mediator

God, apart from Christ, is an angry, offended Sovereign. Unless we behold Him in and through Christ, the Mediator, the terrors of His Majesty would overwhelm us. We dare not approach the Father except in Christ because of our sins. We first fasten our eyes upon Christ, then upon the Father. If Christ does not bear our guilt and reconcile us unto God, we perish! Before any man can think to stand before the face of God's justice or be admitted to the secret chamber of God's mercy or partake of the riches of His grace, he must look to the Mediator, Christ Jesus.

-Stephen Charnock

The moment a sinner is brought to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, he stands within his own conscience uncondemned; for the righteousness of Christ is his – Christ's perfect obedience unto death has been imputed to him. This is the essence and foundation of the new heart created within him by God the Holy Spirit and from which true godliness proceeds.

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The Lord's Salvation is Not a Mixture of Grace and Works

My friends, do you love to hear Christ lifted up and exalted as your all and in all? If you do, you are willing to be made less than nothing and vanity in yourselves. Professors of religion, generally, do not like to be thus humbled; they love to have something to do, in whole or in part, to recommend themselves to God. But the Lord's salvation is not a mixture of grace and works. It is of free and sovereign grace, and received by faith alone, which is the gift of God. It is "not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:9). The Lord alone be exalted as the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, the first and the last in the salvation of His people.

-John Kershaw

"Look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." (Luke 21:28) The time of Christ's second coming approaches, and it befits His disciples to think of that event and diligently prepare for it. But if we do not witness the descent of our Lord in the clouds, death will soon come and usher us into His presence; and before that we may be exposed to many and painful troubles, so that the direction given by our Lord to us as His disciples may be just suitable, "Then look up!" We are entering upon a new year. We shall have new toils, new trials, new temptations, and new troubles. But whenever they come, let us "look up!" Look not upon or within ourselves, but upon Christ, the Author and Finisher of our faith. Look not to others for wisdom, understanding, peace, and comfort, but to His Word, for all these blessings come in believing and resting in Him. LOOK UP!

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Birthdays

Andrea Pannell - Feb. 15th | Delaney Renfore - Feb. 15th | Rylie Renfroe - Feb. 15th
Tony Jones - Feb. 16th | Jarrett McKenzie - Feb. 16th | Sylvia Casey - Feb. 17th

Hymns

February 13th services

He Hideth My Soul - 258 | Blessed Assurance - 255

Prayer Requests

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

Sympathies

We extend our sincere sympathies and our prayers to Nick and Patsy Parr. Patsy's son, Glen Jordan, who lived in Soperton, GA, passed away last week.

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Call to Worship

(Tune – Brethren, We Have Met to Worship – p. 15) (Words by Pastor Jim Byrd)

Hallelujah praise the Savior, Son of God a Man became; He is worthy of all glory, sing His wonders, spread His fame. Praise the holy name of Jesus, Who for sinners once was slain; By His blood He saved His people, Washed away sin's crimson stain.

Hallelujah for the Savior has redeemed His chosen bride; All our sins by God were pardoned in our Lord the crucified; ho can tell how much He suffered, all our sin-debt to atone? Now He lives and reigns forever, Seated on His sovereign throne.

O what wondrous might and merit in the blood of Jesus dwell; For the law of God was honored, & our souls were saved from hell. Hallelujah praise the Savior, Who our sins and sorrows bore; Now enthroned in matchless glory, Sing His praises evermore