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 27, 2022

10 am: "Christ is Our Strength" Christ in the Old Testament Lesson 68 | 2 Kings 18:1-8 Bill Parker

11 am: "Gospel Accounting" Romans 14:7-12 Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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The natural, humanistic tendency to DO something, no matter how great or small, will be the idol that will remain the most precious to the unbeliever until and unless God defeats them by powerfully giving them life to simply believe on Christ alone for their righteousness.

—Pastor Scott Price

Those who look to Christ alone for the forgiveness of sin find all their sins forgiven, pardoned, put away, made an end of, remitted, and that justly! God is righteous to forgive the sins of those whose sins Christ bore in His body on the tree. "My sin, not in part but the whole, was nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, O my soul!"

—Pastor Gary Shepard

Who Killed Jesus Christ?

Many would answer that the unbelieving Jews and the ungodly Romans were to blame. And it is true that they were to blame, BUT AS FALLEN SINNERS WHO BY NATURE DO NOT BELIEVE OR ESTEEM CHRIST, WE ARE ALL TO BLAME (*Isa.* 53:1-4). Read the following statement from Pastor Tim James – "As far as humanity's guilt in the attempted homicide of Christ is concerned, the crime scene was covered with the fingerprints of the entire human race (*Acts 4:27*). Both Jews and Gentiles and their respective governments were culpable in the crucifixion of our Lord."

We are all born into this world as fallen sinners in rebellion against the Lord God and His way of salvation by His grace in and through the Lord Jesus Christ and based on His shed blood and righteousness imputed. God's Word describes us as those who by nature hate the light and love darkness (John 3:19-20), as unregenerate people who will not believe the things of the Spirit (1 Cor. 2:14), as those who by nature reject Christ and go about trying to establish our own righteousness before God (Rom. 10:1-3), and as those who walk in an evil spirit that works in children of disobedience (Eph. 2:1-4). This links us with the very people who stood in Jerusalem choosing to spare a murderer like Barabbas and crying out to crucify the Lord of Glory, the perfect Godman, the Lord Jesus Christ. The moment in our lives that we began seeking to establish a righteousness of our own and reject the Gospel of God's grace which reigns through the righteousness of God in Christ, we identified ourselves in the unholy alliance of sinners who desired to kill the Lord of Glory. We were just as much participants in the death of Christ as if we were physically there with all who stood against Him (Acts 4:26-27).

But as sad as this fact is, there is some good news in all this tragedy. It is the fact that the death of Christ was purposed before the foundation of the world for the redemption and eternal salvation of all whom God chose and gave to Christ before the world began. In fact, God overruled our sin to accomplish His purpose of saving His chosen people from their sin (Acts 2:23; 4:28; Eph. 1:4-6; 2 Tim. 1:9-10). In our rebellion in what we did in murdering Jesus of Nazareth, we meant it for evil, BUT GOD MEANT IT FOR HIS GLORY AND THE GOOD OF HIS PEOPLE, and "it pleased the LORD to bruise Him" to establish a righteousness by which God is just to justify and to give life to sinners like us (Isa. 53:10-12). So, as Christ's blood is on our hands, He appears for us (God's elect) before the throne of God's justice and mercy, and by His blood we are justified (Rev. 5:9-12).

—Pastor Bill Parker

The glorious and beautiful garments wherein Aaron did minister, DID HOLD FORTH THE INFINITE PURITY, AND TRANSCENDENT EXCELLENCY AND RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, IN WHOM ONLY GOD IS WELL PLEASED. The onyx-stones, whereon the names of the children of Israel were engraved, were put upon the shoulder-pieces of the ephod to teach THAT TRUE ISRAEL INDEED, ARE KEPT BY THE POWER OF THE LORD JESUS THROUGH FAITH UNTO SALVATION (1 Pet.1:5); FOR HE IS THE WISDOM AND THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION IN ALL THAT DO BELIEVE (1 Cor.1:24). The twelve precious stones, which were set with the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment, did declare THAT SPIRITUAL ISRAEL IN CHRIST WERE A PRECIOUS PEOPLE (1 Pet. 2:9) IN THE JUDGEMENT AND ESTEEM OF GOD (Mal. 3:17). The curious girdle, wherewith all those goodly garments were girded to the priest, DID HOLD FORTH THE FAITHFULNESS AND TRUTH OF GOD IN MAKING GOOD ALL HIS PROMISES IN CHRIST (Heb.10:23) IN WHOM ALL THE PROMISES OF GOD ARE YEA, AND AMEN (2 Cor.1:20).

--William Mason

Birthdays

REID JACKSON - FEB. 28TH

Hymns

February 27th services

It Is Well With My Soul - 256 Praise the Savior - 51

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 Gospel mission in Malawi, Africa.

Call to Worship

(Tune - Doxology)

Come, let us sing the song of songs, The glory which to Christ belongs; The hosts of Heav'n began the strain, Worthy the Lamb, for He was slain.

Slain to redeem us by His blood, And makes us kings and priests to God; To cleanse from ev'ry sinful stain, Worthy the lamb, for He was slain.

Among a thousand hearts and songs, His sacred name fills all our tongues; All pow'r in Heav'n and earth proclaim, Worthy the Lamb, for He was slain.

Long as I live and when I die, This song of songs shall be my cry; And while in Heav'n with Him I reign, Worthy the Lamb, for He was slain.