

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 January 24, 2021

10 am: "Grace for the Brethren"
Christ in the Old Testament
Lesson 16 | Genesis 42-45
Bill Parker

11 am: "The LORD Our Righteousness"
Jeremiah 23:5-6; 33:15-16
Bill Parker

Live Stream

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Perfect Righteousness, Perfect Grace!

When the Holy God and a ruined sinner meet on a blood-splattered platform, all is settled once and for all, settled in such a way as to perfectly honor and glorify God and eternally save the sinner. The only proper meeting place between God and man is the point where grace and righteousness meet and perfectly harmonize. Nothing but perfect righteousness could suit God, and nothing but perfect grace could suit the sinner. But where could that take place? Only in the cross. There it is that mercy and truth are met together, and there the believing sinner finds peace for the heart and conscience.

—Scott Richardson

The Blessing of Public Worship

There are many things that would hinder us from attending public worship. Some are providential, meaning circumstances we cannot control because of God's providence. This Covid pandemic has kept us from gathering together on several Sundays, forcing us to stay home and listen to the message on live-stream. This has caused me to think about the blessedness of our public worship services. Other providential hindrances are illnesses and being far away so that we cannot reasonably travel to attend public worship. But there are other hindrances that are of our own making and simply add up to believers giving in to the laziness and desires of the flesh. In such cases we must fight the flesh and follow our Lord's commandment – ***“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching” (Heb. 10:24-25)***. Our public worship services are called ***“feasts of charity” (Jude 12)*** (or “love feasts”), because these are ways we express our love to Christ, our love to one another, and our love for the truth of the Gospel of God's free and sovereign grace in and by the Lord Jesus Christ. By our publicly and regularly identifying with the people of God in worship, we express our love for righteousness and holiness which we find only in Christ. This is comfort, joy, and peace for our souls as we are encouraged to persevere in looking to Christ and depending upon God's grace for all salvation. God gives us a knowledge of our need for public worship, and, even though our flesh fights against us, He gives us a desire for public worship. These are all blessings of grace from God in Christ.

—Pastor Bill Parker

Despised But Justified

Christ spoke the parable in ***Luke 18*** to the Pharisees who ***“trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others.” (Luke 18:9)***. What we say about others and how we treat them often reveals more about us than it does them. Sad as it is, all people, even believers, are by nature like these Pharisees. Self-righteousness plagues us all our days. Often we manifest this self-righteous spirit in our attitude toward others. Christ said they believed themselves to be righteous and ***“despised others.”*** Christ illustrates this in the parable of two men that went up to the temple to pray. ***“The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.”*** His prayer was really about his superiority over others. Listen to how he speaks of the other man – ***“this Publican.”*** His speech revealed his contempt for a man he probably didn't even know. He probably put the man in this class based upon what someone had told him about him. They both had come as worshippers, but only one of them was really righteous, the man that God said was righteous! That man was not looking at or talking about others; he was concerned about his own state and condition! He smote himself upon his breast and cried out to God saying, ***“God be merciful to me THE SINNER.”***

How can a sinner saved by God's mercy and grace alone in Christ despise any other sinner? When Isaiah saw the Lord high and lifted up he cried, ***“Woe is me!”*** When Job saw what he was before the thrice holy God he cried, ***“I abhor MYSELF!”*** Those who see themselves as miserable sinners saved only by sovereign mercy cry, ***“I am undone!”*** Like Daniel, they confess, ***“my comeliness was turned in me into corruption.”*** Paul said, ***“O wretched man that I AM!”*** In reality, we ARE just like other men BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD! He alone makes us to differ! Furthermore, the man the Pharisee was talking about was one of God's elect. Better to have a millstone tied around your neck and be cast into the sea than to offend one of Christ's little ones. Christ said he ***“went down to his house JUSTIFIED”*** – Declared righteousness before God through the righteousness of Christ! What the Pharisee said about him didn't change what he was before God one bit, and I am so thankful that the same is true for all God's people! The worst they can say might be true, but only what God says of me in Christ counts. I might be “despised” but I'm “justified.”

—Pastor Gary Shepard

Sympathies

We express our sincere sympathies to our sister, Sylvia Casey, and her family upon the death of her mother, Doris Kearce Frierson, who passed away on January 15, 2021. May the Lord give to those who grieve this loss the comfort that only He can give.

Birthdays

Janet Fletcher - Jan. 26th
Tim Hall - Jan. 26th
Brent Cox - Jan. 30th

Please Note

January 24, 2021 we will once again ask that you watch our services via livestream. Please stay tuned for future Sunday updates.

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