

# 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 31, 2021

10 am: "Jacob Adopting Joseph's Sons" | Christ in the Old Testament | Lesson 17  
Genesis 48:1-7  
Bill Parker

11 am: "Let Us Reason Together"  
Isaiah 1:18  
Bill Parker

## Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.  
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## Comfort

The comfort of a believer's heart lies not in a mere "feeling" that "everything will be all right." It lies in the Spirit of God's application of truth to our hearts and minds. It is comfort based on the promises of God who cannot lie, die, change or fail in any way. Oh, it does produce wonderful feelings. But these feelings are the product of the assurance of faith, faith based upon that which is given us by God's grace through the merits of Christ's righteous blood. —Pastor Gary Shepherd

If our acceptance with God depended on anything in ourselves, we would have to believe we might be children of God today and children of the devil tomorrow! What, then, is to keep us from sinking altogether into despair, without hope or help? Why, a knowledge of our acceptance "in the Beloved," independent of everything in us – good or bad! ***"And you are complete in Him!" (Colossians 2:1)*** —Copied

## How Awful is Sin

No mortal can possibly know or even estimate the exceeding awfulness of sin. The only way to judge the enormity of it is by the penalty required to remove it. You may be certain that a just and holy God would never require an unfair payment for sin; the penalty will be neither too little nor too great. His justice would not demand more nor settle for less than the punishment required to remove it. Behold the cross of Calvary; see who is fastened to the cursed tree. It is the Lord's anointed, the holy, spotless, eternal Son of God. Hear the agonizing cry of the Savior from the cross, "**My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?**" Why does He hang on that cursed tree? Why does He suffer so? Why does He die? It is because He bore the sins of His own people on the cross and since a holy God demands satisfaction for crimes against Him, Christ must suffer, bleed and die as the Substitute for sinners. "God spared not His own Son but delivered Him up for us all" (Romans 8:32). Learn then how awful sin is by the payment required to put it away and by what it took to satisfy divine justice. "**Christ died for our sins**" (1 Corinthians 15:3). Let me weep over my sin that caused His grief and let me rejoice in Him who bore it for me and whose death removed it from me "**as far as the east is from the west**" (Psalm 103:12).

—Pastor Jim Byrd

In reading and being blessed by the article written by our brother, Pastor Jim Byrd, entitled "How Awful is Sin," I wrote the following –

## How Great is Righteousness

As sinners saved by God's grace and brought to faith in Christ, we know something of our need for and the greatness of the righteousness which God has imputed to us for our justification and our entire salvation. But, here on earth, "**we see through a glass, darkly**" (1 Cor. 13:12), and this makes us realize that, as we grow in grace and in knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and as we become more and more aware of our awful sinfulness, by God's grace, we will see the greatness of His righteousness more and more. And, when we enter everlasting glory and are free "**from the body of this death**" (Rom. 7:24), we will see it in its fullness as we will see Christ as He truly is (1 John 3:2). Consider how great righteousness is, first, as it is called "**the righteousness of God**" (Rom. 1:16-17). It is Christ's righteousness which HE alone worked out on the cross as the Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer of His people. Christ is God "**manifest in the flesh**" (1 Tim. 3:16). As Godman, Christ died to work out and establish all the righteousness we need for our justification before God (2 Cor. 5:21), and all that we need to give us spiritual life (Rom. 8:10). The greatness of it is equivalent to the greatness of His suffering unto death to establish it (Isa. 53). It is infinitely great because God has imputed it to His people, and they cannot be condemned for their sins (Rom. 8:33-34). It's greatness is seen in that it is the ground of our justification and the source and power of all spiritual blessings given by the Holy Spirit in the new birth when He brings us to faith, repentance, and perseverance. It's greatness is seen in that it cannot be taken away from us and cannot be contaminated with our sins. It is not anything imparted to or infused within us. It resides with our Savior, the One Who produced it, and it is imputed to us by our heavenly Father (Rom. 4:1-8).

—Pastor Bill Parker

Holiness is the work of God to separate His people out from the world. He did this in divine, electing grace when He chose us and gave us to Christ before the world began. He did this in redeeming grace when Christ, as our Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer, died for our sins, was buried, and arose the third day. He does this when He sends the Holy Spirit to reveal Christ in the Gospel to us and give us spiritual life, persevering faith in Christ and repentance of dead works.

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## Hymns for 1.31.21

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Look to the Lamb of God - 216  
Hallelujah, What a Savior! - 127

## Birthdays

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Molly Fuller - Jan. 31st  
Rosa Jones - Feb. 4th

## Please Note

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January 31, 2021 we will resume in person worship services. We have taken measures to allow for social distancing. As always, if you feel more comfortable staying home - tune in to our live-stream and 10 & 11 a.m. Sunday mornings.

Livestream links:

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## **Call to worship**

(Tune: Doxology)

**Head of Thy church and Lord of all,  
Hear from Thy throne our earnest call;  
We come Thy promised grace to seek;  
We come, O Lord, to hear Thee speak.**

**Without Thy presence, King of saints,  
Our purpose fails, our spirits faint;  
Thou must our wavering faith renew,  
Ere we can yield Thee worship true.**

**“Lo, I am with you” – That sweet word,  
Lord Jesus, grant it to be heard;  
Give exercise to faith and love,  
And send Thy blessings from above.**

**Lord, send a message from Thy word,  
That will great joy and peace afford;  
May Thy blest Spirit now impart  
Thy grace and love in every heart!**