

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 May 9, 2021

10 am: "Christ - The Bread of Life"
Christ in the Old Testament
Lesson 29 | Exodus 16
Bill Parker

11 am: "The Just for the Unjust-1"
1 Peter 3:18
Bill Parker

Live Stream

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Happy Mother's Day!

We wish all our mothers a HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! We thank God for you, and we will always remember your love and care for us. *"She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."* (Proverbs 31:26-28)

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness,
My beauty are, my glorious dress!

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God Is For His People

“For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.” 1 Peter 3:12

What a comforting thought it is for God’s children to know that He watches over us as a shepherd watches over his sheep. He has saved us, He keeps us, protects us, and preserves us by His sovereign grace in and by the Lord Jesus Christ. He has ordained and arranged all persons and events in our lives to work for His glory and our eternal good. He also hears our prayers as a father listens to the children he loves. Our prayers go up before Him in the beauty of Christ our Redeemer and Intercessor and by the merits of His righteousness whereby we stand justified in God’s sight and from which we receive spiritual life from God. But this verse states also that God’s **“face”** (His glory and His presence) is **“against them that do evil.”** Are we not all sinners? Have we not all done evil? This is true, and God’s wrath would be a reality that we would all have to face were it not for His grace and mercy to us in Christ. Is God for me, or is He against me? As His watchful eye is **“over the righteous”** and His face **“against them that do evil,”** how can I, a sinful man who deserves nothing but God’s wrath, honestly count myself amongst the **“righteous”**? It is only as I stand in and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ Who is my only righteousness! The righteous here does not refer to those who are righteous by their works or within themselves. It refers to those who have been **“made the righteousness of God IN HIM” (2 Cor. 5:21)** by that grace that reigns through righteousness by Jesus Christ our Lord (**Rom. 5:21**). Having Christ as my Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer, as evidenced by God-given faith in Him and repentance of dead works, assures me that God is FOR me and not against me – **“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, Who is even at the right hand of God, Who also maketh intercession for us” (Romans 8:31-34).**

—Pastor Bill Parker



Hymns

May 9th services

There is a Fountain - 222
Jesus Paid it All - 125

Psalm 117:1-2

O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise Him, all ye people. For His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth forever. Praise ye the LORD”

Call To Worship

(Tune – This is my Father’s World – p. 39)
(Words written by Pastor Jim Byrd)

Thy people gather now, for worship and for praise;
Before Thy throne we humbly bow, and honors to Thee raise.
Each benefit we trace, to Thee, dear Lord above;
Accept our thanks for sovereign grace, for everlasting love.

We praise Thee for Thy Son, who once was crucified;
By Him redemption’s work was done and justice satisfied.
He rose to die no more and sits upon His throne;
He rules and reigns forevermore, the church’s Cornerstone.

Accept our thankfulness, our praise O Lord receive;
We plead Christ’s blood & righteousness, & on His Name believe.
May grace now be applied, to sinners, lost, undone;
For such the Savior came and died, and full salvation won.

“Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities” (Psalms 51:9)

I read the expression, “*my sins*,” in the scriptures and it comes to my mind in quiet thought. My sins. I have nothing else to claim for my own but these! God declares, it is “your sins” that have separated you from Him. With this expression comes an awful responsibility – “my sins.” The guilt of them, the penalty for them and every consequence of them is mine. I have none other to blame and the Holy God must punish my sins. *“The soul that sins shall surely die.”* I cannot speak of my righteousness, my goodness, or my works, for even they are my sins! Even Christ said, *“... ye shall die in your sins.”* But He preceded those words with words of grace and mercy, saying, *“If you believe not that I am He...”* HE? Yes, the One who takes away sin. The One who died as the Substitute in the place of sinners and for sin. The One who *“put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.”* The One who made His *“soul an offering for sin.”* Put away? How far? How fully? Oh, the good news of His gospel! Everyone for whom He died is totally saved from their sins. All in Him are delivered from God’s wrath against sin because He has suffered the consequences they deserved. They are in Him and *“IN HIM is no sin.”* So completely did Christ in His cross-death deal with the believer’s sins that God gives us many expressions to assure them of their full salvation from sin. By faith we can say as Hezekiah, *“Thou hast cast all my sins behind Thy back.”* ALL my sins! By the prophet Jeremiah He declares, *“In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.”* Micah proclaims, *“Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.”* This is our greatest comfort and with the Psalmist we bless the God of all grace – *“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities..”* 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 them no more, Praise the Lord, O my soul!” —Gary Shepard