

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 September 22, 2019

10 am: "The End of the Law for Righteousness" | Romans Series
Lesson 60 | Romans 9:30-10:4
Bill Parker

11 am: "The Way Made by Our Savior's Suffering" | Isaiah 53:6
Bill Parker

Live Stream

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Christ Liveth in Me

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). How is it that Christ lives within us, His people? The Scripture tells us that He lives within our hearts by His Spirit Who is none other than God the Holy Spirit, the second Person of the Trinity, and by His Word as the Holy Spirit writes the Word of God upon our hearts (John 15:7; Rom. 8:9-11; Col. 3:16; 1 John 2:14,24,27). The living and ever-abiding presence of Christ within us by His Spirit is known as He gives us a knowledge and love of, even a hunger for, His Word. It is by His Word that we are convicted of our sin and comforted by His grace. It is by the Spirit that we grow in His Word of truth revealed in light of the Gospel of God's free and sovereign grace in and by the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit uses the Word continually to drive us to Christ for all salvation, forgiveness, righteousness, eternal life, and glory. He uses the Word to teach and guide as He motivates us in obedience and restrains us from sin by the love of Christ for us and our love for Him. We in Whom Christ lives live by Him, in Him, from Him, and to His glory.

– Pastor Bill Parker

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—William Mason

I am a sinner by nature, but I am a saint by grace. I have no hope or plea for that salvation which is of the Lord except Christ and Him crucified. I can truthfully say, by the witness of the Holy Spirit, "It is well with my soul." Nevertheless, though I am washed in the blood of the Lamb, and am made *"the righteousness of God in Christ,"* I am a man who knows something about turmoil within and opposition from without. I still have many enemies against my soul. Satan stands against me; the world with all of its allurements plagues me. My own flesh is no friend to grace, to God or to the work which the Lord has begun within me. It tempts me to feel holy and good about myself due to some work I have done or some word I have spoken. I constantly need to be reminded (and the same goes for you) that, *"in my flesh dwelleth no good thing...O wretched man that I am" (Romans 7:18, 24).* My need today remains the same as it always has been – the continual saving and sustaining grace of God. O my brothers and sisters, let us always remember that God keeps us safe, we certainly do not keep ourselves in a state of grace. The Lord blesses us not because we are good, but because He is good; not because we are deserving, but because He is gracious. God chose me, accepts me and saves me, not upon the basis of any good that I have said, thought or done, but because of Christ, because of who He is and what He has done for me. Should the Lord leave me to myself, there is more than enough sin in me to create a thousand devils.

—Pastor Jim Byrd

Birthdays

DAVID TENNSYON- SEPT. 23RD | KAYLA SEAGRAVES - SEPT. 24TH

Hymns

September 22nd services

God Leads Us Along - 298

Have Thine Own Way, Lord - 388

The Lord's Supper

We will serve the LORD'S SUPPER next Sunday (09/29/19) following the morning messages. We will serve lunch in our dining hall following the worship services.

Call To Worship

(Tune – All That Thrills My Soul – p. 463)
(Words written by Brother Winston Pannell)

Seated on His throne in glory, interceding there for me,
Jesus Christ the blessed Savior lives and in Him so shall we;
If His righteousness imputed is alone my earnest plea,
Then His garment of salvation ever will avail for me.

Christ in union with the Father and the Holy Ghost agreed,
To redeem a sinful people through the Father's chosen seed;
He Whose precious blood has answered all God's law requires of me,
And my Advocate forever pleads His righteousness for me.

Who can charge a sinner guilty, if for him Christ Jesus died,
Nor condemn if God the Father rules that sinner justified;
I'm persuaded He is faithful to impute His righteousness
And as heirs of grace He calls us to His everlasting rest.

There's no Savior like Him Who can do for us what He has done,
By His death and resurrection God the Father's only Son.
Made it right for God to save us, poor and sinful though we be,
And maintain His holy nature, mystery of mysteries.

Only by omnipotent grace can a once-deceived religious sinner confess as Paul that they were *“before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief” (1Tim. 1:13)*. Only God the Spirit can bring us to confess our unbelief, renounce our old associations of false religion, repent of what we once thought about God and bring us to truly believe on the Lord Jesus Christ rather than *“another jesus.”* He alone can save us from depending on all our works to trusting the crucified Christ! When He strips us of all but Christ, Oh, the light liberty in Him and the glorious covering of His righteousness!

-- Pastor Gary Shepard