

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, August 10, 2025

11 am: "God's Everlasting Covenant"
2 Samuel 23:1-5
Jim Casey

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.
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We cannot lose sight of the elect of God being in Adam, but we also cannot lose sight of the elect being in Christ according to the everlasting covenant of grace. As one old writer said "we fell in Adam but we did not fall out of Christ". As we still look at condemnation, let's look at (John 3:18) *He that believeth on him is **not condemned**; but he that believeth not is **condemned already**, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.* We must also understand that our believing or not believing does not make us condemned or not condemned. Our believing or not believing only **gives evidence** of our being condemned or not condemned. Also look at (John 5:24) *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, **hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation**; but is passed from death unto life.* Christ took care of the whole sin problem on the cross, when He died for His sheep and established righteousness for them, and if you are in Christ, if Christ represented you in His cross death, "*there is therefore now no condemnation*". —Elder Jim Casey

To those who truly believe, those who have this precious faith, ***“HE IS PRECIOUS” (I Peter 2:7)***. This is one way I know that God has given me this faith. The faith which I have will not permit me to look to, trust in, rest upon, live upon, or have any hope in anyone but Christ, and Christ alone! Unto me ***“HE IS PRECIOUS!”*** —Copied

“Let all those that seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee: and let such as love Thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.” (Psalm 70:4)

Blessed Imputation

“Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.” (Psalm 32:1-2)

The apostle Paul and the psalmist David speak of a “blessed man.” A man blessed of God. The individual who is blessed of God is the one to whom ***“God imputeth righteousness without works” (Romans 4:6)***. It is the one to whom the ***“Lord will not impute sin.” (Romans 4:8)***. What a great work of God’s grace it is when we are made to know the reality of imputation! It is the only means by which our sin is ever really removed from us and the only means by which we are ever righteous. Those who do not know the truth of it or do not desire to understand it are those who seek to establish righteousness of their own before God. Without imputation there is only condemnation! Imputation involves a real transfer of sin (the full penalty of it) to another upon which the one to whom it is transferred assumes the full responsibility of it. Their Surety. All the sins of God’s elect were imputed to Christ. He in His death assumed the full responsibility and therefore suffered the full penalty of it. That is what He did in His substitutionary death on the cross. The sinless One is ***“made sin for us”*** and dies in our place. His righteousness is imputed to us and we are ***“made the righteousness of God in Him.” (2 Corinthians 5:21)***.

Paul tells us that God justified Abraham and he was counted a righteous man by God. How did this sinner Abraham become such before God? He believed God’s promise to provide a perfect righteousness for him from One outside of himself. That One is Christ! But then Paul records the good news. ***“Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification” (Romans 4:22-25)***. So great and real was the transfer of my sin to Christ and the transfer of His righteousness to me that I can rest, rejoice and look forward to meeting Him as my righteous Judge. My sin is gone (He put it away) and my righteousness is perfect (It is His righteousness). I know this because God has declared it in His word and revealed it by His Spirit through the Gospel. It is His promise and by God-given faith I believe it! Amen!

—Pastor Gary Shepard

Birthdays

Ashlyn Mattle - Aug. 14th

Prayer Requests

Patricia Pannell, Alex Wages, Audrey Asher, Kathy Robinson, Lori Ann Loosier, Leon Drake, Judy Fletcher, David Tennyson, Monica Hayes, Patsy Parr, Phyllis Payne, Glenn Tennyson, Mason Flynn, Banks Margeson, Prince Rodway, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

From the Pastor

Debbie and I are in Ashland, KY, today worshipping at Thirteenth Street Baptist Church where Brother Jim Byrd is pastor, and visiting our family. The Lord willing, we will return home this Wednesday. Remember, we will resume our regular services at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. next Sunday, August 17. Please pray for us as we travel home, and please pray for Brother Jim Casey as he preaches here at 11:00 a.m.

Call to Worship

(Tune – Doxology)

(Words written by Pastor Gary Shepard)

**All praise to God for all His grace,
That grace that reigns in righteousness.**

**A just God and a Savior He,
This way He must forever be.**

**From old eternity was wrought,
A purpose of His grace to show.
Eternal love then did design,
To send the Son down here below.**

**Christ came and lived the perfect Man,
Submissive to the Father's will.
Then on the cross He died to save,
And there His blood did freely spill.**

**That sacrifice for sins then made,
The debt to justice satisfied.
Now all for whom He suffered there,
Must now be freely justified!**