

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 17, 2025

10 am: "Good and Acceptable Prayer" | Lesson 6 | 1 Tim.2:1-7
Bill Parker

11 am: "Two Covenants"
Galatians 4:21-31
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one." (Romans 3:10-12)

"For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, Who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but IN HIM was yea. For all the promises of God IN HIM are yea, and IN HIM Amen, unto the glory of God by us. Now He which stablisheth us with you IN CHRIST, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts." (2 Cor. 1:19-22)

Not an Insult But a Necessity

The doctrine of the total depravity of all men without exception is not revealed to insult us. The revelation of total depravity in the Bible is the diagnosis of a terrible disease we all have by nature – the terrible disease of sin. Because of self-righteousness and pride, the natural man sees it as an insult to his self-proclaimed dignity and goodness, but he does not know the real depths of his own depravity and the seriousness of sin as it rules and mars his whole life and being. Total depravity does not mean that we are all as bad as we could be in the eyes of men. Thank God for His restrictive power through natural conscience and civil law that keeps many of us from going the full depths of our fallen, sinful natures on earth. Total depravity means:

(1) We have no righteousness of our own. Man lost what righteousness he had when Adam fell and brought us all, the whole human race, into sin, depravity, and death (Rom. 5:12; 3:10).

(2) We cannot work out righteousness by our best efforts to keep the law and obey God. Righteousness cannot be attained by our works (Rom. 3:19-20; Eph. 2:8-9).

(3) Because we all fell in Adam, we are born spiritually dead with no desires for the things of the glory of God in the Lord Jesus Christ. We do not know, desire, or seek after righteousness God's way in the Gospel of His free and sovereign grace through the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom. 3:11-12).

This is revealed to God's people by the Holy Spirit in the new birth as He convicts us of sin, righteousness, and judgment, showing us our need of Christ through the grace of God and His righteousness alone for our complete salvation and justification before God. This is when the Holy Spirit imparts life to a dead sinner and gives that sinner a desire to seek and cling to Christ for all salvation.

—Pastor Bill Parker

God's Promise Fulfilled

In the resurrection of Christ, all the redeemed were declared justified. They died and rose in Him and none can lay anything to their charge. If it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth or addeth thereto. Now, to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. Was not, then, the veracity of God pledged for the fulfillment of the promises to all the seed? (Romans 4:16; Titus 1:2) God was not left 'free of obligation'. He was bound by the perfection of His character. It is impossible for God to lie. He cannot but fulfill His promise, for He is the God of truth. But are the heirs of promise less indebted to His Grace?

A man is bound by his promise. Circumstances may occur which he did not foresee and which, had he been aware of, he would not have made the engagement. But, if he be a man of truth, he will keep it, notwithstanding. Now, God condescended to pledge both His promise and His oath to the Son of His Love and in Him, to all His people. Nothing has happened, or could happen, of which He had not the most perfect foreknowledge nor over which He did not possess the most absolute control. Shall it be considered an impeachment of His Grace that He is laid under an obligation, both by truth and justice, to bestow upon the redeemed eternal life? The Great Surety of the covenant fulfilled all righteousness, yielded to the law all the obedience it required, endured its curse and consequently, all the children of the covenant must inherit the Blessing.

Christ is their Advocate with the Father. He pleads for sinners, yet is He Jesus Christ the Righteous, for His intercession is founded on the perfection of His offering. He disclaims praying for the world, declaring He never knew them. But He knows His sheep. He gives them endless life. They shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of His hand. And that they may have strong consolation, He teaches them equally to rest on the Mercy, Truth and Justice of God. —James Haldane (1768-1851)

Birthdays

Dennis Vanzandt – Aug. 17th | Charlotte Pannell – Aug. 19th | Jane Sparks – Aug. 19th
Kathryn Cox – Aug. 19th | Mariel Moore – Aug. 20th

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.

Hymns

August 17th service

Whiter Than Snow - 310

Look to the Lamb of God - 216

Call to Worship

(Tune – Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus – p. 257)

**Great Jehovah, our salvation,
God of mercy and of grace;
Who sent Christ to save His nation,
His dear sheep from every race.**

**REFRAIN: How we love Him, Christ our Savior,
He who reigns o'er all to bless
All His people with salvation;
Praise the Lord our righteousness.**

**There's a peace that knows no ending
In the Savior's loving arms;
With our precious Lord's attending,
Keeping safe from all alarms.**

**We rejoice in our redemption
Earned by Christ, our Great High Priest,
He who reigns without exemption
Intercedes for us to plead.**