

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 3, 2025

10 am: "Praise, Faith, and Conscience" | Lesson 5

1 Tim. 1:17-20 | Bill Parker

11 am: "The Fullness of the Time"

Galatians 4:1-7

Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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Access to God

The only way of access to God is through the risen Christ and based on the merits of His obedience unto death as Substitute and Surety of His people. The only way of access to Christ is by the Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit to reveal Him in His glorious Person and finished work of redemption to make reconciliation for the sins of His people and to establish a righteousness by which God is just and Justifier of the ungodly. It is required of men to believe the Gospel, not as a condition they must meet to attain or maintain salvation, but as the God-ordained means to lay hold of Christ Who by Himself has met all conditions for salvation by His substitutionary obedience unto death. God the Holy Spirit is the sovereign Agent in the new birth; the Gospel is the God-ordained instrument; and faith is the God-appointed and God-given means. Faith is the link to connect the soul to Christ in order that believing sinners might come to Him Who justifies the ungodly based on the blood and imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ. The Gospel reveals a complete satisfaction to both God's law and justice by Christ, the only Substitute, Representative, and Surety. It is upon this ground that God justifies, receives, and accepts sinners. It is through the blood of Jesus Christ that we have free and unhindered access to God (Heb. 10:19-22).

– Pastor Bill Parker

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh" (Hebrews 10:19-20).

“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.” (Isaiah 26:3-4)

If we have not always comfortable frames to rejoice in, yet we have always THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS to glory of. In this LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory (Isa. 45:25). Blessed Spirit, take of the things of Christ, show them unto me, and glorify Him in my heart. —William Mason

How Do We Stand Before Him?

Under true conviction a sinner finds that he has no righteousness before God. The more he strives to make himself better, the worse he finds himself. Daily he discovers more of sin's guilt. He finds in himself a want of all good and an inclination to all evil. He is convinced that the law of God is holy, just, and good; but when he would keep it, evil is present with him. Sensible of his guilty, helpless state, he knows that by the works of the flesh he cannot be saved. His heart, like a fountain, is continually sending forth evil thoughts; and after all his efforts, he cannot quiet his conscience nor attain peace with God. The Gospel of Christ finds him in this condition, as the Samaritan did the wounded traveler, and brings him GOOD NEWS. It discovers to him the way of salvation in Christ Jesus.

Men who are accepted by God must appear at His throne in the perfect righteousness of the law and with a full release by God's holy justice! How can any son of Adam even hope to have such a standing and such perfect holiness? "IN CHRIST," declares the Gospel! The Lord Jesus, from all eternity, covenanted to stand as the Head and Surety of His people, in their nature and in their stead. He assumed all their debts and all the requirements upon them. In the fullness of time He came into the world and was made flesh – God and man truly united in ONE PERSON. This God-man lived and died as the representative of His people. The holiness of His life and His suffering and death under the wrath of His Father was to save them from all the sufferings due to their sins and provide the perfect righteousness imputed to them by the Father. And, thus, the law and justice of the Father would be glorified in pardoning them. God shall be strictly just and yet the justifier of all who believe in Christ. —William Romaine (1714 – 1795)

From the Pastor

Debbie and I will be leaving today after the service to travel to Ashland, KY, to visit our family there. The Lord willing, we will return home on August 13. Elder Jim Casey will be preaching here next Sunday, August 10, at the 11:00 a.m. service. There will be no 10:00 Bible Study next Sunday. We will resume our regular services on Sunday, August 17.

Birthdays

Alisha Jackson – Aug. 7th | Edith Ann Tennyson – Aug. 9th

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 3rd service

Come Thou Fount - 17

Only a Sinner - 474

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.**