

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, June 8, 2025

10 am: "The Difference Only
Grace Can Make" | Matt. 27:38-44
Matthew Series | Lesson 106
Bill Parker

11 am: "Awake to Righteousness"
1 Corinthians 15:30-34
Bill Parker

Live Stream

Every Sunday 10 & 11 a.m.

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The Gospel Empowered

“For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek” (Romans 1:16).

Does the Gospel save us from our sins? NO, Christ saved us from our sins by His obedience unto death as our Surety, Substitute, and Redeemer. But Christ and His righteousness are revealed to us by the power of the Holy Spirit through the preaching of the Gospel – ***“For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith” (Romans 1:17; cf. 1 Cor. 1:18-24).*** Does the Gospel regenerate and convert us? NO, the Holy Spirit regenerates and converts us in the new birth, but He does so by means of the Gospel truth applied to the new heart (mind, affections, will, and conscience) (***John 8:32; 16:8-11; 1 Pet. 1:22-25; James 1:18***). If the Holy Spirit does not empower the Gospel preached to the hearts of God’s people to whom He gives life and faith, then it will fall on spiritually deaf ears. ***2 Corinthians 2:16*** tells us that the Gospel is ***“the savour of death unto death”*** to those who hear it with the physical ear and walk away without believing. But it is ***“the savour of life unto life,”*** even ***“the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.”*** To them it is the Word of power, not the power of man’s free will, but the power of God in Christ Who saves by His grace.

—Pastor Bill Parker

The Plan and Method of Justification

God the Father contrived the plan and method of justification. It would have been a puzzling question to angels and men had not He resolved it. ***“How should man,”*** sinful man, ***“be just with God?”*** But God in His infinite wisdom ***“found a ransom,”*** a Ransomer, a Redeemer of His people, to bring in everlasting righteousness for them, and thereby acquit and discharge them, and ***“deliver them from going down to the pit”*** of ruin and destruction. ***“God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself.”*** God was with Him, forming the scheme of their peace and reconciliation, of their redemption, justification, and salvation – ***“not imputing their trespasses,”*** but the righteousness of His Son to them (*Job 9:2; 33:24; 2 Cor. 5:19-21*).

—John Gill

Christ Our Propitiation

By God’s sovereign grace and power, He brought a publican to cry out, ***“God be merciful to me a sinner”*** (*Luke 18:13*). The Bible tells us many times that God’s mercy is His pity and compassion towards His people whom He chose to save before the foundation of the world by His grace in Christ Jesus. But for us to understand God’s mercy upon His people, we must see the need for a sin-bearing sacrifice who can satisfy God’s justice on our behalf. This idea is expressed in *Psalms 85:10* – ***“Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.”*** Mercy and truth (concerning God’s holiness and justice; concerning our sinfulness and depravity) can only come together by God’s grace through the Lord Jesus Christ Who Himself is ***“the propitiation*** (satisfaction) ***for our sins”*** (*1 John 2:2; cf. 4:10*). When the publican begged for mercy, he used the word for mercy that means a “propitiation.” He understood what many today do not understand – God’s love and mercy for His people provides a perfect satisfaction to His holy and inflexible justice through the glorious Person and finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ (*1 John 4:10*). This shows us two things: (1) that without this propitiation in Christ, there is no mercy for sinners from God; and (2) that all for whom Christ made propitiation by His obedience unto death shall be saved!

So, when we read that Christ ***“is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world”*** (*1 John 2:2*), we understand that the “whole world” is not all human beings without exception that have ever or will ever live. It is God’s elect, chosen in Christ, throughout the whole world (both Jew and Gentile out of every nation) and who have been redeemed by Him, and for whom He is their propitiation. To apply this to all without exception, even those who perish in unbelief, is to deny that Christ is the propitiation for His people. It is to say that His obedience unto death did not satisfy God’s justice and did not accomplish righteousness by which they have been justified and from which they receive life unto glory. — Pastor Bill Parker

Birthdays

Jane Margeson - June 8 | Kelsey Morris - June 10 | Smith Flynn - June 11th

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, the mission in Malawi, Africa.

Hymns

June 8th service

-All Hail the Power - 42

-Savior, More Than Life to Me - 304

Call to Worship

(Tune – I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord – p. 188)
(Words by Gary Shepard)

**Complete in Christ the Lord,
No trusting in my best;
Wrapped fully in the garment of
Imputed righteousness.**

**Complete in Christ the Lord,
By faith His fullness known;
The Father looks at me and sees
One as His very own.**

**Complete in Christ the Lord,
No better could be had;
For none can by their doing here
To His completion add.**

**Complete in Christ the Lord,
Though circumstance be grim;
Above it all does God declare,
"You are complete in Him."**