

Pastor's Pen

"For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions" 2 Timothy 4:3

You might be thinking it has almost been 2,000 years since Paul penned his last letter to Timothy. The truth is that the true church, that is, those who follow the teachings of the whole Bible and believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior, has always been on guard regarding Paul's warning.

When Paul wrote 2 Timothy, he was in prison in Rome and was awaiting his fate. Not too long after he wrote to Timothy, Paul was executed. Paul was concerned that false teachers would turn believers from the true faith into errors and myths after his death. Paul was worried that people would grow tired of the true gospel and reject it. Instead, they would turn in other directions, looking to replace sound or healthy teaching. Instead of following godly teachers, his concern was that people would choose to follow teachers who told them what they liked to hear rather than what was true. The idea of "itching ears" meant that they sought something different from the traditional, true gospel message.

In 2 Timothy 4:1-2, we see the instruction Paul gave Timothy to counter these false teachers: *"I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching."*

Sometimes what I say can be construed as alarmist rhetoric. I have shared with you my concern that I believe that there are dark days ahead for all true believers. For far too long, churches have watered down the Gospel of Jesus Christ and have turned the house of God into entertainment centers. However, God has warned His church to remain faithful and stand up to false teachers who would attempt to destroy the church. From the first day that God allowed Grace Harvest to become a body of believers, we have used His Word to guide everything in the life of our church. What say, you Christian? Do you stand with me? As we continue to serve God, will you strive to know God's Word, so you will be able to stand when others will fall and have itching ears?

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark

Quote of the Week

"The biblical math could not be simpler; if a person who professes to be a Christian lives like the devil, he is of the devil."

— Todd Friel

Grace Gems

All the jewels in the Savior's crown are without a single flaw!

(Charles Spurgeon)

"Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away, and will present you faultless with great joy into His glorious presence!" Jude 1:24

Revolve in your mind that wondrous word "faultless"! We are far off from it now; but as our Lord never stops short of perfection in His work of redeeming love, every saved sinner shall be without blemish one day. The Savior who will keep His people to the end, will also present them at last to Himself as "a glorious Church, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing—but holy and without blemish!" All the jewels in the Savior's crown are without a single flaw!

But how will Jesus make us faultless? He will wash us from our sins in His own blood, until we are as white and lovely as God's purest angel! We shall be clothed in His perfect righteousness, which makes the saint who wears it truly faultless, perfect in the sight of God. Also, the work of the Holy Spirit within us will be altogether complete. He will make us so perfectly holy, that we shall have no lingering tendency to sin. We shall be as holy as God is holy, and we shall dwell in His presence forever!

"You are altogether beautiful, My beloved—there is no spot in you!" Song of Songs 4:7

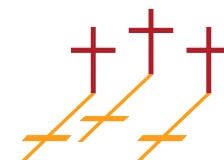
Sin gone,

Satan shut out,

temptation past forever,

and ourselves "faultless" before God

—this will be Heaven indeed!



Weekly Gatherings



Bible Classes

New Testament
Sunday School
Sunday Morning @ 9-9:45 & 10-10:45



Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM
Men's Zoom Bible Study



Job Study

Wednesdays @ 7PM
Teaching Series (Online Only)



Build the Body Teams

If you would like to serve on a BtB Team and forgot to sign up, please contact the team leader at the appropriate email address.



Youth Study

Wednesdays @6:30PM
Youth Study
AWANA @6:30PM-8PM



Service Times

Sunday Service 8:30AM & 10:30AM
Children's Church @10:30AM

Giving from service on 01/31/2021

General Offering 2,432.29
Building Fund 245.60
Uganda 100.00

Total \$2,777.89

Attendance 60
Online 53

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