

Pastor's Pen

“Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.”
Galatians 6:7-8

On this past Wednesday, July 1, 2020 the law in Virginia did away with the requirement that a woman had to have an ultra sound of her baby in the womb. Can you imagine how evil and hardhearted an individual must be to pass this into law. The original law was put into place to make sure that the mother could see that there was a baby inside of her womb. However, under this current Governor and democratically controlled legislator they felt that this restricted a women's right to murder her baby. Murder is a strong word but that is exactly what abortion is, the state sponsored murder of the unborn.

I continue to pray for our Governor and legislators who promote the killing of the unborn. I pray for their salvation because the bible is clear, those who practice sin do not belong to Him. Legislating murder is practicing sin. One day these people, if they do not repent and turn to Jesus, will stand before Him at the Great White Throne Judgment. They will pontificate on how they stood for women's rights and Jesus will say to them depart from me you workers of murder.

This is an election year and elections have consequences. I urge you Christians to vote for candidate's that stand for life at the state and national level. No party or candidate who stands for the death of the unborn is a child of God. I don't make this claim lightly but this is what God has to say about those who practice sin,

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. 1 John 3: 4-8

In Matthew Chapter 5 we were told that we are to be salt and light to the world. Christian, be that salt that keeps the evil at bay. Do it today, tomorrow, and everyday that God allows you to live.

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark

Quote of the Week

“There is no greater state than to get up from your knees knowing that God has forgiven every sin you've ever committed.”
- R. C. Sproul

Grace Gems

Prayers for Salvation

Here are some ways the Bible can guide our prayers. We begin with prayers for salvation. Each of these prayers seeks the same thing, but in a different way or from a different angle or using different language. Each of them is grounded in a specific text of Scripture.

- Pray that God would circumcise their hearts. Circumcision was the Old Testament sign of entering into God's covenant, of being God's people. To have a circumcised heart symbolizes having a heart that is fully joined to God, fully submissive to him. "And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live" (Deuteronomy 30:6).
- Pray that God would give them a heart of flesh. The Bible contrasts a heart of flesh, a heart that is alive and responsive to God, to a heart of stone, a heart that is cold and unyielding. Pray that God would work within these unbelievers to change their hearts. "And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh..." (Ezekiel 11:19).
- Pray that God would put his Spirit within them. The great joy of salvation is being indwelt by God himself. Pray that God would grant this honor to those unbelievers, that he would choose to take up residence within them. "And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules" (Ezekiel 36:27).
- Pray that they would come to Christ. If unbelievers are to come to salvation, there is just one way. They must come through Christ and Christ alone. "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'" (John 14:6). Remember, too, that he is the one who calls them to come and to be relieved of the burden of their sin (see Matthew 11:28-30).
- Pray that God would open their hearts to believe the gospel. Once more, God must initiate and people must respond. So pray that God would open the hearts of these unbelievers so they can in turn believe, just as Lydia did. "The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul" (Acts 16:14).
- Pray that God would free them from the slavery of sin. Unbelievers may believe they are free, but they are in fact enslaved. They are slaves of sin, bound by their sin and sinfulness. Pray that God would liberate them by his gospel. "But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed" (Romans 6:17).
- Pray that God would remove Satan's blinding influence. Unbelievers have been blinded by Satan and will only ever be able to see and appreciate the gospel if God works within them. So pray that God would give them sight—spiritual sight. "In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God" (2 Corinthians 4:4).

- Tim Callies



Weekly Gatherings



Bible Classes

Discipleship Class
With Brian Patrick
Sunday Morning @ 8AM



Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM
Men's Zoom Bible Study

Tuesdays | 7PM
Women's Zoom Bible Study



Job Study

Wednesdays @ 7PM
Teaching Series



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



Service Times

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

Giving from service on 06.28.20

General Offering7,736.85
Building Fund713.35
Uganda Missions 175.00
Total 8,625.20

Attendance ...138 present

Got Questions

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