

# Pastor's Pen

You might have heard people say "May the Lord give you the desires of your heart". As a matter of fact, that is exactly what I say when I write in a birthday card, or when I send a text to someone on their birthday. If I ask you what is the desire of your heart at this moment, what would be that desire?

In Romans 10:1, we see what is Paul's heart desire. He says that his desire was to see his people, the Jews, come to saving faith. Back in chapter 9:2, Paul says that if he could be condemned to hell so that all the Jews could be saved he would do just that. Paul knew that could never happen but that it was his heart's desire, to see people come to Christ. If we truly believe that God's Word is true then our desire should be to see everyone that we know come to Christ, for all that die without Christ will spend eternity in Hell. This morning's sermon is all about the two gates that people will enter when they die. One leads to everlasting peace, joy, being with Jesus and all of the elect, and worshiping God forever. The other leads to Hell. Once there, there is no escape. Scripture describes that final resting place for those who hated God and rejected His Son. The Bible describes hell as a place of weeping (Matt 8:12), wailing (Matt 13:42), gnashing of teeth (Matt 13:50), darkness (Matt 25:30), flames (Luke 16:24), burning (Isa 33:14), torments (Luke 16:23 everlasting punishment (Rev. 14:11)!

Each and every morning, after I read scripture, I pray for my harvest list. On that list are those names, that if I could, I would be accursed for their salvation. However, since that is not possible I pray that God will change their hearts of stone into hearts of flesh and they will come to saving faith.

I believe that Charles Spurgeon nailed it when he said, "If sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies. And if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay. If Hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and un-prayed for."

Your shepherd,  
Pastor Mark

# Grace Gems

Get out of My sight!

(Thomas Brooks, "The Crown and Glory of Christianity, or, HOLINESS, the Only Way to Happiness", 1662)

Many now-a-days say that there is no Hell. Multitudes think that all that is spoken of Hell in Scripture is false and mythical. They will not believe that there is a Hell . . . until they come to feel themselves in Hell, until they find everlasting flames about their ears, until they are sentenced to the fire, until they are doomed to everlasting fire!

The last words that Christ will ever speak to the ungodly will be the most tormenting and horrifying, the most killing and damning, the most stinging and wounding! "Then He will also say to those on the left: Depart from Me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his demons!" Matthew 25:41.

This terrible sentence breathes out nothing but fire and brimstone, terror and horror, dread and woe! "Depart from Me!" Here is utter rejection: "Pack! Be gone! Get out of My sight! Let Me never see your face again!" "You who are cursed!" Here is malediction. You shall be cursed in your bodies and cursed in your souls! You shall be cursed of God, and cursed of angels, and cursed of saints, and cursed of devils, and cursed of your companions! Yes, you shall curse your very selves, your very souls. All your former curses, all your maledictions—shall at last recoil upon your own souls!

## Quote of the Week

"If we would talk less and pray more about them, things would be better than they are in the world: at least, we should be better enabled to bear them."

-John Owen

Now you curse every man and thing which stands in the way of your lusts, and which cross your designs! But at last all the curses of Heaven and Hell shall meet in their full power and force upon you! "But, Lord, if we must depart, and depart cursed—oh let us go into some good place!" "No! Depart into the eternal fire!" There is the vengeance and everlasting continuance of it. You shall go into fire, into everlasting fire, which will neither consume itself, nor consume you! Eternity of extreme punishment is the hell of Hell. If all the fires which ever were in the world were contracted into one fire, how terrible would it be! Yet such a fire would be but as a 'painted fire'—compared to the fire of Hell. The greatest and the hottest fires that ever were on earth—are but ice in comparison to the fire of Hell. Ah! how sad, how dreadful would it be to experience what it is to lie in unquenchable fire—not for a day, a month, or a year, or a hundred, or a thousand years—but forever and ever!

"If it were," says one, "but for a thousand years, I could bear it—but seeing it is for eternity, this astonishes and affrights me!" "I am afraid of Hell," says another, "because the worm there never dies, and the fire never goes out!" "It is called "unquenchable fire," and "eternal fire." The torments of the damned are . . . very grievous for the bitterness of them, and more grievous for the diversity of them, but most of all grievous for the eternity of them!

Wronged justice can never be satisfied, and therefore the sinner must be forever tormented. The sinner in Hell will sin forever, and therefore he must be punished forever. It will not stand with the unspotted justice and righteousness of God to cease punishing—while the sinner ceases not sinning. "But, Lord, if I must go into fire, into everlasting fire—then oh, let me have some good company in my misery!" "No! The devil and his demons shall be your companions!" Ah! who can conceive or express the misery of living with devils and damned spirits and hellish fiends and furies forever!

**"For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath, but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ!"**

**1 Thessalonians 5:9**



# Weekly Gatherings



## Bible Classes

New Testament  
Sunday School  
Sunday Morning @ 9AM-9:45AM



## Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM  
Men'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  
AWANA @6:30PM-8PM



## Service Times

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

### Giving from service on 08.16.20

General Offering .....	3,161.60
Building Fund .....	350.60
Uganda .....	135.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>3,647.20</b>
Attendance ...	191 present
Online...	21

### Build the Body Ministries

Women's Ministry-women@ghbcva.org  
AWANA-awana@ghbcva.org  
Outreach Ministry-outreach@ghbcva.org  
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