

# Pastor's Pen

Examine yourself!

**"Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them" -Romans 1:32**

As I was looking at social media this past week I saw a post on Facebook of someone who professed faith in Christ celebrating sin. Charles Spurgeon said the following:

"If you can sin and not weep over it, you are an heir of Hell. If you can go into sin, and afterwards feel satisfied to have done so, you are on the road to destruction. If there are no prickings of conscience, no inward torments, no bleeding wounds; if you have no throbs and heavings of a bosom that cannot rest; if your soul never feels filled with wormwood and gall when you know you have done evil, you are no child of God."

One of the evidences of your salvation is that when you sin you grieve over that sin. You are convicted over your failure to be obedient to the word of God. There is no peace or joy in your life. Oh, there may be pleasure for a time but there will never be contentment with that sin. The Holy Spirit that indwells in you will never allow you to be at peace while you continue in sin. If you claim the title of Christian and brag about your sin or even worse try to get others to sin you need to examine yourself to see if you are truly a follower of Christ.

Every Christian will sin. We live in a fallen world and we live in bodies that fight against the spirit. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. However, as you walk with Christ you should sin less as you mature in Him, as well as repenting for those sins quickly.

Your shepherd,  
Pastor Mark

# Grace Gems

The devil's brat! -Thomas Brooks (1669)

**"That sin might become utterly sinful." Romans 7:13**

Paul, to set forth the formidable evil that is in sin, expresses it thus. He could find nothing more evil and odious to express sin by—than itself. Sin is so great an evil, that it cannot have a worse epithet given it. Paul can call it no worse than by its own name—sinful sin. Had he said that sin was a snare, a serpent, a viper, a toad, a plague, a devil, a hell, etc.—he would have said much—but yet not enough to set forth the transcendent evil which is in sin. Therefore he calls it sinful sin. All other evils are but outward, they only reach the name, the body, the estate, the life—but sin is an inward evil, a spiritual evil, an evil that reaches the precious and immortal soul—and therefore is the greatest evil.

Death puts an end to all other troubles; namely, poverty, sickness, disgrace, scorn, contempt, afflictions, losses, etc. But sin is so great an evil, that death itself cannot put an end to it! Eternity itself shall never put a stop, an end—to this evil of evils!

All other evils can never make a man the object of God's wrath and hatred. A man may be poor—and yet precious in the eyes of God; he may be greatly abhorred by the world—and yet highly honored by God; he may be debased by men—and yet exalted by God. But sin is so great an evil, that it subjects the sinner's soul to the wrath and hatred of God!

## Quote of the Week

"Christ did not redeem his church with his blood that the pope might come in and steal away the glory. Christ has always been the Head of the church."

-Charles Spurgeon

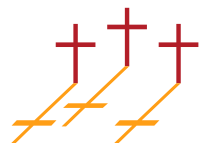
All other evils do but strike at a man's present well-being—but sin strikes at a man's eternal well-being! All other evils can never hinder a man's communion with God. A man may have communion with God in poverty, in sickness, in prison, in banishment. But sin is so great an evil, that it interrupts communion with God, it cuts off communion with God. All outward evils are God's creatures: "Is there any evil in the city—which the Lord has not done?" But sin is the devil's brat—it is a creature of his own begetting! Yes, sin is worse than the devil! It is that which has turned glorious angels into infernal devils!

All other evils do not fight against the greatest good—but sin is that grand evil that fights against the greatest good. Sin fights against the being of God, the essence of God, the glory of God. Sin is a killing of God—it is a murdering of God. Sin is a universal evil, it is all evil, it is nothing but evil; there is not one drop, one spark of good to be found in any sin. In all outward evils there is some good; there is some good in poverty, in sickness, in war, in death—but there is not the least good in sin. Sin is the sole object of God's hatred! He hates nothing but sin! He is angry with nothing but sin! He has forbid nothing but sin! He has revealed his wrath against nothing but sin! So great an evil is sin!

Sin is that grand evil which has midwived all other evils into the world. It was sin which drowned the old world with water. It was sin which destroyed Sodom with fire and brimstone. It was sin which laid Jerusalem in heaps. It was sin which has midwived sword, famine, and pestilence into the world. It was sin which laid the foundation of hell—for before sin there was no hell.

It was sin which crucified the Lord of glory! Now, oh how great must that evil be—which has ushered in all these great evils into the world! Sin is enmity against God. God has no enemy in the world but sin, and those whom sin has made enemies. Sin has set all the world against the Lord of glory. It is sin which has turned men into incarnate devils, and which has drawn them out to fight against God, and Christ, and their own souls, and their everlasting peace.

A Christian looks upon sin as the greatest evil in the world, and his heart rises and is enraged against it, because of the vile, filthy, odious, and heinous nature of it!



# 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 10/18/2020

General Offering .....	8,537.60
Building Fund .....	5,702.60
Uganda .....	100.00
AWANA .....	40.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>14,380.20</b>

Attendance .....186

### Build the Body Ministries

- Women's Ministry-women@ghbcva.org
- AWANA-awana@ghbcva.org
- Outreach Ministry-outreach@ghbcva.org
- Worship Ministry-worship@ghbcva.org
- Men's Ministry-men@ghbcva.org
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