

Pastor's Pen

Lying Lips

"They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works." Titus 1:16

During the 2021 Super Bowl, one of the ads has generated a lot of criticism for being disingenuous. It is an ad for Jeep and has the singer Bruce Springsteen talking about a tiny chapel in Lebanon, Kansas being in the middle of the country. The ad Springsteen says the following, "There's a chapel in Kansas standing on the exact center of the Lower 48. It never closes. All are more than welcome to come meet here in the middle". I find it a bit ironic that he is standing in front of a church and comments it never closes when people he supports have tried to shut the doors of churches all across America. You can say anything, but your actions speak louder than your words.

When Paul wrote to Titus, he warned him of those false teachers who would try to pervert God's truth by claiming that they know God, but their lives would reveal that they do not know Jesus as Lord and Savior. That is precisely what Jesus taught when He said of false teachers, "You will know them by their fruits" (Matt. 7:16). Conversely, we are told that Christians will be known when the fruits of the Spirit are evident in their lives, "*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law*" (Galatians 5:22-23).

John MacArthur puts it like this:

Only God, of course, can evaluate a person's heart. But by the way they live, unbelievers usually betray their unbelief. By their words, they profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him.

People who trust in their works of righteousness also tend to have an air of superiority about them, believing, like the ancient Greek gnostics, that they are "in the know" about religious matters and live on a level above other people. They not only profess to know God but to know Him better than others. The truth, however, is that they do not know Him at all, much less have a saving relationship to Him.

Do your works speak louder than your lips?

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark

Quote of the Week

"We must never look at any sin in our past life in any way except that which leads us to praise God and to magnify His grace in Christ Jesus."

— D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Grace Gems

The glory of heaven!
(Thomas Watson, "The Christian Soldier" 1669)

If the mountains were gold; if every sand in the sea were a diamond; if the whole globe were a shining gem—it would all still be infinitely beneath the glory of heaven!

1. In heaven, there shall be freedom from sin. Here on earth, sin keeps house with us; it is as natural for us to sin—as to breathe. The soul that is most purified, and cleansed by grace, is not without some dregs of corruption. But a sinful thought shall not creep into heaven! There is beauty—which is not stained with lust; and honor—which is not swelled with pride. "Nothing impure will ever enter it!" Revelation 21:27
2. In heaven, there shall be freedom from the assaults of the red dragon. It is sad to have Satan daily soliciting us by his temptations—and laboring to trick us into sin. But the old serpent is forever cast out of the heavenly Paradise!
3. In heaven, there shall be freedom from all afflictions. Our lives now are intertwined with troubles. "My life is consumed by anguish, and my years by groaning; my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak." Psalm 31:10. There are many things to occasion trouble—sometimes poverty afflicts; sometimes sickness tortures; sometimes the unkindness of friends breaks the heart. Our lives, like the seas, are full of tempests. But in the kingdom of Heaven, there is nothing to give grief. There, all is serene and calm; there is nothing within to trouble us—or without to molest us.
4. The delights of the heavenly kingdom are unmixed. The comforts here below, are checkered. Honor may be stained with disgrace; joy interwoven with sorrow. Our suns are mixed with clouds. But the delicacies of heaven are pure as well as pleasant. There is honey—which has not one drop of gall. The crystal spring of joy, has no settlings of sorrow at the bottom.



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 02/07/2021

General Offering	10,922.60
Building Fund	1,429.60
Uganda	140.00
Benevolence	25.00

Total \$12,517.20

Attendance 106

Online 38

Build the Body Ministries

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