

# Pastor's Pen

Peace

**"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." John 16:30**

What would you say if someone asked you, "what brings you peace"? Webster defines peace as "a state of tranquility or quiet: such as freedom from civil disturbance, a state of security or order within a community provided for by law or custom, freedom from disquieting or oppressive thoughts or emotions, harmony in personal relations." The world foolishly believes that man can even have world peace between every nation. Until Christ returns, there will be war and rumors of wars ( Matthew 24:6), and there will never be total peace until Christ returns. However, I, Christian can find individual peace even in a violent and hostile world.

On the night that He was betrayed, Jesus met with His disciples at the last supper. Before they ate, He washed their feet and then taught them many truths that would help them after His death (John 13-16). He compared the Father as the vinedresser, Himself as the vine, and believers as the branches. He taught them that they could do nothing apart from God when it comes to Kingdom living. Before Jesus would go to the cross, He wanted to make sure that the disciples understood that even though they would face many hardships, believing in Him would bring them peace knowing that Jesus has already overcome the world. What does it mean that Christ overcame the world? Jesus Christ has overcome the world by conquering sin, death, and Satan. Because Jesus has overcome the world, we have no reason to fear. Christian, Jesus saved you for His glory, and you may find peace in every circumstance of this life knowing that nothing can separate you from the love of Christ.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:35-39

Your shepherd,  
Pastor Mark

## Quote of the Week

"Never let anxieties about Sanctification destroy your confidence of Justification."  
-Charles Haddon Spurgeon

# Grace Gems

Don't be the slave of worldly amusements!  
(George Everard)

**"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Romans 12:2**

Be separate from a world that lies in wickedness. Of course in some measure you must mix in the world, while you live on earth — but let it be evident that you rise above it. Don't be the slave of worldly amusements! God loves that His people should be cheerful and happy — but there is little true enjoyment in the excitement of the theater, the race-course, the ball-room, the gambling-table, and the like. Choose something higher and better.

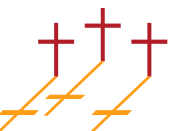
Consider how such things check the growth of true piety. If you err, let it be on the safe side. Do not ask, "How far may I go, and yet be guiltless?" Rather ask, "How may I walk more closely with God?" "How may I enjoy most of the love of Christ?" "How shall I best glorify my Father in Heaven?"

Whenever you stand in doubt as to whether it is right or not to go to any place, bear in mind the old rule. Ask yourself, "Can I kneel down and with a good conscience ask the Lord to go with me?" If not, be sure that it is not safe for you. Above all, bear witness for Christ in the world by a very holy and consistent life. Manfully resist sin in every shape and form. Watchfully guard against the least approach to youthful lusts. In thought, word, and deed — be pure, be chaste.

Regard the least allusion to anything impure, as the poison of the old serpent which is death to the soul.

Keep a very tender conscience. Don't make light of little sins, as many think them. Little acts . . . of dishonesty, of selfishness, of neglect, of indulged vanity, of pride and self-conceit, of the love of dress, of petty deceits and half-untruths — who can tell how much harm is often done by these things, and to what far greater evils they often lead?

Do not judge of sin by the standard of those around you, but . . . in the light of God's Word, in the light of the cross, and in remembrance of the day of judgment.



# Weekly Gatherings



## Bible Classes

Old Testament  
New Testament  
Young Parents  
Young Adults  
Sunday Morning @ 9AM



## Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM  
Men's Bible Study  
Every other Saturday:  
Women of Grace | 9am



## Family Groups

Thursdays @ 7PM @ Royall's  
Every other Thursday @7PM  
@ Patrick's & Cox's



## 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



## Service Times

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

Giving from service on 10/24/2021

General Offering .....	6,136.29
Building Fund .....	997.29
Uganda .....	700.00
Total .....	\$7,833.58

Attendance .....	191
Sunday School .....	95
Online .....	24

## 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  
Children's Ministry-children@ghbcva.org  
Youth Ministry-youth@ghbcva.org  
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