

Pastor's Pen

Faith, not Fear!

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. 2 Timothy 1:7

We are getting ready to enter into a New Year. We have seen God bless His church here at GHBC over the past year. We have seen souls saved and lives changed. We have seen babies born into our church family and have seen God call home some we love. This year we lost two members of Grace Harvest, Amber Weyant, and Chuck Lane. It is never easy to lose the ones we love and hold dear. We grieve and mourn but not like the World. Amidst broken hearts and a longing for those we have lost, we know that those who belong to our Lord we will be united again

"But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep."

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

Christian, you have no reason to fear death, no reason to fear sickness or disease. We have the hope of knowing that every believer will be reunited with Christ. Paul said, "this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality" (1 Corinthians 15:53). You need not fear what mortal man can do to us, for God has redeemed you. No arrow can harm you, and no sickness can take your life if God does not allow it to occur.

As you enter into this new year, my prayer for you is that you would be at peace and take comfort knowing that you are a child of God, co-heirs with Christ, and adopted into His family. Never forget the blood of Christ redeemed you so, live your life accordingly. Have faith in God and do not fear.

"And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell". Matthew 10:28

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

-John MacArthur

Fear God, and give Him glory. Revelation 14:7

The angel's message to sinners is "Fear God, and give Him glory." He will call the people of the world to change their allegiance from the beast to the Lamb. He will urge them to no longer fear, reverence, and worship Satan and Antichrist, but instead to fear, reverence, and honor God by turning to His Son. As the sovereign ruler of the universe, God alone—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has the right to be worshiped (19:10; 22:9; Isa. 42:8; 48:11; Matt. 4:10).

The Bible repeatedly calls people to fear God. In Psalm 111:10 the psalmist declared that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (cf. Prov. 1:7; 9:10), while Proverbs 23:17 commands, "Live in the fear of the Lord always." A wise father counsels his son to "fear the Lord and the king" (Prov. 24:21), while Peter exhorted his readers to "Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king" (1 Pet. 2:17). In Matthew 10:28 Jesus warned, "Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." To fear God is to live in the reality of His holiness, His sovereignty, and His judgment of sin. It is to love God, respect Him, reverence Him, adore Him, hold Him in awe, and worship Him. And that can only be done by loving His Son the Savior (John 5:23).

In addition to fearing God, men are to give Him glory. This requirement goes to the very essence of the problem of unregenerate people, who "even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks" (Rom. 1:21). Refusing to give God glory is at the core of man's prideful rebellion.

Unbelievers will be called to fear and glorify God immediately because the hour of His judgment has come. Opportunity is fading fast; the bowl judgments are about to be poured out, to be followed shortly by the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to judge the unbelieving world (Matt. 25:31–46).

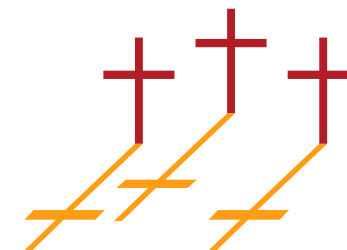
The angel gives one final reason for sinners to turn from Antichrist to God, proclaiming that people should worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters. The created universe both offers proof of God's existence and provides grounds for worshipping Him. Because God reveals Himself in His creation, men are without excuse for not acknowledging Him:

The angel's stern warning is that the Creator is also the Judge; He is the one people should fear and worship, rather than Satan and Antichrist. As the world teeters on the brink of final disaster, God graciously offers people another chance to repent. He will snatch those who heed the warning from the fire of judgment (cf. Jude 23), and transfer them from Satan's kingdom of darkness into the soon to be manifest kingdom of His Son (Col. 1:13).

Quote of the Week

"If the Lord be with us, we have no cause of fear. His eye is upon us, His arm over us, His ear open to our prayer – His grace sufficient, His promise unchangeable. Under his protection, though the path of duty should lie through fire and water, we may cheerfully and confidently pursue it."

-John Newton



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 12/19/2021

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| General Offering | 5,691.60 |
| Building Fund | 5,367.00 |
| Uganda | 10,500.00 |
| Benevolence | 138.00 |
| Total | \$24,696.60 |

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| Attendance | 198 |
| Sunday School | 109 |
| Online | 27 |

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