

Pastor's Pen

Whom Do You Fear?

And 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.

Matthew 10:28

Somebody asked John Quincy Adams one time how he was. He gave an interesting reply. He said, "John Quincy Adams is well, sir, very well. The house in which he has been living is dilapidated and old, and he has received word from its maker that he must vacate soon. But, John Quincy Adams is well sir, very well." All of you reading this will die if the Lord does not return first. If we are honest with ourselves, it is not something that we want to talk about or think about. There may be a small part of you that says it might not happen to you or that it is so far in the distant future that it causes you no concern.

The reality is that the outer man is decaying all the time, and the earthly tent is being torn down. However, there is good news about these decaying bodies we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens (2 Cor. 5:1). So, we look to heaven where we will have that eternal weight of glory, that new house from God. Christian, you have no reason to fear death. We might not like the getting there part, but anyone in Christ will be in the presence of the Lord after these present bodies die.

When we no longer fear death, it frees us to live lives that glorify God. It frees us not to worry about what will come but allows us to focus on serving and living for Christ.

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark

Quote of the Week

"How can you expect to dwell with God forever,
If you so neglect and forsake him here?"
-Jonathan Edwards

Grace Gems

Peace, and rest, and perfect bliss!
- Octavius Winslow

World, farewell! my soul is weary; I would here no longer stay,
In your desert wild and dreary; Heavenward will I wend my way.

World! in you is war and strife, Pride and vanity are rife, But
in Heaven there ever is Peace, and rest, and perfect bliss!

On that blessed shore arriving, Pain and sadness at an end,
Done all anxious care and striving, Resting with my dearest Friend!

In the world is need and woe, And at last death's bitter throe;
But in Heaven above shall be Peace, and joy, and purity.

What are earthly joy and pleasure? Cloud and mist and empty wind.
What are worldly wealth and treasure? Burdens for the weary mind.

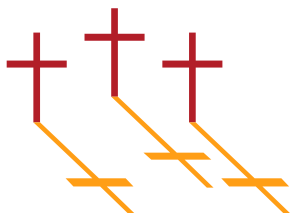
Oh, what glorious songs are pealing From that chosen, spotless throng;
Over the plains of heaven stealing, 'Holy, holy,' still their song!

World! in you are scoffs and jeers, Hatred, woe, and bitter tears;
While in Heaven there ever is Peace, and rest, and perfect bliss!

Now, in love without dissembling, Savior, school my willing heart,
That when worlds are round me trembling, 'Come,' I hear, and not, 'Depart.'

World! in you is fear and care, Sin and sadness everywhere;
But at HOME there ever is

Peace, and rest, and perfect bliss!



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
every other week @ Chambers & Cox's
& @ Patrick's
Every Thursday @ 7pm @ Royall'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 4/17/2022

General Offering 7,550.67
Building Fund 699.60
Uganda 205.00

Attendance 358
Sunday School 83
Online 22

Build the Body Ministries

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