

Pastor's Pen

Why?

...the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil, and madness is in their hearts throughout their lives.
Ecclesiastes 9:3

This past Tuesday, at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, Salvador Ramos murdered 19 children and two teachers (as of 5-25-22). When I first heard the news of this tragedy, my heart broke for all of the victim's families. When a horrific tragedy occurs, many will wonder why God would allow such evil to happen. Some use tragedies like this to insist that this proves there is no God.

The sad truth is that men's hearts always have been evil ever since the fall. The Bible speaks of the evil in all of men's hearts, "*Then Yahweh saw that the evil of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually* (Gen. 6:5)" and "*The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can know it?* (Jeremiah 17:9).

What happened in Texas is incredibly heartbreaking, but it is only one of the countless evil horrors that occur every day. *Childhelp* is a non-profit national child abuse agency that stated, "In 2019, state agencies identified an estimated 1,840 children who died due to abuse and neglect — an average of five children a day. However, studies also indicate a significant undercounting of child maltreatment fatalities by some state agencies by 50% or more." Not only are children killed, but they are physically and sexually abused. According to the CDC, about 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 13 boys in the United States experience child sexual abuse.

The sad reality is that these evil events will continue to occur until the Lord returns. However, this does not mean that Christians stand by and do nothing.

You have been given the greatest gift anyone can ever receive, your salvation in Jesus Christ, and we are commanded to share the same good news that brought us to saving faith. No, we can't stop all evil, but we can do our part to change one heart at a time.

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to keep all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-19

Your shepherd,

Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

The cause of all crime, and the seed of every evil!
-Charles Spurgeon

Could we roll all sins into one mass—could we take murder, blasphemy, lust, theft, immorality, and everything that is vile, and unite them all into one vast ball of horrid corruption—they would not even then equal the sin of unbelief!

Quote of the Week

"All my weak days have a common cause -
I have neglected communion with God
through my neglect of the Scriptures & prayer.
When will I learn?"
-Paul Washer

Unbelief is . . .
the king sin,
the quintessence of guilt,
the mixture of the venom of all crimes,
the dregs of the wine of Gomorrah,
the root sin,
the masterpiece of Satan,
the chief work of the devil.
Unbelief developed into deicide—and murdered the Lord Jesus Christ!

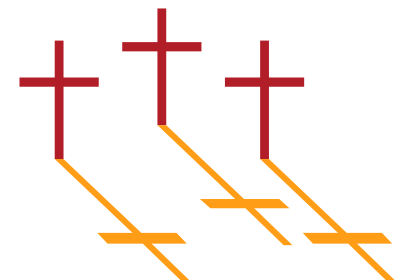
Unbelief! it has mixed many a cup of poison. It has brought thousands to the gallows, and many to a shameful grave. Many have murdered themselves, and rushed with bloody hands before their Creator's tribunal, because of unbelief.

Give me an unbeliever—let me know that he doubts God's Word—let me know that he distrusts His promises and His threatening's; and with that for a premise, I will conclude that the man shall, by-and-by, unless there is amazing restraining power exerted upon him—be guilty of the foulest and vilest crimes!

Unbelief is a Beelzebub sin; like Beelzebub, it is the leader of all evil spirits. It is said of Jeroboam that he sinned and made Israel to sin; and it may be said of unbelief, that it not only itself sins, but it makes others sin.

Unbelief is the cause of all crime, and the seed of every evil! In fact, everything that is evil and vile lies couched in that one word—unbelief!

"Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God."
Hebrews 3:12



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

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

Service Times

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

Giving from service on 5/22/2022

General Offering	7,600.71
Building Fund	1,301.00
Uganda	100.00
Total.....	9,001.71

Attendance	242
Sunday School	151
Online.....	23

Build the Body Ministries

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