

Pastor's Pen

Truth Matters!

"Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" John 18:38

We live in a time when many people do not believe in absolute truth, and others are afraid to speak out against these views. You would think that all of these people could not be professing Christians.

However, the American Worldview Inventory 2020 concluded that "belief in absolute moral truth rooted in God's word is rapidly eroding among all American adults, whether churched or unchurched, within every political segment, and within every age group." The study found that evangelicals, defined as those believing the Bible to be God's true, reliable word, are almost as likely to reject absolute moral truth (46%) as to accept it (48%). Only 43% of those surveyed who identify as born-again Christians still embrace absolute truth. Why does truth matter? Without it, there is no way to be made right with God.

Jesus was standing before Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor of Judea. The Jewish religious leaders brought Jesus to Him to be condemned for treason and be put to death. He was charged with inciting people to riot, forbidding the people to pay their taxes, and claiming to be King. Scripture tells us that Pilate could find no fault in Jesus. In other words, He was innocent of the trumped-up charges.

Before Pilate asked his infamous statement, Jesus said, *"For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."* What is the truth that He proclaimed? John MacArthur writes:

Christ proclaimed the truth about God, men, sin, judgment, holiness, love, eternal life, in short, "everything pertaining to life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3). What people do with the message of truth Jesus proclaimed determines their eternal destiny; as He went on to declare, "Everyone who is of the truth hears (the Greek word includes the concept of obedience; cf. Luke 9:35) My voice." Jesus is "the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through [Him]" (14:6). In 10:27 He added, "My sheep hear My voice and I know them, and they follow Me." Only those who continue in His Word are truly His disciples; only those who are truly His disciples will know and be set free by the truth (8:31–32).

If there is no absolute truth, then there is no need for a Savior. But, there will be many on the day of judgment that will realize that there is absolute truth and that Jesus is the author of truth.

Your shepherd,

Pastor Mark

<https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/us/2020/june>

Quote of the Week

"The greatest source of security our children have in this world is a God-honoring, Christ-centered marriage between their parents."
— Voddie T. Baucham Jr.,

Grace Gems

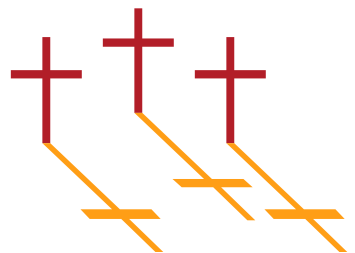
Take these three spears!

(Thomas Watson, "The Mischief of Sin")

Do with your sin — as Joab did with Absalom. He took three spears and thrust them through the heart of Absalom! 2 Samuel 18:14. Just so, take these three spears — the Word of God, prayer, and mortification — and strike through the heart of your lusts, so that they die!

What is the end of all a Christian's duties, praying, and hearing — but to weaken and mortify lust! Why is this spiritual medicine taken — but to kill the child of sin! Sin will insinuate itself and plead for a reprieve — but show it no mercy!

Saul's sparing Agag lost him the kingdom — and your sparing sin will lose you the kingdom of Heaven. Do with your sin, what Samuel did to Agag, "He hacked Agag to pieces before the Lord at Gilgal." 1 Samuel 15:33



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 6/05/2022

General Offering	11,881.76
Building Fund	2,422.20
Uganda	100.00
Total.....	14,403.96

Attendance	210
Sunday School	144
Online.....	28

Build the Body Ministries

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