

# Pastor's Pen

I'm sorry!

*I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.*  
Psalm 38:18

In 1970 the movie Love Story was released. The story is about two college students. Ryan O'Neal played Oliver, the heir to a family fortune. Ali MacGraw played Jenny, a baker's daughter. They fall in love and get married despite parental disapproval. The movie is a tear jerker. However, there is a famous line in the movie that gives the worst relationship advice. Oliver gets angry when he can't find Jenny. When he finds her he tells her he is sorry, she says, "Love means never having to say you're sorry."

Worst marital advice ever. More importantly it is not biblical. Why do you think it is so hard for people to apologize? Some reasons that come to mind are pride, arrogance, and self-centeredness, are just a few. David understood that his depression was the result of the sin in his life. In Psalm 38 he humbles himself before the Lord and confesses his sin. If we want to have peace in our life we must confess our sin to God and one another. I am not suggesting that when we sin against a Holy God that we need to confess it to the church. However, if you have sinned against a brother or sister we should seek them out and seek their forgiveness for the hurt we have caused. On the flip side when a brother or sister tells you they are sorry and asks you to forgive them you only have one option, forgiveness. Paul reminded the church in Ephesus of this very important Bible truth, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you ( Eph. 4:32)."

An unforgiving Christian is a contradiction in terms, an oxymoron. To say you are a follower of Jesus Christ and yet harbor unforgiveness in your heart is a sin. I remember hearing John Piper say once, "You are never more like God than when you forgive". Alexander Pope wrote, "To err is human, to forgive is divine." We reflect the nature of God in such a dramatic way when we are willing to forgive. What say you Christian, is their unforgiveness in your heart or unrepentance?

Your shepherd,

Pastor Mark

## Grace Gems

A cheap, easy Christianity-(J.C. Ryle, "The Cost!")

"Any of you who does not give up everything he has, cannot be My disciple." Luke 14:33

What does it cost to be a Christian?  
I grant freely that it costs little to be a mere outward Christian. A man has only got to attend a place of worship twice on Sunday, and to be tolerably moral during the week — and he has gone as far as thousands around him ever go in religion.

### Quote of the Week

"The Christian husband displays what he thinks about Christ by the way he treats his wife."

-John Macarthur

All this is cheap and easy work — it entails no self-denial or self-sacrifice. If this is saving Christianity and will take us to Heaven when we die — we must alter the description of the way of life, and write, "Wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to Heaven!"

But it does cost something to be a real Christian, according to the standard of the Bible. There are . . .

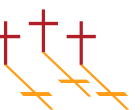
enemies to be overcome,  
battles to be fought,  
sacrifices to be made,  
an Egypt to be forsaken,  
a wilderness to be passed through,  
a cross to be carried,  
a race to be run.

Conversion is not putting a man in a soft armchair, and taking him pleasantly to Heaven. It is the beginning of a mighty conflict, in which it costs much to win the victory. Hence arises the unspeakable importance of "counting the cost."

True Christianity will cost a man . . .  
his self-righteousness,  
his sins,  
his love of ease, and  
the favor of the world.

A religion which costs nothing — is worth nothing!

A cheap, easy Christianity, without a cross — will prove in the end a useless Christianity, without a crown!



# 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 and beginning 6/23 @ the  
Brown'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 7/17/2022

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| General Offering ..... | 8,898.25        |
| Building Fund .....    | 483.20          |
| Uganda .....           | 165.00          |
| <b>Total.....</b>      | <b>9,546.45</b> |

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|---------------------|-----|
| Attendance .....    | 213 |
| Sunday School ..... | 184 |
| Online.....         | 24  |

## Build the Body Ministries

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