

Pastor's Pen

Ambassador!

So then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as God is pleading through us. We beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:20

Did you realize that you changed your citizenship when you became a follower of Christ? The moment you believed in your heart and confessed with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, your citizenship changed to the Kingdom of heaven; you are no longer a citizen of this world (Phil. 3:20).

Something else happened when you became a Christian. Your life is no longer your own. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, *"Or do you not know that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body."* (1 Cor. 6:19-20) You were slaves to sin, and now you are free from the bondage of sin and death (Romans 6:17-18). We are called to live lives not for ourselves but for Christ. We became His ambassadors.

Webster defines an ambassador as "a diplomatic agent of the highest rank accredited to a foreign government or sovereign as the resident representative of his or her own government or sovereign or appointed for a special and often temporary diplomatic assignment." God has called you as a citizen of heaven to be His ambassador here on earth. Our lives are fleeting and nothing but a vapor (James 4:14, Ecclesiastes 1:2). In the view of eternity, this is nothing but a short temporary assignment. But, what a privilege we have been given to share the message of our King.

What is this message that we are told to share? It is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That message of our King is that men and women are born in sin and that there is nothing they can do themselves to be reconciled to God. But God, in His great mercy, sent His Son to pay for their sins. He did that by being the perfect sacrifice, the Lamb who took away the sins of the world. Jesus suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day, He rose from the dead to defeat death and to bring all His elect eternal life with Him in heaven. God commands you to share that message with a lost and dying world. What say you, Christian? What kind of ambassador are you?

Your shepherd,

Pastor Mark

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."
- Vodie Baucham Jr.

Grace Gems

Made for frivolities?

(Charles Spurgeon, "The One Thing Needful")

Were you made only to be a machine for digging holes, laying bricks, or cutting out pieces of wood? Were you created only to stand at a counter and measure or weigh out goods? Do you think your God made you for that and that only?

Is this the chief end of man — to earn so many dollars a week, and try to make ends meet?

Is that all immortal men were made for?

As a man with a soul, capable of thought and judgment — and not a mere animal like a dog, nor a machine like a steam engine; can you stand up and look at yourself, and say, "I believe I am perfectly fulfilling my destiny"?

God has made man that he may glorify him — and whatever else man accomplishes, if he attains not to this end, his life is a disastrous failure!

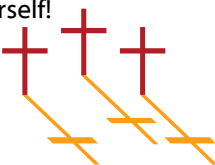
Others are lovers of pleasure. They are merry as the birds, their life is as the flight of a butterfly, which lightly floats from flower to flower, according to its own sweet will.

It cannot be that an immortal spirit was made for frivolities — spending all its time on the playthings of the world.

So great a thing as an immortal soul could not have been made by God — with no higher object than to spend itself upon trifles as light as air.

Oh, pause a while, you careless, godless one! There is something more than the fool's laugh. All things are not a comedy. Death and Heaven and Hell are serious — and should not life be?

The charms of music, the merriment of the mirthful assembly, the beauties of art, and the delights of banqueting — there must be something more for you than these. Something more must be required of you than that you should waste your precious time from morn to night upon nothing but to please yourself!



Weekly Gatherings

Bible Classes

Old & New Testament Classes
Ladies Class
Young Adults Young Parents
Youth Surge
Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM

Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM
Men's Bible Study
1st and 3rd Saturday
Women of Grace | 9AM

Family Groups

Thursdays @ 7PM
every other week @ Chambers, Cox's,
Patrick's, Brown's and 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 and AWANA!

Service Times

Sunday Services 8AM & 11:00AM
Sunday School 9:30AM
Children's Church @11:00AM

Giving from service on 10/02/2022

General Offering8,354.00
Building Fund2,634.00
Total.....10,988.00

Attendance 222
Sunday School 178
Online.....25

Build the Body Ministries

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