

# Pastor's Pen

Priceless!

**"and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it." Matthew 13:46**

Two Tickets: \$46, Two hotdogs, two popcorns, two sodas: \$26, One autographed baseball: \$50, Conversation with your 11-year-old son: Priceless. There are some things money can't buy, for everything else, there is Master Card. Mastercard's "Priceless" campaign debuted in World Series Game 1 on Oct. 18, 1997. But, far greater than anything else this world has to offer, our salvation is the most priceless gift we will ever receive.

Imagine the scene of a person who dies denying Christ and then they are cast into Hades. Hades is where all unbelievers wait for their final judgment before the Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:11–15). Hades is a place of torment for those who have rejected Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. It is a holding place until the end of the Millennial Kingdom. Jesus conveyed this truth in Luke's Gospel. Jesus told the story of the rich man and Lazarus.

**"And in Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame. (Luke 16:23-24).'"**

At the final judgment, they will stand before Christ, and they will hear those dreadful words;

**"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, in Your name did we not prophesy, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name do many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness. (Matthew 7:21-23)'"**

What do you think every one of those persons will be thinking when they hear those words? I imagine they wished they had sold all to buy the pearl of great price. What is that pearl? It is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is acknowledging your sin before a Holy God, turning from that sin, and believing that Jesus died for your sins and rose from the dead to give you everlasting life. For all who have been called by God and confessed His Son as Lord and Savior, we have received that priceless gift of everlasting life with God. But be warned, if you are not His, one day, it will be too late to receive that priceless gift, and you will hear Jesus say, **"I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness."**

Your shepherd,  
Pastor Mark

## Quote of the Week

"If Jesus Christ isn't strong enough to motivate you to live biblically, you don't know Him at all." — Paul Washer

# Grace Gems

Salvation Is Priceless-

Longfellow could take a worthless sheet of paper, write a poem on it, and make it worth \$6,000— that's genius.

Rockefeller could sign his name to a piece of paper and make it worth a million dollars—that's capital.

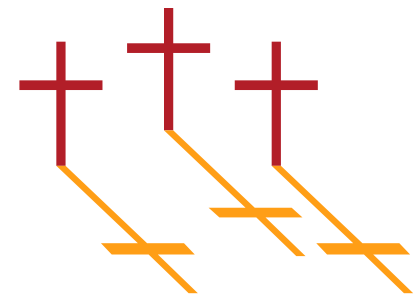
Uncle Sam can take gold, stamp an eagle on it, and make it worth \$20.00—that's money.

A mechanic can take material that is worth only \$5.00 and make it worth \$50.00—that's skill.

An artist can take a fifty-cent piece of canvas, paint a picture on it, and make it worth \$1,000—that's art.

God can take a sinful life, wash it in the blood of Christ, put His Spirit in it, and make it a blessing to humanity—that's salvation.

-Source: Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations, Paul L. Tan



# 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 11/20/2022

General Offering .....8,175.59  
Building Fund .....492.60  
Uganda .....125.00  
Total.....8,793.19

Attendance .....213  
Sunday School .....169  
Online.....27

## Build the Body Ministries

Women's Ministry-women@ghbcva.org  
AWANA-awana@ghbcva.org  
Outreach Ministry-outreach@ghbcva.org  
Worship Ministry-worship@ghbcva.org  
Men's Ministry-men@ghbcva.org  
Children's Ministry-children@ghbcva.org  
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Welcome