

# Pastor's Pen

Wrath!

***and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, Revelation 6:16***

Webster defines wrath as strong vengeful anger or indignation: retributory punishment for an offense or a crime : divine chastisement. Josh Buice wrote the following about God's wrath: "God's wrath is not a reckless rage, an uncontrollable anger, a senseless fury, or an unjust vengeance. The wrath of God is a precise and controlled response to the belittling of his holiness. Everyone who perishes under the wrath of God in eternity will not be because God lost his temper with them and mistreated them."

The progressive Christian movement has rejected the notion that a loving God would send anyone to Hell. Rob Bell was a former Mars Hill pastor with over 10,000 members. When he was the pastor, he wrote a book called Love Wins. In that book, he states that Muslims and Hindus will be saved by Christ even if they have not confessed Christ as Lord and Savior. He believes that since Jesus is love, He will send no one to Hell. He is not saying that everyone will be saved, but they cease to exist if they are not saved. That is to say that they don't go to Hell; they just go away.

In 2013 the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song the had voted for In Christ Alone, written by the Gettys, but altered a lyric from "as Jesus died/the wrath of God was satisfied" to "Till on that cross as Jesus died/the love of God was magnified." The Gettys refused to authorize the change, so they removed the song with the original lyrics from their hymnal.

God is love but He is also a God of wrath. *And I will execute vengeance in anger and wrath On the nations which have not listened* (Micah 5:15), *On account of these things, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,*(Col.2:6), *Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him* (Romans 5:9), *Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience* (Eph. 5:6).

But, Christian, we have nothing to fear from the wrath of God. We have, by God's grace, been shown mercy. God has written your name in the Book of Life; it cannot and will not be blotted out. We are saved from the wrath to come.

Your shepherd,

Pastor Mark

## Quote of the Week

"The wisdom of God devised a way for the love of God to deliver sinners from the wrath of God while not compromising the righteousness of God."

-John Piper

# Grace Gems

God's prison! (James Smith, "The Book You Will Like!" 1859)

**"Then they will go away to eternal punishment — but the righteous to eternal life!" Matthew 25:46**

The lost sinner takes the greatest of all risks — he risks suffering the torments of Hell forever, rather than yield himself to God. He is in DANGER — the greatest possible danger; for he has broken God's law, is under its curse, and cannot possibly be saved — unless its demands are met, and its penalty endured.

How can he meet its demands? He is insolvent, and has nothing to pay. How can he endure its penalty, which is to be punished with everlasting destruction?

The penalty due to sin — is Hell. Hell is torment, wrath, despair! Eternal torment! Just and infinite wrath! Never-ending despair! If even the thought of these things is dreadful — then what must it be to actually endure them — and endure them forever, without hope, or mitigation, or end!

O what a fearful thing — to be in danger of Hell-fire! O how terrible the thought of being shut up in black despair, with devils and damned souls — the refuse of God's creation!

Hell is God's prison — where all His enemies are confined!

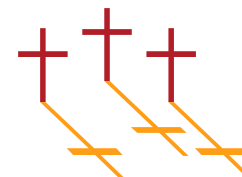
It is the place of punishment — where everyone suffers the just desert of his crimes!

It is a place horrible beyond description — beyond conception! O, lost sinner! Hell is a dreadful place! To be damned is a terrible doom! It is forever! Yes, the worm that torments you — will never die; and the fire that punishes you — will never be quenched!

If you, my dear friend, live — neglecting God — walking in your own ways, and gratifying only your own passions and propensities — then you must go to Hell, and suffer God's just wrath — the punishment due to you for your sins!

God asks you, "Why will you die?" Why do you prefer . . .  
death — to life,  
damnation — to salvation,  
Satan — to Jesus,  
Hell — to Heaven?

Why?



# 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 02/19/2023

General Offering .....	8,071.91
Building Fund .....	.957.60
Uganda Missions .....	.125.00
Uganda Mission Trip .....	1,185.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>10,339.51</b>
Attendance .....	290
Online.....	.30

## Build the Body Ministries

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