

Pastor's Pen

The Mark!

"If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand," Rev.14:9

There is a concern with some within the body of Christ concerning the mark of the beast. Let's examine why this should not be an issue for any believer.

In Revelation 13, we are introduced to the mark of the beast, "*And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, that they be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, and that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name* (Rev.13:16-17)". The mark is an identifier for those willing to take the seal on their hand or forehead.

The Antichrist is the political and military leader of the dragon, Satan. The false prophet is the religious leader, and he will lead the worldwide cult of Antichrist worship. How is it possible for people to be so deceived? John gives us the answer, *And he does great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. 14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which were given to him to do in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life* (Rev.13:13-14)". As a result, most of the world will worship the Antichrist and willingly receive his mark to identify themselves as a follower.

There has been debate about allowing a microchip to be inserted in one's hand for medical or financial purposes. Having a medical or financial microchip inserted into your right hand or forehead is not the mark of the beast.

The mark of the beast will be an end-times identification required by the Antichrist to buy or sell, and it will be given only to those who worship the Antichrist. Since every believer is secure in their salvation, they can not lose it (Romans 8:1). Those Tribulation saints will not take the mark of the beast. No follower of Christ will worship the Antichrist and Rev. 14:9 lists that as a requirement to receive the mark.

Paul writes to the church in Corinth, "*Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit* (1Cor.12:3)." Only those that are His can call Him Lord and His elect our secure for all time. Be at peace, Christian, knowing that the one who secured your salvation through His sacrificial death will preserve you to the end of your race here on earth.

Your shepherd,

Pastor Mark

Quote of the Week

"We fear men so much — because we fear God so little. One fear cures another. When man's terror scares you — turn your thoughts to the wrath of God."
-William Gurnall

Grace Gems

Active, operating, influential principles of the life!

(John MacDuff, "The Throne of Grace")

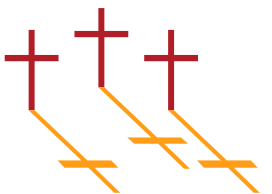
It is the work of the blessed Spirit to take of the things of Christ, and to show them to the soul; to reveal to us the precious benefits of redemption, and the riches of Divine grace—and to present them to us in such a transforming, and convincing, and penetrating form, as that they shall not only become sources of abiding comfort to the heart—but active, operating, influential principles of the life! It is the work of the blessed Spirit to be the Comforter of the children of God. Yes . . .

wherever a believer is afflicted;
wherever he sheds a sorrowful tear;
wherever he is pained by some heart-rending grief;
wherever he is bowed beneath some oppressive burden—
there is the Comforter to cheer, to solace, to sustain;
pointing him . . .
from the wound—to its balm,
from the grief—to its ultimate cure,
from present suffering—to eternal rest at God's right hand!

The Holy Spirit is not a traveler to sojourn for a season, but He is a Friend to abide and dwell with you—a spiritual mentor to be always near . . .

to guide you—in all seasons of perplexity,
to strengthen you—in all times of weakness,
when you are discouraged—to uphold you,
when you are wandering—to lead you back,
when you are nearly overcome in your spiritual conflict—to bring you more of His divine strength and grace.

"The Holy Spirit helps us in our distress." Romans 8:26



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 03/05/2023

General Offering 16,790.59
Building Fund 4,751.00
Uganda Missions 135.00
Uganda Mission Trip 235.00
Benevolence 1,000.00

Total.....22,911.59
Attendance 286
Online.....35

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