

Pastor's Pen

Discipline!

***"For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, And He flogs every son whom He receives."* Hebrews 12:16**

If we are honest with ourselves, we don't like to be corrected, let alone disciplined. When I was a child, I understood there were consequences when I was disobedient to my parents. As adults, if we get pulled over for a traffic infraction we may receive a ticket. If someone breaks the law more seriously, it may cause the loss of their liberty by being sent to prison. Our parent's correction is more like God's correction in the life of a Christian. A loving parent corrects for the good of their child. How much more does God, who loves us bring discipline in our lives when we sin? The Hebrew and Greek words translated as "discipline" in the Bible mean "instruction, training, rebuke, reproof, warning, and correction." God disciplines those He loves because it instructs, trains, rebukes, reproofs, warns, and corrects us so we can mature in our faith in Jesus Christ. When a child turns 18 and leaves home they are not under the authority of their parents. Parents roles change, and they become advisers and counselors. That is not the case with Christians. As long as we are alive, we know that God will discipline us if we sin because He loves us and desires for every believer to mature in our faith (Col. 1:28-29). Christian discipleship is a lifelong learning process of following Jesus and His way of life. Voddie Baucham commented on Romans 9:13, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." He said, "God showed His hatred or wrath towards Esau by not bringing any correction in his life, and He showed His love for Jacob by the correction in his life." Dear one, if you belong to Christ, do not fear correction. Embrace it, learn from it, and grow in your faith because of the love that God is demonstrating by bringing correction into your life.

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

The new birth!- Octavius Winslow

"Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; old things have passed away; behold, all things are become new!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

How comprehensive the words—how vast the change! The effect produced by the new birth is radical and thorough:

The HEART, once so hateful and hating—has now become a fountain of sweet waters, transmitting its pure and holy streams throughout the whole soul, changing the entire conduct of the individual, and working out, in its degree, a universal holiness of his whole being.

The WORLD he once loved—is now as a crucified thing.

The PLEASURES he once indulged—have lost their charm.

The SINS he once committed—are now loathed and forsaken.

Quote of the Week

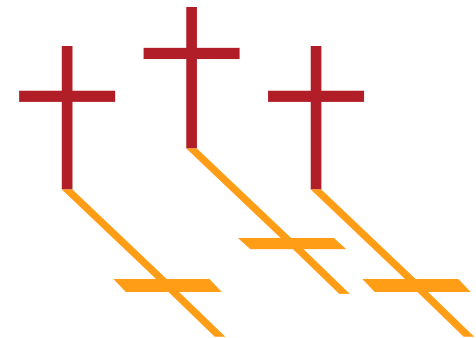
"Five words cost Zacharias forty weeks of silence.
Many are sorry they spoke, but few ever mourn
that they held their tongue."
-Charles Spurgeon

The SOCIETY he once enjoyed—no longer attracts or pleases.

The new birth will be manifest in our Christlike temper and mind and spirit . . .
the moroseness and churlishness,
the pride and selfishness,
the worldliness and frivolity,
the levity and man-pleasing,
which cropped up so luxuriantly from the soil of our unsanctified heart—will now, in a great measure be supplanted by the fruits of righteousness springing from a heart which has been changed, sanctified, and occupied by the Spirit of God.

The walk and conversation of a renewed man, will be the outward and visible reflection of an inward and invisible grace.

As a parent, and as a child, as a brother, a sister—so let your light shine, so let your life evidence its reality, so let your religion be visible in its lowliness and gentleness, its lovable and loving spirit, as to command from all who see it the admiring exclamation, "Behold! he is a new creature; old things have passed away; all things are become new!"



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
Wednesdays | 6:30PM AWANA

Family Groups

Thursdays @ 7PM
Please check church website
for start date and directions to each

Build the Body Teams

If you would like to serve on a BtB Team
and need to sign up, please contact the
team leader at the appropriate email
address on the back of this bulletin.

Youth Study

Wednesdays @6:30PM
Youth Study & Surge!

Service Times

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

Giving from service on 09/24/2023

General Offering6,636.82
Building Fund1,410.00
Uganda Missions 100.00

Total.....\$8,146.82
Attendance 198
Online.....32

Build the Body Ministries

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