

Pastor's Pen

Hindered

You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered. 1 Peter 3:7

Are you aware that there are reasons that our prayers are hindered? The Bible tells us that the following can hinder our prayers: selfishness (James 4:3), unbelief and doubt (Hebrews 11:6), disobedience (Proverbs 28:9), loving sin (Psalm 66:18), wrong motives (James 4:2-3), unforgiveness (Matthew 6:14-15), and conflict in marriage (1 Peter 3:7).

Peter warns men that their prayers can be hindered if they do not treat their wives understandingly and love them as Christ loved the church. Men must understand that God has set them apart to lead their wives and families biblically. However, Satan has done an excellent job of destroying the biblical roles of men and women.

Even some Christian women who have been influenced by the world's view find Peter's writing about women offensive and not applicable in the 21st century. Regardless of what the world would have you believe, women and men are not the same. Women cannot do everything a man does as well or better. Nor can a man do everything a woman can do. This does not mean one is inferior to the other. Men and women are created in the image of God and, therefore, equal in the sight of God. However, God made us different for a reason.

While taking Shannon and Danielle Hurley to the airport, we were conversing about the role of a pastor's wife. She mentioned 1 Peter 3:7. She stated that many women have problems with this verse because of the perceived misogynistic implication. She went on to say that she tries to share with Christian women to accept God's design for their lives, that is, they are called to be the helpmate to their husbands.

She said that she embraces the role of Shannon's helpmate and does everything she can to further his ministry. This does not diminish her as a person or relegate her as some second-class citizen. Her joy comes from her obedience to God and accepting her wife, mother, and missionary role. True joy and contentment for believers comes when we understand our biblical roles and responsibility.

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

Predestination is not Fatalism (Boettner)

"In Him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will." Ephesians 1:11

Fatalism implies that all events come to pass through the working of a blind, unintelligent, impersonal non-moral force which cannot be distinguished from physical necessity and carries us helplessly within its grasp as a mighty river carries a piece of wood.

Predestination teaches that from all eternity God has had one unified purpose which He is bringing to perfection through this world order of events.

The power of God is that ability and strength whereby He is able to bring to pass . . .

whatsoever He pleases, whatsoever His infinite wisdom may direct, and whatsoever the infinite purity of His will may resolve. "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God--to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified." Romans 8:28-30

"Predestination, according to the Holy Scriptures, is that free and unfettered counsel of God by which He rules all mankind and all things, and also all parts and particles of the world by His infinite wisdom and incomprehensible justice." John Calvin

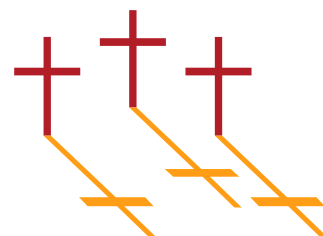
"Scripture everywhere teaches that even the minutest details of life are of divine ordering!" Louis Berkhof

"Nothing can happen in this world without God's permission. There is no such thing in reality, as chance, accident, or luck!" J.C. Ryle

"What a sad world this would be--were it governed by Fate! Were its blended lights and shadows, its joys and sorrows--the result of capricious accident--or blind and wayward chance! How blessed to think that each separate circumstance which befalls me--is the fulfillment of God's own immutable purpose!" John MacDuff

Quote of the Week

"Never could it be possible for any man to estimate what he owes to a godly mother."
- Charles Spurgeon



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 10/29/2023

General Offering 10,342.69
Building Fund 1,721.00
Uganda Missions 1,455.00

Total.....\$13,518.69
Attendance 214

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