

# Pastor's Pen

A Sure Thing!

***"All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never cast out."***  
**John 6:37**

There are not many things in this life that we know for sure other than death and taxes. But there is one thing that every person will face: the judgment of their sin against a holy God. For those who are God's elect, the punishment for their sins has been paid for by the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For those who reject Christ, their judgment will be for them to spend eternity in Hell apart from Christ.

When you and I share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we sometimes get discouraged because the overwhelming majority reject Christ. You might even feel like sharing the Gospel is a waste of time. The truth is that when you share the Gospel with one of God's elect, it is a sure thing. That person will receive Christ because the Father has given them to the Son, and Jesus will never cast them out. In that one verse, John 6:37, we see the doctrine of irresistible grace and the security of the believer.

We should not be discouraged when people reject the Gospel, mock us, curse us, or try to embarrass us. You have not failed when this occurs. Do not let the fear of man prevent you from sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. What confidence should we have knowing that when you share the Gospel with people, His sheep will hear His voice and follow Him?

Your shepherd,  
Pastor Mark

# Grace Gems

O the wonders couched in electing love! (James Smith, "God's Special Treasure" 1860)

***"For you are a holy people who belong to the Lord your God. Of all the people on earth, the Lord your God has chosen you to be His own special treasure!"***  
**Deuteronomy 7:6**

God highly prizes His people. Yes, it is impossible to say how highly He prizes them. Those are wondrous words, ***"For the Lord has chosen Jacob for Himself, Israel for His own special treasure!"*** Psalm 135:4  
Did the shepherd prize his flock? God calls His people, ***"His flock, His beautiful flock."***

Does the miser prize his wealth? God says of His people, ***"You shall be a special treasure unto Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine."***

Does the prince prize his jewels? God says of His people, ***"They shall be Mine, in that day when I make up My jewels!"***

Does the bridegroom prize his beloved and dearly purchased bride? It is written, ***"As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you!"***

Does the reigning monarch prize his crown? God has said, ***"You shall be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God."***

What wondrous love, such expressions as these represent! How precious must the Lord's people be to Him! Truly they are His special treasure!

## Quote of the Week

***"Better be pruned to grow, than cut up to burn!"***  
- John Trapp

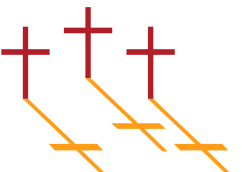
God chose them to be special unto Himself. He chose them out from among others. He chose them in preference to others. He chose them out from others, on purpose that they may be a special people unto Himself. And in so doing, He acted FREELY. It was not on account of anything He saw in them, or on account of anything He expected from them; but in the exercise of His most free and holy sovereignty, He chose them to participate in the glory of His Son! In choosing them, He acted also DELIBERATELY. It was no hasty choice. His thoughts had been eternally filled with them. His heart had been eternally set upon them. Therefore He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world! In choosing them, He acted WISELY, as He really desired to have them. For each one of them is ready to confess that if God had not chosen them, that they would never have chosen Him! The nature regulates the choice; and as our nature is carnal and impure, we would never have chosen God who is spiritual and holy.

His choice was just an early expression of His LOVE. The love which chose them, would do anything for them, and give anything to them! Therefore God spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for them all; and in so doing, gave them the assurance that He will also freely give them all things in Christ. O the wonders couched in electing love!

This act of choosing such creatures as we are, to be a special people unto Himself, displays . . . such grace, such condescension, such infinite wisdom and love!

God's election says, ***"The Lord loves you!"*** Loves us! Yes, and with a love that is eternal, immutable, sovereign, infinite, and free! All the love of God is lavished upon us as His special people in Christ. Oh, those wondrous words of Jesus, ***"You have loved them, even as You have loved Me!"*** John 17:23

But few among the worldly wise, But few of nobler race,  
Obtain the favor of Your eyes, Almighty King of grace!



# Weekly Gatherings

## Bible Classes

Old & New Testament Classes  
Ladies Class  
Young Adults    Young Parents  
Youth            Surge  
Sunday Morning @ 9:00AM

## Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays | 6:30PM AWANA

## Family Groups

Thursdays @ 7PM  
Please see website for locations

## 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; AWANA & Surge!

## Service Times

Sunday Services 10:30AM  
Sunday School 9:00AM  
Children's Church @11:00AM

Giving from service on 10/27/2024

General Offering .....\$8,059.63  
Building Fund .....\$682.80  
Uganda Missions .....\$165.00

Total.....\$8,907.43  
Attendance.....214  
Online.....34

## 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  
Youth Ministry-youth@ghbcva.org  
Prayer Team-prayer@ghbcva.org  
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Welcome