

Pastor's Pen

Gods Discipline!

**"For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines,
And He flogs every son whom He receives."**
Hebrews 12:6

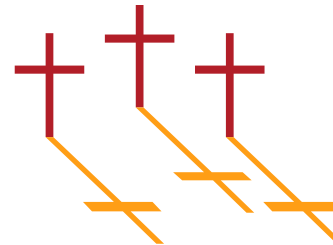
I don't know about you, but I don't like to be disciplined. However, I know that it is necessary. As a parent, you know the critical role of discipline in raising children. Discipline is crucial in the life of a believer as well.

The writer of Hebrews, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, makes it clear that if you belong to Christ, you will be disciplined. Just as God's love has predestined us (Eph. 1:4-5) and redeemed us (John 3:16), it also disciplines us. When was the last time you thanked God for His discipline in your life? You might think, "Pastor Mark, you must have lost your mind. Why would I thank God for His discipline?" But we should be grateful for His discipline, it reminds us of His love for us.

When a parent disciplines their child, they do so because they want the best for them. A parent who does not discipline their child does not love them. God loves those he corrects. He disciplines us to correct our sinful behavior. King David clearly exemplifies God's discipline of those He loves. Even though David was a man after God's own heart, God punished David for the sin of adultery and murder. In David's penitential psalms, he acknowledges that God's discipline is just and deserving.

It is good for us to remember discipline is not the same as condemnation. God disciplines His children, but He does not condemn them. Romans 8:1 clarifies this: "**There is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus**". Even though we may suffer because of our sins, we must understand that discipline has to do with training and growth, and condemnation has to do with punishment and guilt.

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark



Quote of the Week

"The world needs to see Christians burning, not with self-righteous fury at the sliding morals in our country, but with passion for God."

— Kevin DeYoung

Grace Gems

Not one tear is lost!

(George Everard, "The Tears of Jesus!" 1884)

On opening ancient tombs in Palestine, many a tear-bottle has been found, which was a repository for the tears of the mourners, and was then placed in the tomb beside the one who was laid there.

Just so does our heavenly Father gather all the tears of His redeemed children.

"You keep track of all my sorrows.

You have collected all my tears in Your bottle.

You have recorded each one in Your book!" Psalm 56:8

Not one tear is lost! Not one sorrow is unheeded. Not one grief is left unbefriended. All these tears are noted by our merciful Father above!

We have a Savior who has known our sorrows, and by His tears can heal every wound that sin has made. "In all their affliction, He was afflicted." When He was on earth, He wept with those that wept - and He is still the same. We can think of the tears He shed more than eighteen centuries ago - and know that at this hour He is the same loving and sympathizing Friend!

There is no sympathy like that of Jesus! It flows in full flood toward His believing children. Just as the rising tide rushes in and pours through every cranny and nook on the shore where admittance can be gained - so does Christ's tender loving-kindness enter the hearts of His people.

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
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; AWANA & Surge!



Service Times

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



Giving from service on 07/21/2024

General Offering	\$7,966.17
Building Fund	\$1,432.00
Uganda Missions	\$155.00
Benevolence	\$5.00

Total.....\$9,558.17
Attendance 211

Build the Body Ministries

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