

# Pastor's Pen

God's Love

***"How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God!"***

**Psalm 36:7**

Sometimes, it is impossible to translate Hebrew into English and give the word's full meaning. The Hebrew word for lovingkindness in Psalm 36:7 is one such word. Did you know that the words Amen, Canon, Cherub, Jubilee, Hallelujah, Hosanna, and Jacket are Hebrew words that we use in English? When it comes to translating Hebrew to English, one Hebrew scholar wrote, "I wish the same had happened with *chesed* (חֶסֶד), for there is no simple equivalent in our language."

*Chesed* is translated as lovingkindness but does not fully convey the word's meaning. It is also translated as unflinching love, steadfast love, mercy, faithfulness, goodness, graciousness, desire, zeal, devotion, and benevolence. It is very easy just to read, "How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God" and not understand the implication that the Hebrew conveys. Brad Bird wrote, "Attempting to squeeze a huge word like *chesed* into one tiny English word is like trying to catch a waterfall in a cup."

When David wrote this Psalm, he was expressing the love that God has for us in a Hebrew word for love that is untranslatable. It is the love that God has for His sheep. A love that sent His Son to die for the elect. A love that pursues us and keeps us in Him until the day we see Him face to face.

Your shepherd,

Pastor Mark

# Grace Gems

The work of the Holy Spirit

-James Smith

I love to meditate on the work of the Holy Spirit to whom we are so much indebted, and from whom we receive such great and invaluable blessings. To Him, I feel that I am indebted for every good thought, and for every good work. How wonderful His patience, that He should bear with me so long; and how wonderful His lovingkindness, that He should confer on me so much! O that I was more deeply sensible of my obligations! It was the Holy Spirit who quickened me when I was dead in trespasses and sins . . . imparting a new life, infusing new thoughts, and producing new desires in my soul.

Having quickened me, He conquered me, subduing . . . the enmity of my heart, the obstinacy of my will, the worldliness of my affections, and bringing every thought into subjection to the obedience of Christ. Having quickened and conquered me, He comforted me, assuring me of a saving interest in...the love of God, the perfect work of Jesus, the precious promises of the word, and the eternal rest which remains for the people of God.

Having quickened, conquered, and comforted me, He sanctified me by . . . separating me from the world, and setting me apart for my Redeemer's glory and praise.

As my Sanctifier, He became my Guide . . . leading me into the truth, conducting me out of the paths of danger, and directing me into the everlasting way.

Not only my guide, but He became my Guard . . . preserving me from danger, protecting me from foes, and becoming a wall of fire round about me.

Whenever I wander, He reproveth me; when I willfully go astray, He corrects me, and makes me smart for my folly. The work He began so long ago, He carries on; nor will He withdraw His hand from it, until it is perfected and I am fully fitted for glory.

Reader, what do you experimentally know of the work of the Holy Spirit?

Has He quickened you?

Has He conquered you?

Does He comfort you?

Are you sanctified by His presence, power, and operation in your heart?

Does He . . . guide you by His counsel, guard you by His power, and correct you for your follies?

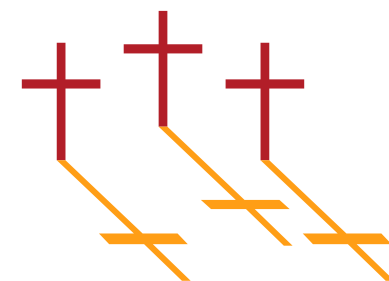
The work of the Spirit within us, is as necessary as the work of Jesus for us! For if the atonement of Christ entitles us to glory, it is the work of the Holy Spirit that prepares us to possess and enjoy it. We must be washed, justified, and sanctified, in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of God—or we cannot be saved!

## Quote of the Week



"Read the Scripture, not only as a history—but as a love-letter sent to you from God!"

- Thomas Watson



# 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  
All Family Groups will resume on  
September 19, 2024



## 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 09/08/2024

General Offering ..... \$6,041.81  
Building Fund ..... \$2,237.00  
Uganda Missions ..... \$130.00

Total.....\$8,408.81  
Attendance ..... 237  
Online .....18

## 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  
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Welcome