

Pastor's Pen

The Name Above Every Name

"Therefore, God also highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Phil. 2:9-11

Some claim that you can be a born-again believer by just declaring Jesus as Savior. When John MacArthur wrote his book, *The Gospel According to Jesus*, he was accused of heresy. In the book, MacArthur argued for Lordship Salvation—the belief that genuine saving faith includes submission to Jesus as Lord, not just intellectual belief. He emphasized that true conversion involves repentance, obedience, and a transformed life.

When an individual comes to saving faith, they make Jesus both Lord and Savior. Scripture speaks loud and clear on the matter of making Jesus Lord in a believer's life.

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?" (Luke 6:46)

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." (Mat. 7:21)

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Rom. 10:9)

"Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." (Acts 2:36)

"And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says 'I know him' but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him." (1 Jn. 2:3-4)

"They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work." (Titus 1:16)

Jesus rebukes those who profess Him as Lord but do not obey Him, implying that true discipleship involves obedience.

Let me be clear, this does not mean that salvation comes from our works of obedience. It is by grace alone, ***"He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit"*** (Titus 3:5), through faith alone, ***"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast"*** (Eph. 2:8-9), in Christ alone, ***"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'"*** (John 14:6). However, when one is a true believer of Jesus Christ, they will declare boldly that Jesus is Lord and Savior of their life.

Paul declares that there will be three groups that will bend the knee to Jesus and confess Him as Lord.

Group One—Those in heaven represent all of the Holy Angels and all believers that have gone home to be with the Lord.

Group Two—Those on the earth. This includes both saved and unsaved people. The saved will bow willingly, in love and worship. For them, bowing is a joyful act of submission to their Savior and King. The unredeemed, those who rejected or opposed Him in this life, will one day acknowledge His lordship. For them, it will mean judgment and hell rather than salvation.

Group Three—Those under the earth. This includes the fallen angels and unredeemed dead who are awaiting final judgment and eternal punishment.

What say you? Is Jesus Lord and Savior of your life? Have you turned from your sin and trusted Christ for salvation? If you answer yes, you will rejoice at the Second Coming of Christ. If you can't say yes, it is not too late. Be warned, you will either call Him Lord and Savior in this life and live with Him forever, or when you die, or He returns, you will bow the knee and declare Him Lord of all, and then be cast into the lake of fire at the Great White Throne judgement.

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark

Quote of the Week

"The gospel Jesus proclaimed was a call to discipleship, a call to follow Him in submissive obedience—not just a plea to make a decision or pray a prayer."

- John MacArthur

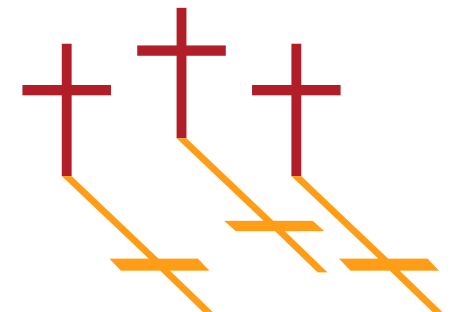
Grace Gems

We would all be incarnate devils!
-Thomas Brooks

"The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time!"
Genesis 6:5

There is the seed of all sins, of the vilest and worst of sins—in the best of men!
Did God leave us to act according to our sinful natures
--we would all be incarnate devils, and this world would be an absolute Hell!

"He has rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins!"
Colossians 1:13



Weekly Gatherings

Bible Classes

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

Weekday Meetings

Family Groups

All Family Groups on hiatus until September

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

Giving from service on 06/29/2025

General Offering	\$8,980.43
Building Fund	\$2,205.25
Uganda	\$357.00
Benevolence	\$150.00

Total.....\$11,692.68
Attendance..... 255

Build the Body Ministries

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Welcome