

Pastor's Pen

Humility!

Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you. James 4:10

I recently read *Humility: The Beauty of Holiness*, a book by Andrew Murray. The book's thesis is that to live a life for Christ, one must be humble. What does a humble Christian life look like? All we need to do is look to Christ.

Murray writes, "In Jesus we shall see how both as the Son of God in heaven, and as man upon earth, He took the place of entire subordination, and gave God the honor and the glory which is due to Him." Scripture plainly teaches the humility of Christ.

Have this way of thinking in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although existing in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a slave, by being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Phil 2:5-8

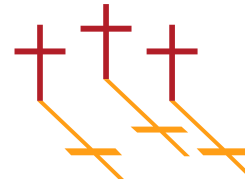
Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God, got up from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He tied it around Himself. Then He poured water into the wash basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel which He had tied around Himself. John 13:3-5

If the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords can humble Himself before mere men, how much more should our lives reflect humility as we live for Christ? To show humility, we need to understand our role. We need to see ourselves as dead to sin and the world and alive to Christ Jesus. We were slaves to sin, and now we are slaves to righteousness. Since no person is more significant than their master (in our case, Jesus), we must humble ourselves before Him, and show that humility in our daily lives.

Like you, I fight the battle of pride. Too often in my ministry, I have stolen God's glory because of the sin of pride. We must continue to fight it to make sure God gets the glory in our humility.

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark

p.s. I highly recommend the book *Humility: The Beauty of Holiness*, by Andrew Murray



Quote of the Week

"I do not understand how a man can be a true believer, in whom sin is not the greatest burden, sorrow and trouble."

-John Owen

Grace Gems

SUBMISSION- James Meikle, 1730-1799

Will any, or will I, pretend to teach the Most High knowledge, seeing he is excellent in all his working, and perfect in all his ways? Then, since I cannot direct him, why am not I submissive to his disposal? Can I predict events, or foresee futurities? No! How then can I promise myself serenity from a cloudless sky? or fear storms from an obscured heaven? when, as to the first, the gathering meteors may suspend an unexpected shadow before the sun; or, as to the second, the gathered clouds may scatter, and let the welcome beams refresh the weary world. So, Lord, as from present appearances, future contingencies cannot be discerned—it is my duty, and shall be my study, to be WHOLLY, FULLY, and FOREVER, at your disposal, to whom all your works, all my purposes, and all my wanderings, are known from the beginning!

O! how the Christian should glory in God's choosing for him the lot of his inheritance, and be content with that condition which Heaven accounts best for him, though not the grandest or greatest; nor the richest or happiest; nor that state he most desires. I am not my own—for I am bought with a price, and dearly paid for too! Would it not be too daring for me to instruct God how to decorate the heavens, how to set the sun, station the moon, place the poles, plant the stars, and guide the wandering planets? Now, I am as much his by right, (yes, in the ties of love, more,) and as much at his disposal, as any of these his other creatures; and if I cannot complain of his conduct with these, why quarrel at his providences toward me?

Another thing which ought to encourage to submission, is, that God's way is not only equitable in itself, but profitable for his people, for the latter end of the righteous is peace; and the end of the Lord is always gracious to his afflicted ones—who chooses them in the furnace of affliction, brings light out of darkness, order out of confusion, real good out of seeming evil; and, finally, brings through fire and water to a place of eternal glory!

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 05/12/2024

General Offering9,594.42
Building Fund6,082.00
Uganda Missions 130.00

Total.....\$15,806.42
Attendance 233

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