

Pastor's Pen

Crushed!

"But Yahweh was pleased To crush Him, putting Him to grief; " Isaiah 53:10

There is probably no one alive in America today who has not heard someone say God loves you. Some go as far as to say that God loves everyone and He would not send anyone to hell. While that sounds wonderful, it is the farthest thing from the truth. God is love but also a God of justice and vengeance.

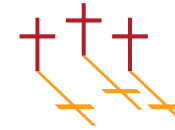
Paul, writing to the church in Ephesus, declared, ***"Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience."*** (Eph. 5:6) God's wrath is His vengeance against all who reject His salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. The prophet Ezekiel declared, ***"So I will execute great vengeance on them with wrathful reproofs; and they will know that I am Yahweh when I lay My vengeance on them."*** (Ezk.25:17)

For sinful men and women to come to God, justice had to be served, and because God is love, He made a way for Him to satisfy justice to be satisfied. A perfect sacrifice had to be made to cover our sins. God gave us that perfect sacrifice when He sent His Son, Jesus, to be the Lamb that would take away the sins of the elect. Because it was God's will for His Son to suffer and die on the cross, it pleased God. But how can that be? What father would be pleased to see his only son crushed? It pleased God because it reconciled all who would believe in His Son to Himself. Isaiah 53 is one of the most straightforward presentations of the Gospel we have in all of Scripture:

***"He bore all of our griefs!
Our sorrows He carried!
He was pierced through for our transgressions!
He was crushed for our iniquities!
The chastening for our peace fell upon Him!
And by His wounds, we are healed!"***

But Yahweh has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.
Glory!

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

Quote of the Week



"He who believes not in the blood of the Lamb, must feel the wrath of the Lamb."
-Thomas Watson

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! 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!

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 Book Study
Fridays | 6AM Men's Book Study
Wednesdays | 6:30PM AWANA
Thursdays | 10AM Ladies Bible Study

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

Giving from service on 02/16/2025

General Offering	\$11,511.44
Building Fund	\$4,830.44
Uganda	\$240.00

Total.....\$16,581.69
Attendance 196

Build the Body Ministries

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AWANA-awana@ghbcva.org
Outreach Ministry-outreach@ghbcva.org
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Welcome