

Oak Grove Church of Christ Newsletter - 2026.04.05

Website: oakgrovecofc.org
Facebook: facebook.com/oakgrovecofc

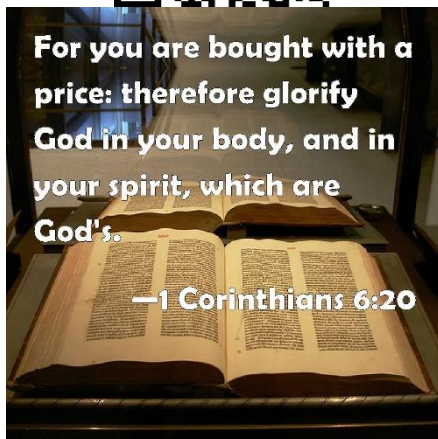
Sermon recordings

Scan the QR code below with your phone's cam, or visit oakgrovecofc.org/sermons.

Speaker-AM: Steve Helterbrand

Title: Bought With A Price

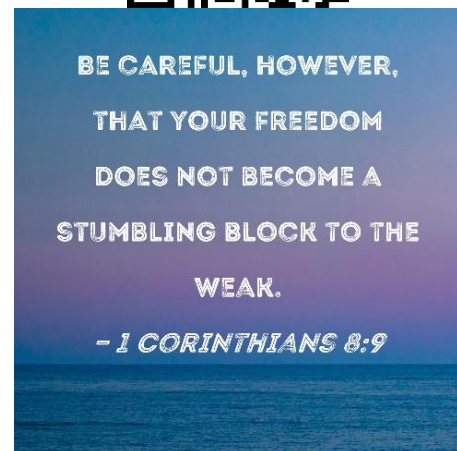
Recording:



Speaker-PM: Patrick Hite

Title: Curse In Disguise

Recording:



It's Official: I'm Dying 4/3/2026 by Terry Wane Benton

The Great Physician told me that I am going to die. I don't know how much time I have left, but it won't be long. The official report is found in Hebrews 9:27. I've noticed that people tend to show greater compassion to the dying than to the healthy. I notice that I have shown greater sympathy for those who have gotten an earthly doctor's report indicating cancer in the body, than for those who the Great Physician has diagnosed with cancer of the soul, which is sin. Also, the Great Physician is never wrong, and He has said that we have a problem worse than physical death: eternal, spiritual death (Romans 3:23; 6:23).

In view of the diagnosis of the Great Physician, we should treat each other with greater compassion, and we should seek to get the Great Physician's remedy for soul-cancer into the hands of the dying (which is everyone). Everyone is dying, and most people are dying physically with a cancer of the soul that will ruin them eternally. They need to know that there is only One Physician Who can remedy the inward man, even though the outward man perishes (II Corinthians 4:16f). Compassion should lead us all to share this vital information with everyone we can influence through this and any other medium.

Also, we need to treat each other as if we realize this human being will only live a little while. It's official! The Great Physician says, "it is appointed" for us to die, and after this, the judgment. How would you treat someone differently when you learn they are dying?

The Path God Selects 4/1/2026 by Zeke Flores

"Now when Pharaoh had let the people go, God did not lead them by the way of the land of the Philistines, even though it was near; for God said, 'The people might change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt'" (Exodus 3:17).

God intentionally avoided the shortest route, not because He's inefficient, but because He knows His people. He knows what they're ready for and what they're not. The long way wasn't punishment; it was protection.

This hits home because we often want God to take us the quickest way possible. We want the straight line, the fast answer, the immediate breakthrough. But sometimes God leads us on a slower path because He's shielding us from battles we're not yet prepared to face. He's not delaying you, He's developing you.

Think about the areas where you feel like God is taking the long way around. What if He's actually being kind? What if He's guiding you in a way that keeps you from running back to old patterns or old fears while growing you in the process? God's route may not be the shortest, but it's always the wisest. Trust the path He chooses.