

This Week's Fighter Verse: Feed Your Soul by Memorizing Scripture! Each week's '*Fighter Verse*' is meant to help you "fight the good fight" of faith. This year's fighter verses will relate to each week's Catechism question. Memorize it in the translation of your choice as part of your arsenal to help you stand firm against the enemy.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

This week's Catechism # 29

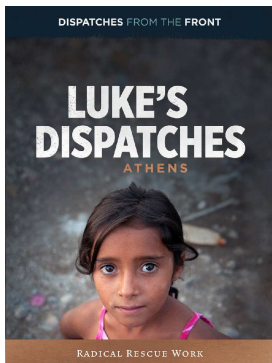
How can we be saved?

Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of our own but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him.

Next week's Catechism # 30

What is faith in Jesus Christ?

Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.



Sunday July 26 @ 6 PM for Acts Then and Now – Dispatches from Athens (Acts 17) – This teaching/video time will cover Paul's preaching in Athens (Mars Hill) and the current work God is doing in the poorest sections of Athens today among refugees and victims of sex trafficking.

“Love to the Rescue!”

John 3:16-21

- I. _____ moved God to give His Son to rescue sinners from their sin v16
 - (1) It begins with a statement about _____ Rm 5:8 ; 1 Jn 4:10
 - (2) God so loved who? _____
 - (3) The _____ of His love Rm 8:32
 - (4) What His love _____
 - (5) To whom this gift is given
Lit “the one who _____”

- II. God, in love, sent His Son to save us from _____ vv17-18
 - (1) God sent His Son for a _____
 - Not to bring condemnation (it was already here)
 - But to rescue us _____ that stood against us
Condemnation =
 - (2) To receive this rescue you must put your trust in _____ v18
 - Some are “condemned”. Others are “not condemned”
 - What is the difference?
 - The rescued _____ to the Rescuer v18a
 - Refuse Him and you _____ yourself Acts 4:12

- III. How you respond to _____ reveals where you stand in _____ vv19-21
Here is the verdict. The Light has come. Jn 8:12
“Christ will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from Christ”
Two sets of people with two different destinies
v20 - Love for sin will keep you from Christ's Light
v21 - Christ's Light will expose and remove your sin
The whole of salvation is the work of His grace Eph 2:8-10

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - July 19

Worship 9:00 AM
(Please enter/leave w mask & strict social distancing)
Worship (less strict social distancing) 10:45 AM

WEDNESDAY - July 22

Prayer Meeting at Rockport 7 PM

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....\$4,284.00
June Weekly Average.....\$4,892.34

Announcements

- **Nursery** - If you are willing to serve in the nursery during the 10:45 hour please let Mayci Loving know. We will only be able to restart the nursery when we its safe and we have enough volunteers to fill out the schedule for at least one month.
- **Wednesday, July 22 at 7 PM** - We do want to encourage those who can to join us for prayer right here this Wednesday at 7 PM.
- **Sunday, July 26 at 6 PM** - Dispatches from the Front Athens This teaching/video time will cover Paul's preaching in Athens (Mars Hill) and the current work God is doing in the poorest sections of Athens today among refugees and victims of sex trafficking.
- **August 14-16** - Men's Weekender conference here at Rockport. Our special guest will be Larry McCall of "Walking Like Jesus" ministries. Our subject will be "servant leadership" " (Sign up available online)
- **September 24-27** - Family Camp

A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday, July 19, 2020

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

John 3:16

Rollen Fredrick Stewart might not be a name you recognize, but if you're old enough to have spent time watching sports in the 70's or 80's you'll probably remember something he did. Back in those days he was known as the "Rainbow Man" or "Rock'n Rollen" and was famous for standing up at football games (and other sporting events) wearing a rainbow wig and holding up a sign that said *JOHN 3:16*. And that's all it said! Just *JOHN 3:16*. It didn't spell out the verse. It didn't explain what it meant. It just assumed people would know that this was a verse from the Bible and would have had some idea what it meant.

This, Rollen said, was his way of "getting the message out that Jesus saves." How effective was what he did? Probably not very. Though God is sovereign and can use many different things to bring people to himself, there was a major flaw in Rollen's approach. He assumed people knew more than they do. Simply throwing up the words '*JOHN 3:16*' without giving the content of the verse or making any attempt to explain what it means likely had little effect. Throwing verses at people is not the same as sharing the Good News with them in love!

There's a sad epilogue to this story. Rollen Stewart's life began to spin out of control in the late 80's and 90's. He was divorced three times, arrested on several occasions for bazaar behavior, and eventually became homeless. He is currently serving three life sentences in prison on charges of kidnaping. My prayer is that, with time on his hands, Rollen may yet come to understand in a deep way the words to the verse he once held up to the world – that God, out of love for sinners, has sent His Son into this broken world to save broken people who turn and put their faith Him for what He has done! So pray for Rollen. And learn the Gospel for yourself so that you can share what it means with others.

May God give us a deep and growing faith in the finished work of Christ!
Pastor S. Scott Lee

July 19, 2020

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“10,000 Reasons” (Bless the Lord)**

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Bless the Lord, O my soul O my soul

**Worship His holy name Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning It's time to sing
Your song again Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is
great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness, I will keep on
singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws
near and my time has come Still my soul will sing Your praise
unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore

We will worship Your holy name

■ **“There Is No Other Name”**

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There is no other name by which men can be saved, There
is no other name under Heaven. There is rest for my soul and the
wounded made whole, And the captives set free and forgiven.

Such love as I have never known I've found in the grace
that flowed to me In my unrighteousness
This is why, my heart and soul and tongue confess...

■ **Catechism**

■ **“What Wondrous Love is This?”** Public Domain CCLI #801260

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul, To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown
for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing; To God and
to the Lamb I will sing To God and to the Lamb Who is the great I
Am While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm
free, I'll sing and joyful be, And through eternity I'll sing on,
I'll sing on, And through eternity I'll sing on.

■ **Confession / Pastoral Prayer**

■ **“And Can It Be?”**.....Hymn 203

And can it be that I should gain An interest in the Savior's
blood Died He for me, who caused His pain For me, who Him to
death pursued Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God,
shouldst die for me

**Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

He left His Father's throne above So free, so infinite His
grace Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's
helpless race: 'Tis mercy all, immense and free, For O my God, it
found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, Fast bound in sin and
nature's night; Thine eye diffused a quickening ray I woke, the
dungeon flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is
mine; Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness
divine, Bold I approach th' eternal throne, And claim the crown,
through Christ my own.

■ **“You Are My King” (Amazing Love)**

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I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken, I'm accepted; You
were condemned. I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me,
Because You died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be That You my King would die for
me? Amazing love, I know it's true And it's my joy to honor You
In all I do to honor You.

**You are my King
Jesus, You are my King**

■ **Message - John 3:16-21 “Love to the Rescue!” - Scott**

■ **Closing Song**

■ **Benediction**

Kids' Listening Sheet (7/19/20)



Message Title: “_____ to the Rescue!”

Bible Passages: _____

Key Words: Circle each word every time you hear it.

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| Football | World | Love | Rescue |
| Child | Heart | Gift | Criminal |
| Jail | Son | Cross | Sin |
| Light | Dark | Lost | Fire |

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.