

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.

Jude v 3

I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

This week's Catechism # 31

What do we believe by true faith?

Everything taught to us in the gospel. The Apostles' Creed expresses what we believe in these words: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into the grave. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting

Next week's Catechism # 32

What do justification and sanctification mean?

Justification means our declared righteousness before God, made possible by Christ's death and resurrection for us. *Sanctification* means our gradual, growing righteousness, made possible by the Spirit's work in us.

"Why Christ Alone Can Save"

(John 3:30-36)

I. Christ Alone has _____ vv13,31

- Only the one who came down from heaven can _____
- Christ is "above all" Col 1:17-18
- "The best of men are _____ at best" 1 Cor 1:11-13

II. Christ Alone brings a _____ word from heaven vv32-34

- (1) Jesus alone brings us "firsthand" knowledge of _____ v32
 - (2) When God opens your eyes to see Christ in the Gospel, you become convinced of its _____ v33
 - (3) Believers acknowledge the voice of Jesus is the voice of _____ v34
- v34b - The prophets were possessed by the Spirit for a purpose, but only Jesus possesses the Spirit in His _____

III. Christ Alone has heaven's authority _____ those who trust in Him vv35-36

- (1) The Father's _____ for the Son undergirds all He came to do v35
He had entrusted _____ into His hand
Jn 6:37 , 10:28 ; Rm 8:25
- (2) Our salvation depends entirely on _____ Alone v36
 - Eternal life for the Christian begins _____
 - To refuse Christ is to refuse your only hope of salvation

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - August 2

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

WEDNESDAY - August 5

Prayer Meeting at Rockport 7 PM

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....\$4,284.00
July Weekly Average.....\$3,731.78

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.
- **Sunday, August 2 - Deacon affirmation vote.** We will ask you to affirm three men, Greg Chastain, Mark Stoner and Brad Tompkins to serve as deacons.
- **Sunday, August 2 - Love Offering for Parker family**
- **Wednesday, August 5 at 7 PM** - We do want to encourage those who can to join us for prayer right here this Wednesday at 7 PM.
- **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" Men, sign up online. You'll want to be a part of this time of teaching and fellowship. **REGISTER NOW!!!**
- **September 24-27** - Family Camp

A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday August 2, 2020

The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

John 3:35-36

It's clear from a passage like John 3:30-36 that the Christian faith and life are all about Jesus! Salvation, life, eternal happiness, wisdom, grace – all these things are tied to Him and come to us from Him. That's why we ended last time with John's words in **Jn 3:30**, "He must increase, but I must decrease!" That simple statement gives us the core truth for all Christian living and daily sanctification. There must be "more of Jesus and less of me" in me each day!

So how are you doing with that? At home? At work? Online? Have you seen your need for more of Him? Are you looking to Him for what He alone can supply, so that you are seeking Him daily and consciously walking in His grace! That is the Christian life! It is a life that is more and more oriented to Jesus, more and more filled with Him and satisfied in Him as we draw life from Him the way a branch draws its life and fruitfulness from the vine! (John 15)

And so this morning we want to see how it all comes down to Christ alone! As **Acts 4:12** says, "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." May all see Him!

Two things I need to remind you of as we gather for worship this morning
First, I want to remind you that we'll be taking a love offering for our friends John and Joyce Parker. As most of you have heard, John has been forced to step down from the church he was pastoring. As a result they will not only lose his income, but also the home (parsonage) where they and their seven children have been living. This offering will help them get through this transition. Second, remember that at the end of today's services we'll be asking you to affirm three men, Greg Chastain, Mark Stoner and Brad Tompkins for deacon service.

May the Lord, who is our help, give us wisdom and grace in every endeavor!
Pastor S. Scott Lee

August 2, 2020

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“The First Place”** By Matthew Westerholm © 1999 Matthew Westerholm CCLI#801260

Jesus the perfect picture of the unseen God. Maker, of things we cannot comprehend. Wisdom, the earth displays Your strength and beauty. Sovereign, yes every throne knows You are God.

Every inch of this universe belongs to You, O Christ. For through You and for You it was made. Your creation endures by the order of Your hand. So You must have in all things the first place.

Victor, over sin and death You triumphed. Firstborn, You've shown us life beyond the grave. Bridegroom, we long for You in expectation. Jesus, Your church rejoices to proclaim

■ **“Before The Throne”**

Words by Charitie Less Bancroft, alt. lyrics and music by Vikki Cook © 1997 Sovereign Grace Worship CCLI #801260

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea A great High Priest whose name is love Who ever lives and pleads for me My name is graven on His hands My name is written on His heart I know that while in heaven He stands No tongue can bid me thence depart No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end of all my sin Because the sinless Savior died My sinful soul is counted free For God, the Just, is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb My perfect, spotless, Righteousness The Great unchangeable I AM The King of Glory and of Grace One with Himself I cannot die My soul is purchased by His blood My life is hid with Christ on high With Christ my Savior and my God With Christ my Savior and my God

■ **Catechism**

■ **“Above All”** by Paul Baloche and Lenny Leblanc © 1999 Integrity's Hosanna! Music CCLI #801260

Above all powers, above all kings Above all nature and all created things Above all wisdom and all the ways of man You were here before the world began.

Crucified! You died to atone Sacrifice! Laid behind the stone Descended to the underworld, to conquer death, then rise again! Above all!

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones Above all wonders the world has ever known Above all wealth and treasures of the earth There's no way to measure what You're worth

■ **“Receive The Glory”** Music/ words by Bob Kauflin © 2004 Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI #801260
Not to us, but to your name alone Be all the glory, the glory forever For your faithfulness and steadfast love Receive the glory, the glory Belongs to you.

All that we've accomplished you have done for us And any fruit we harvest is a gift from your hand We are only jars of clay That hold a priceless treasure And we exist to bring you pleasure, O God

Only by your mercy can we come to you Though we deserved your judgment You have called us by name So we glory in the cross of Christ That made us yours forever That joined our lives together to sing

■ **Confession of sin / Pastoral Prayer**

■ **“Not In Me”** by Eric Schumacher & David L Ward © 2012 Thousand Tongues.org CCLI#801260

No list of sins I have not done, No list of virtues I pursue, No list of those I am not like Can earn myself a place with You. O God, be merciful to me I am a sinner through and through! My only hope of righteousness Is not in me, but only You.

No humble dress, no fervent prayer, No lifted hands, no tearful song, No recitation of the truth Can justify a single wrong.
My righteousness is Jesus' life, My debt was paid by Jesus' death, My weary load was borne by Him And He alone can give me rest.

No separation from the world, No work I do, no gift I give Can cleanse my conscience, cleanse my hands; I cannot cause my soul to live. But Jesus died and rose again The power of death is overthrown! My God is merciful to me And merciful in Christ alone.

■ **“I Will Glory in My Redeemer”**

by Steve and Vikki Cook © 2000 Sovereign Grace Worship CCLI #801260

I will glory in my Redeemer Whose priceless blood has ransomed me Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails And hung Him on that judgment tree I will glory in my Redeemer Who crushed the power of sin and death My only Savior before the Holy Judge **The Lamb Who is my righteousness**

I will glory in my Redeemer My life He bought, my love He owns I have no longings for another I'm satisfied in Him alone I will glory in my Redeemer His faithfulness my standing place Though foes are mighty and rush upon me **My feet are firm, held by His grace**

I will glory in my Redeemer Who carries me on eagles' wings He crowns my life with lovingkindness His triumph song I'll

ever sing

I will glory in my Redeemer Who waits for me at gates of gold And when He calls me it will be paradise (Continued on next page)

His face forever to behold His face forever to behold

■ **Message** - John 3:30-36 "Why Christ Alone Saves"- Scott

■ **Closing Song**

"In Christ Alone"

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend ©2001Kingsway'sThankyou Music CCLI #801260

In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; this Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone - who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied; For every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain; then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand; 'til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

■ **Benediction**

AT THE END OF SERVICE TODAY

■ DEACON AFFIRMATION VOTE

■ LOVE OFFERING FOR PARKER FAMILY

Kids' Listening Sheet (8/2/20)

Message Title: "Why Christ _____ Can _____!"

Bible Passages: _____



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

Heaven	Earth	Men	Eternal
Witness	Faith	King	Word
True	Bible	Love	Father
Life	Wrath	World	Spirit

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.