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 are drawn from our weekly catechism (See "The New City Catechism")

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

This week's Catechism # 42

How is the Word of God to be read and heard?

With diligence, preparation, and prayer; so that we may accept it with faith, store it in our hearts, and practice it in our lives

Next week's Catechism # 43

What are the sacraments or ordinances?

The sacraments or ordinances given by God and instituted by Christ, namely baptism and the Lord's Supper, are visible signs and seals that we are bound together as a community of faith by his death and resurrection. By our use of them the Holy Spirit more fully declares and seals the promises of the gospel to us.

"Resurrection and Coming Judgement" (John 5:25-29)

I. The dead must be raised, and	v25
(1) In one way resurrection Life is alread Eph 2:1-5, 5:14	
(2) There is also coming a future, 1 Cor 15:52; 1 Thess 4:16	resurrection
II. Christ, as Son of Man, is the source of a of all mankind vv26-27	ll and the
(1) Only Jesus can give this life, because	e He is the of
all life v26 John 1:3-4; Ps 36:9;	,
(2) Jesus alone has the authority to deter	rmine each person's
2 Cor 5:10 ; Mt 25:21 , 7:23 ; Ps 2:1	2
What does it mean by "He is the Son of	Man"?
Dan 7:13-14	
III. All people throughout the whole world in vv28-29	will be raised to face Him
(1) Judgement Day v/	28
(2) It is coming for humanity v	v28-29
Acts 24:15; Dan 12:2; Rev 20	
(3) It will be Heb 9:27	; Rev 20:11-15
 Two Final Destinies 	
Based on works? - What of John	
Eternal Life is a gift of grace received b	•
• But a genuine faith can be seen in a Eph 2:10	a new life of good works
 Our works reveal the reality of our 	

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - October 18

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

WEDNESDAY - October 21

Special Prayer Meeting for our nation 7:00 PM

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs
Rockport Weekly Budget Goal......\$4,284.00
September Weekly Average.....\$4,747.36

Announcements

- Wednesday, October 21 Prayer meeting at 7 PM

 This will be a special prayer meeting for our nation, church and world. Please make a special effort to join us on that evening
- Sunday, October 25 We plan on showing the new "American Gospel: Christ Crucified" video here at Rockport 6 PM.
- D-groups will begin the week of **October 28!** See foyer table and Rockportnews e-mail for more information and to sign up.

A Word from Pastor Scott: Sunday October 18, 2020

[Jesus] said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23

Taking up the cross to follow Christ is something that must happen daily in our lives as Christians, not just weekly. As important as regular participation in the life of a good church is (and it really is!), there is an even greater need to "abide" with Christ on a daily basis (see John 15:4). To "abide" means to "dwell with" someone or "remain beside them" It implies there is an ongoing relationship of love, communication and fellowship between you.

So my question to you is, "How are you abiding in Christ daily?" Or put another way, "What practical steps are you taking each day to listen to Christ speak through His word and respond to him with prayer?" (You can find a message on this topic at sermonaudio.com/sermon/1010201528432292) More than anything, I hope to provoke you to consider how you might lean in a little more this week into your daily walk with Christ. As crazy as the world is getting, you need Him now more than ever. As things try to pull you apart, you need Him be at the center pulling everything together. Daily time in Word and Prayer are essential to re-orient you to Jesus as you consciously follow him, rather than just respond to the pressures of the world around you (Rom 12:1-2).

So what one step could you take this week to make getting with Jesus in Word and Prayer a higher priority in your life? What one thing could you be intentional about doing that will set Him more at the center of your life, and put these worldly detractions on the periphery. If you're not doing so already, let me encourage you to open God's word to a Psalm or Gospel, ask God to show you more of Jesus, then read with a view to seeing and responding to him with prayer, praise and repentance. Think about what you've read throughout the day, as you keep your eyes on Him every step of the way. Oh to know Him!

Seeking daily to dwell more and more in His Presence! Pastor 5. Scott

October 18, 2020

- Welcome / Call to Worship
- "Bless the Lord" (10,000 Reasons)
 by Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman ©2011 Thankyou Music; CCLI #801260

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

■ "Revelation Song" Words and Music by Jennie Lee Riddle © 2004 Integrity's Praise Music CCLI #801260

Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain Holy, Holy, is He Sing a new song, to Him who sits on Heaven's Mercy Seat

Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord God Almighty Who was, and is, and is to come With all creation I sing: Praise to the King of Kings! You are my everything, And I will adore You!

Clothed in rainbows, of living color Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder Blessing and honor, strength and Glory and power be To You the Only Wise King.

Filled with wonder, Awestruck wonder At the mention of Your Name Jesus, Your Name is Power Breath, and Living Water Such a marvelous mystery

■ Catechism

"O Word of God Incarnate"

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky; We praise Thee for the radiance, that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The Church from her dear Master, received the gift divine, and still that light she lifteth, o'er all the earth to shine. It is the golden casket, where gems of truth are stored; it is the heav'n-drawn picture, Of Christ, the living Word.

It floateth like a banner, before God's host unfurled; It shineth like a beacon, above the darkling world. It is the chart and compass, that o'er life's surging sea, 'mid mists and rocks and guicksands, still guides, O Christ, to Thee.

O make Thy Church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold to bear before the nations, Thy true light as of old.

O teach Thy wand'ring pilgrims, by this their path to trace, Till, clouds and darkness ended, they see Thee face to face.

We praise Thee for the radiance, that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age

■ "And Can It Be?".....Hvmn 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 guickening 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.

■ Confession of sin / Pastoral Prayer

■ "Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"

by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren © 2018 CityAlight Music CCLI #801260

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer There is no more for heaven now to give He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus For my life is wholly bound to His Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken For by my side, the Savior He will stay I labor on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need. His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me Through the deepest valley He will lead Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven The future sure, the price it has been paid For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated Jesus now and ever is my plea Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus For He has said that He will bring me home And day by day I know He will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus All the glory evermore to Him When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

- 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
- Message John 5:25-29 "Resurrection and Coming Judgement" Scott
- **Closing Song**
- Benediction

Kids' Listening Sheet (10/18/20)

Bible Passages: John		
Key Words: Circle each word every time you hear it.		
Dead Truth Grave Cl	nrist	
Alive Tomb Life Sl	eep	
Awake Son Father Ki	iss	
Man Child World Gi	ift	
What are three important things you heard during the sermon?		
1.		
2.		
3.		
Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:		
1.		
2.		