

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")

Matthew 28:19

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. . . .

This week's Catechism # 44

What is baptism?

Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; it signifies and seals our adoption into Christ, our cleansing from sin, and our commitment to belong to the Lord and to his church.

Next week's Catechism # 45

Is baptism with water the washing away of sin itself?

No, only the blood of Christ and the renewal of the Holy Spirit can cleanse us from sin.

D-Group Study Questions for this Week

This week's D-Group study will focus on 2 Peter 1:1-11. As you read through the passage this week, you might consider the following questions:

vv 1-4

1. What are some of the privileges Peter says are ours to enjoy as Christians? How do we obtain these privileges?
2. What do you think Peter means by us becoming partakers of the divine nature?

vv 5-9

3. What things does Peter tell us we should make every effort to build into our lives? How is each one important?
4. What is the result of adding these to our lives?

vv 10-11

5. If we do the things Peter commands in vv 5-7, what will we have to look forward to?
6. How do you "confirm your calling and election"?

"Whose Approval Matter to You!"
(John 5:41-47)

Three Big Questions:

- I. Are you seeking the approval of _____ or of _____? vv41-42
- v41 "Glory" here = "approval" or "reputation"
 - Jesus did not seek the approval of _____ 5:30

The religious leaders did!

- Jesus says: "The all-controlling love of God is not in you"
- They have an over regard for _____ which leads them to under regard _____ Isa 2:22

What do your words and actions reveal about what motivates you?

- II. Is your attention focused on what _____ say or what _____ says? vv43-44

(1) Without a preeminent love for _____, you'll cave to the _____ around you v43

(2) Faith cannot long last in a heart that craves the _____ of people more than that of God v44
Jn 12:43
Mt 10:32-33

- III. Are you willing to yield to the judgment of _____ as it points you to the supremacy of Christ? vv45-47

Back to the courtroom

- Their hope is in _____
- They think he is their defender, when actually his is their _____

The law cannot _____ it can only condemn Rm 3:20

It can also show us our need for _____

- Moses pointed the way to Jesus Dt 18:15-19
- Our only hope for approval with God comes through Him 2 Cor 5:4

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - November 1

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

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....\$4,284.00
October Weekly Average.....\$4,385.55

Announcements

- **The nursery** rooms are currently available for parents for diaper changing or for use as a cry room or nursing room. There is a speaker in the room that will allow you to listen in on the service. In the near future we hope to have the nursery staffed again. If you are interested in serving, please contact Mayci Loving smilinbabyblue65@aol.com
- Also, during the 10:45 service there is an overflow area in the fellowship hall that displays a video feed of the worship service. This is also available for those with squirmy little ones who may need room to move around, or for anyone else who may need to go there.
- **D-group Study of 2 Peter Schedule** for those meeting Wednesdays-11/4; 11/18; 12/2; 12/9; 12/16
- **Wednesday, November 11** - Congregational Prayer meeting at 7 PM

A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday November 1, 2020

[The Bereans] were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the Word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

Acts 17:11

God's word commends the Bereans for one thing. It's not because they were smarter than other people or more active politically. It was because they were willing to engage the Scriptures personally in order to determine the truth of what they were being taught! They were willing to put forth the effort to get as much out of the preaching of God's word as possible. They weren't just passive hearers hoping to "get something out of the service." They were active listeners who came prepared to get as much as possible out of God's Word.

If you're on our church email service (called "Rockportnews"), you may have noticed I've been sending out notes each week with suggestions for how you might study ahead to familiarize yourself with the passage we'll be looking at. The reason I'm doing this is I want you to get as much out of God's word as possible. The more you engage it yourself and think about it, the more powerful it's impact will be on your life. So I want to challenge you to come prepared each week. Read the passage ahead of time. Think through the questions I send out. Ask questions of your own and try to answer them. Expect God to speak through His word to "transform you by the renewing of your mind" week after week! And do the same with our study of 2 Peter, whether you attend a D-Group or not. Read each week's passage several times. Think about what it means and how God would have you respond to what it says. Are there promises to believe? Commands to obey? Prayers to pray? Truths to comprehend so they can shape your mind and form your heart more fully around God? Why not take personal responsibility for engaging God's word as thoroughly as possible each week for the benefit and blessing of your soul and the souls of your children.

Be transformed by the renewing of your mind with God's Word!

Pastor S. Scott

November 1, 2020

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“A Debtor to Mercy”** by Bob Kauflin © Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI #801260

A debtor to mercy alone Of covenant mercy I sing.
I come with Your righteousness on My humble offering to bring
The judgments of your holy law With me can have nothing to do.
My Savior’s obedience and blood Hide all my transgressions from view.

The work which Your goodness began The arm of Your strength will complete
Your promise is yes and amen, And never was forfeited yet.

The future or things that are now, No power below or above,
Can make You Your purpose forgo, Or sever my soul from your love.

My name from the palms of Your hands Eternity will not erase
Impressed on Your heart it remains, In marks of indelible grace.

Yes, I to the end will endure, Until I bow down at Your throne,
Forever and always secure, Forever and always secure, Forever and always secure,
A debtor to mercy alone

■ **“Revive Us Again”**Hymn 295

We praise Thee, O God! For the Son of Thy love
For Jesus Who died and is now gone above

Hallelujah! Thine the glory Hallelujah! Amen

Hallelujah! Thine the glory Revive us again

We praise Thee, O God! For Thy Spirit of light
Who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night

All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain
Who has borne all our sins and has cleansed every stain

Revive us again fill each heart with Thy love
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above

■ **Catechism**

■ **“Be Thou My Vision”**Hymn 382

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart Naught be all else to me,
save that Thou art Thou my best Thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word I ever with Thee
and Thou with me, Lord Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight Be Thou my Dignity,
Thou my Delight. Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my High

Tower. Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise Thou mine
Inheritance, now and always Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven my Treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won May I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's Sun Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my Vision O Ruler of all

■ **Confession / Pastoral Prayer**

■ **“God Of Wonders”** by Steve Hindalong and Marc Byrd © 2000 Storm Boy Music CCLI #801260

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky,
The heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!
God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty. You are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth; Lord of heaven and earth.
Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.
And when I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night.
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth!

■ **“Reformation Song”**

Words and Music by Tim Chester and Bob Kauflin © 2017 Sovereign Grace Music

Your Word alone is solid ground, The mighty rock on which we build;
In every line the truth is found
And every page with glory filled.

Through faith alone we come to You; We have no merit we can claim.
Sure that Your promises are true,
We place our hope in Jesus’ name.

Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone;

Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.

In Christ alone we’re justified; His righteousness is all our plea;
Your law’s demands are satisfied;
His perfect work has set us free.

By grace alone we have been saved; All that we are has come from You.
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved
Now by Your pow’r have been made new.

And on this Reformation Day we join with saints of old to sing
We lift our hearts as one in praise: Glory to Christ our gracious King

■ **Message** - John 5:41-47 “Whose Approval Matters to You?”
- Scott

■ **Closing Song / Benediction**