

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. Memorize it and use it for the good of your soul!

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



Monday Night Fellowships

July 15 & 29, and August 12

5 PM (Eat at 5:30 PM)

Did you know that there are hundreds of books in the Rockport Church Library for you to check out and read including books for children?



Scan the QR code if you would like information about setting up a free account that will allow you to browse the catalog online, put a hold on items, and recheck items once we check them out to you.

Questions? Contact Tynetta at 314-795-5268

"A Pastor's Appeal: Return to the Gospel" (Gal 4:12-20)

- I. A Pastoral Appeal to Return to the _____
vv12-15 Review: Gal 2:16, 19-21; 3:13-14
- (1) Brothers, Come back to the _____ I modeled for you vv12a -- 1 Cor 2:20-21
- (2) Brothers, Remember the _____ you had at first vv12b-15
1 Thess 2:13
- II. A Genuine Concern that Law-based Religion has _____
them vv16-18
- (1) Their shift to Law-based Religion has _____
them vv16
- (2) The Misplaced Zeal of Law-centered Religion vv17-18
Gal 5:4
- III. A Heartfelt Desire to see every believer _____ into
the likeness of Christ vv19-20
- Paul is like a woman in hard _____
 - His desire is to see Christ _____ in them
- This is True Christianity Col 1:27-29
 - He fears they are turning away from Christ to pursue a religion based on Law
 - He pleads for them like a parent pleads for a stubborn, wayward child.

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

Sunday, July 7, 2024

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:40 AM
First Sunday Fellowship (meal following Morning Worship)	

Today's Greeters - Mike or Kristy Booker & Marilyn Chandler

Today's Tellers - Herman Meyer & Jonathan Gunby

Today's Nursery - Kim Lee & Ruthie Jackson

Please Note: Nursery care during worship is for children up through age 2

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$5,689.00
May Weekly Average.....	\$7,157.90

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Kid's 5-Day Club** – July 8th-12th at 3:30 to 5pm
Be sure to Register through the link sent by email.
(See Flyer for additional details... Additional Flyers available in Entryway)
- **Summer Monday Night Fellowships** – Mark your calendars and join us on July 15, July 29, and August 12. We will gather any time after 5pm and will plan to eat at 5:30pm. For more details, reach out to Phoebe, Athena, or Heather.
- **Parent/Guardian Workshop: Keeping Kids Safe Online** presented by *Crisis Aid International* through RBC Women's Discipleship Ministry... Saturday, July 20th - 10:00 to 11:30am.
(See Flyer insert for more details)
- **Wedding Shower for Kim Lee & Jason Hayden** - Sunday evening, July 21st at 6pm... all men, women, and children are welcome!
More information to come.

A Word from Pastor Scott

Sunday July 7, 2024

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

1 Timothy 2:1-4

If there are things that are “good and pleasing in the sight of God”, I want to make sure I’m making that a part of my life! Here in 1 Timothy 2, Paul tells us that prayer for our nation and it’s leaders is one of those things that are “good and pleasing” to God. Now why is that? I can think of at least three reasons. *First, prayer for our nation and leaders is pleasing to God because it helps remind us that this nation – whether it chooses to recognize it or not – is still in God’s hands and dependent upon His mercy.* For that reason the future of this nation (and our happiness in it) depends more on what happens in your house as you pray than it does on the White House and it’s decisions. *Second, God is pleased when we pray for our nation and leaders because prayer is the means God uses to build up our trust in Him and bring His will to bear on earth.* Remember how Jesus taught us to pray, “Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” (Mt 6:10). Through prayer, God works to strengthen our faith in heaven and accomplish His will on earth. And then, *Third, God is pleased when we pray for our nation and its leaders because this is how He enables us to live peaceful, quiet, grace-filled lives in the midst of this turbulent world.* You might notice that at no point does he tell us this life will be easy, or that we’ll always enjoy the government’s favor. In fact, as Paul writes these words, Emperor Nero was on the throne in Rome getting ready to unleash fierce persecution against the church. Yet, despite that coming trial, Paul urges us, as God’s faithful people, to pray for those in power, knowing that God is in control and we are in His hands.

Let’s remember where true freedom comes from.

Pastor Scott

Kid's Listening Sheet (7/7/24)

Title: "Return to the _____"

Bible Passage: Galatians 4: _____



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

Pastor	Love	Heart	Gospel
Faith	Chains	Law	Food
Happy	Life	Joy	Eyes
Spit	Free	Hate	Child

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.

Paul's Appeal to the Believers (Galatians 4:12-20)

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AILMENT	ALSO	ANGEL
BECAUSE	BECOME	BLESSEDNESS
BODILY	BROTHERS	CHRIST
CONDITION	DESPISE	ENEMY
ENTREAT	EYES	FIRST
GIVEN	GOOD	GOSPEL
GOUGED	JESUS	KNOW
MAKE	MUCH	POSSIBLE
PREACHED	PRESENT	PURPOSE
RECEIVED	SCORN	TESTIFY
THEN	THOUGH	TRIAL

July 7, 2024

■ **Welcome / Announcements / Call to Worship**

■ **“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”**

Words by John Newton, Music by Laura Taylor ©2001 Laura Taylor Music CCLI #801260

Let us love and sing and wonder **Let** us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder **He** has quenched Mount Sinai's
flame **He has washed us with His blood** **He** has brought us nigh to
God

Let us love the Lord Who bought us **Pitied** us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us **Gave** us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood **He** presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation **Threatens** hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation, **Holds** in view the conqu'ror's crown
He, Who washed us with His blood, **Soon** will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice **Join** and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is **Justice** smiles and asks no
more **He Who washed us with His blood** **Has** secured our way to
God

Let us praise and join the chorus **Of** the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us **Now** their praises fill the sky **Thou**
hast washed us with Thy blood **Thou** art worthy Lamb of God

■ **Scripture Reading - Romans 15:1-7**

■ **Offering / 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!

■ **Confession / Lord's Supper –**

Confession based on Ephesians 4:1-6

Pastor: *“I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner
worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and
gentleness, with patience,*

Congregation: **bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain
the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

Pastor: *There is one body and one Spirit just as you were called to the
one hope that belongs to your call*

Congregation: **one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and
Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”**

Pastor: *In light of these truths, let us confess our sins,*

Congregation in Unison: **Father, forgive us, when we fail to live in a
way that honors you, when we show pride, rather than humility,
harshness in place of gentleness, and impatience toward our
brothers.**

Congregation: **Forgive us when our actions lack love, our words
divide, and Christ is not glorified among us. Lord, for these sins
and many others, we repent, asking your forgiveness through
Jesus, our Lord, Amen**

■ **“He Will Hold Me Fast”**

by Ada Habershon, Music by Matt Merker © 2014 Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI #801260

When I fear my faith will fail, **Christ** will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail, **He** will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold **Through** life's fearful path
For my love is often cold **He** must hold me fast

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

Those **He** saves are His delight **Christ** will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight **He** will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost **His** Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost **He** will hold me fast

For my life **He** bled and died **Christ** will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied **He** will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life **He** will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight **When** **He** comes at last

■ **“How Great Thou Art”**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy
pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou
art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to
Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I
scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He
bled and died to take away my sin.

When burdens press and seem beyond endurance Bowed down with
grief to Him I lift my face And then in love He brings me sweet
assurance 'My child! for thee sufficient is my grace.'

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, And
there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

■ **Message:** *“A Pastor’s Appeal: Return to the Gospel”*
Pastor Scott - (Galatians 4:12-20)

■ **Benediction**



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