

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 5:13-14 (ESV)

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN
Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Sept. 10 - Nov. 12

OR
Thursdays 9:00 - 11:00 AM
Sept. 12 - Nov. 14

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"Freedom, Law, and Love"
Galatians 5:13-15

I. Gospel Freedom is not the freedom to _____, but the fullness of Christ's _____ at work in us. v13

(1) The call to _____ v13a

(2) Walk in Freedom, but don't abuse your freedom as an excuse for _____ v13b

• "Opportunity" =

• "Flesh" =

Prov 14:12 - "Works of the flesh" Gal 5:19-21

Slavery to Sin Jn 8:34

(3) This freedom comes from following Christ in a new life of _____ v13 Rm 5:5; Gal 5:23

II. A Life of Christ-like Love _____ what the Law originally commanded for God's People v14

(1) The Law is fulfilled in us when we live in _____

• "Fulfilled" =

• Quoting Lev 19:18

• Law of _____; Law of _____; Law of _____
1 Cor 9:19-21

• Romans 13:8-10

(2) There is a new reality of _____ at work in us that fulfills what God intends for His people.

(3) The whole intent of the Law in the New Covenant is summed up in _____ word.

Membership Matters

9/1 - 9/22



a four-week Sunday School on life at Rockport

Non-members and new members - this is for you!

A new member's class will begin next Sunday, September 1st for those who have joined Rockport in the last year or who are considering joining Rockport. This class will be led by Pastor Warren and will meet in the present "Women's Sunday School Class". The Women's Class will take a break for the first four weeks of September. Ladies, please attend either the couples class or the auditorium class during this time.

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

Sunday, Aug 18, 2024

Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 10:40 AM
Fellowship Meal & Annual Congregational Meeting after Morning Worship

Today's Greeters - Dave Winkeler & Anja Woelm
Today's Tellers - Jennifer McMillian & Mysti Jackson
Today's Nursery - Ellie Boehlke & Gracie 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
July Weekly Average	\$7,198.63

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Fall D-Group Study of Ruth** - D-Groups are wonderful times of fellowship, study, and prayer. I hope many of our members and friends will attend. There are six D-group options meeting on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday. Sign up online via Rockportnews or speak to one of our pastors about group options.
- **Sunday School Promotion for Children Next Sunday, Sept 1st**
Next Sunday begins our new Sunday School Year. All children's classes will promote to the next level based on the child's age or grade level. Parents, please help us get your children to their proper class next week, Sept 1st. Classes divide as follows:
 - Infants up to age Two – Victoria Bartels and Volunteers
 - Two's/Three's – Grace Dittman and Helpers
 - Four thru K - Mayci Loving / Menzi Loving
 - Children: 1st & 2nd Grade – John Dickmann and Woody Loving
 - 3rd & 4th Grade – Danielle Weber and Megan Groat
 - 5th & 6th Grade – Gail Larson
 - Youth: Boys – Tren Groat
 - Girls – Kristy Booker
- **Systematic Theology Class** will begin September 8th at 6pm and run through the Fall. During this session we will be answering the questions: "Why Study Theology?" and "What is the Bible?" If you are interested in this class, please see Pastor Scott.

A Word from Pastor Warren

Sunday August 25, 2024

"We are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped." Ephesians 4:15-16

Rockport's roots go deep. It's one of the beautiful things about our body. Many of you have been worshiping, partnering, and growing together in Jesus for decades.

But we have also had the joy of welcoming in many newer faces. One way we serve our visitors and new members is by recognizing how many things we assume and making a point to communicate clearly - whether they are details about family camp or principles foundational to how we obey Jesus in the local church.

One of the contexts we are doing this is through our periodic "Membership Matters" Sunday school class. Starting next week (9/1) in the fellowship hall, we will use four weeks in September to introduce how we approach church life at Rockport. We will look at God's Word to see why you should join a church, what Christian unity means for the church, how to plug into the life of the church, and more.

This class was designed specifically with our new members and non-members in mind. If you are exploring Rockport, pursuing membership, or have joined within the last year, this class is for you!

Working with limited Sunday School space does require displacing one of our regular classes to make room. For the month of September (specifically 9/1 - 9/22), the ladies from Amy's class are welcome to join either the Life of Christ class in the sanctuary or Bake's class on Hebrews in the southeast corner of the basement.

I look forward to this time of growing together in our understanding of how Jesus calls us to work out our shared faith in life together. See you there!

PARTNERING FOR YOUR JOY – PASTOR WARREN

Title: "Freedom, Law, and _____"

Bible Passage: Galatians 5:_____



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

Life	Law	Love	Heart
Freedom	Grace	Slavery	Enemy
Foot	Flesh	Sin	Towel
Lord	Slave	Fence	Sheep

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.

R	C	O	N	S	U	M	E	D	E
E	D	P	W	S	Y	S	O	B	P
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ANOTHER			BITE			BROTHERS			
CALLED			CONSUMED			DEVOUR			
FLESH			FREEDOM			FULFILLED			
LOVE			NEIGHBOR			ONLY			
OPPORTUNITY			SERVE			WATCH			

August 25, 2024

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

■ **“There Is Power in the Blood”**Hymn 191

Would you be free from the burden of sin? There’s pow’r in the blood,
pow’r in the blood; Would you o’er evil a victory win? There’s wonderful
pow’r in the blood.

**There is pow’r, pow’r, wonder working pow’r In the blood of the
Lamb; There is pow’r, pow’r, wonder working pow’r
In the precious blood of the Lamb.**

Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There’s pow’r in the blood, pow’r in the blood; Come for a cleansing to
Calvary’s tide; There’s wonderful pow’r in the blood.

Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow? There’s pow’r in the
blood, pow’r in the blood; Sin stains are lost in its life giving flow There’s
wonderful pow’r in the blood.

Would you do service for Jesus your King? There’s pow’r in the blood,
pow’r in the blood; Would you live daily His praises to sing? There’s
wonderful pow’r in the blood.

■ **Scripture Reading - 1 Cor 1:18-25**

■ **Offering / Prayer**

■ **“Immortal, Invisible”**Hymn 25

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our
eyes Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting,
Thou rulest in might; Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love

To all, life Thou givest to both great and small, In all life Thou livest
the true life of all; We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, And
wither and perish but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee,
all veiling their sight; All praise we would render O help us to see ‘Tis
only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

■ **Confession / Lord’s Supper –**

CONFESSIO FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25

(congregational readings in bold)

(lead) *The world seeks wisdom. It says life is found in affirming
yourself as good and able. But we preach the cross, a message
that confesses our sin and need.*

(cong) **There is none righteous, no, not one; No one understands;
No one seeks for God.**

(lead) *The world seeks power. It says victory is found in asserting
yourself. But we preach Christ, who, though he was in the form
of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but emptied himself.*

(cong) **And being found in human form, he humbled himself by
becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a
cross.**

(lead) *The cross of Christ is folly to those who are perishing, but to us
who are being saved it is the power of God.*

(cong) **And you, who were dead in your trespasses, God made
alive together with him, having forgiven us all our
trespasses, by cancelling the record of debt that stood
against us with its legal demands. This he set aside,
nailing it to the cross.**

(lead) *Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect?*

(cong) **It is God who justifies.**

(lead) *Who is to condemn?*

(cong) **Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who
was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed
is interceding for us. Amen**

■ **“Jesus I Come”**Hymn 336

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to Thee; Out of my
sickness, into Thy health, Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth, Out of
my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee; Out of earth’s
sorrows, into Thy balm, Out of life’s storm and into Thy calm, Out of
distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come; Into
Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, Out of despair, into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee; Out of the
depths of ruin untold, Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold, Ever Thy
glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

■ **“Redeemed”**Hymn 521

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the
Lamb; Redeemed through His infinite mercy, His child, and forever I am.

**Redeemed, redeemed, Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed, redeemed, His child, and forever, I am.**

Redeemed and so happy in Jesus, No language my rapture can tell; I
know that the light of His presence With me doth continually dwell.

I think of my blessed Redeemer, I think of Him all the day long; I sing,
for I cannot be silent; His love is the theme of my song.

I know I shall see in His beauty The King in whose law I delight; Who
lovingly guardeth my footsteps, and giveth me songs in the night.

■ **Message:** *“Freedom, Law, and Love”* – Pastor Scott
(Galatians 5:13-15)

■ **“I Need Thee Every Hour”**.....Hymn 428

I need Thee ev'ry hour, most gracious Lord
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford

**I need Thee, O I need Thee Ev'ry hour I need Thee
O bless me now, my Savior I come to Thee**

I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh

I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is in vain

I need Thee every hour, Teach me Thy will
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill

■ **Benediction**



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