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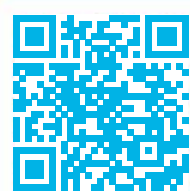
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Sermon Notes.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Message: The WOW Factor

Text: Ephesians 2:4-10

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:4-10

"But we define justification as follows: the sinner, received into communion with Christ, is reconciled to God by his grace [the sacrifice for sin on the cross], while, cleansed by Christ's blood, he obtains forgiveness of sins, and CLOTHED WITH CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS AS IF IT WERE HIS OWN, he stands confident before the heavenly judgment seat." John Calvin, The Institutes, 3-18-8

"This is the MAIN HINGE on which religion [the Christian faith] turns, so that we devote the greater attention and care to it. For unless you first of all grasp what your relationship to God is, and the nature of his judgment concerning you, you have neither a foundation on which to establish your salvation nor one on which to build piety [a devoted and energetic faith] toward God." John Calvin, The Institutes, 3-11-1

The Reformation was a rediscovery of the glorious doctrine of salvation, by the work of Christ alone on the cross as the sacrifice for sinners.

The WOW factor produces:

1. Joy.

Q 70: What is justification?

A: Justification is an act of God's free/unmerited grace unto sinners, in which he pardons (forgives) all their sins, accepts them as fully (embraced) righteous in his sight; not for any thing done in them, or done by them, but only because of the perfect obedience and full satisfaction/sacrifice of Christ. This is imputed/credited in total to them, and received by faith alone. **Larger Catechism**

"There I began to understand that the righteousness of God is that by which the righteous lives by a gift of God, namely by faith. And this is the meaning: the righteousness of God is revealed by the Gospel, namely, the passive righteousness with which the merciful God justifies us by faith. HERE I FELT THAT I WAS ALTOGETHER BORN AGAIN AND THE VERY GATES OF PARADISE HAD OPENED BEFORE ME." Martin Luther

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Passive righteousness = a work done outside of me and for me by Jesus on the cross.

Armed for the daily battle of faith (Ephesians 2:5-7).

"So when the devil throws your sins in your face and declares you deserve death and hell, tell him this: I admit that I deserve death and hell, what of it? For I know One who suffered and made satisfaction on my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ, Son of God, and where he is, there I shall be!" Martin Luther

3. The understanding of the cross makes a believer "dangerous." Living a life of devoted, focused energy.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." 1 Peter 2:9-10

"In a fair bit of Western evangelicalism, there is a worrying tendency to focus on the periphery. [My] colleague . . . Dr. Paul Hiebert . . . springs from Mennonite stock and analyzes his heritage in a fashion that he himself would acknowledge is something of a simplistic caricature, but a useful one nonetheless. One generation of Mennonites believed the gospel and held as well that there were certain social, economic, and political entailments. The next generation assumed the gospel, but identified with the entailments. The following generation denied the gospel: the "entailments" became everything. . . . What is it in the Christian faith that excites you? . . . Today there are endless subgroups of confessing Christians who invest enormous quantities of time and energy in one issue or another: abortion, pornography, home schooling, women's ordination (for or against), economic justice, a certain style of worship, the defense of a particular Bible version, and countries have a full agenda of urgent, peripheral demands. Not for a moment am I suggesting we should not think about such matters or not throw our weight behind some of them. BUT WHEN SUCH MATTERS DEVOUR MOST OF OUR TIME AND PASSION, EACH OF US MUST ASK: IN WHAT FASHION AM I CONFESSING THE CENTRALITY OF THE GOSPEL?" D.A. Carson



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OCTOBER 22, 2023



REFORMATION SUNDAY



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Welcome.

We're glad you are here to worship with us. If you are new to East Cooper Baptist, we would love to meet you. Please stop anyone with a name-tag and let us answer any questions you may have. Thanks for being our guest.

Traditional Worship and Classes
Sanctuary 9:30am & 11:00am
Contemporary Worship and Classes
Worship Center 9:30am & 11:00am

Ways to Give.

Giving is part of our worship to God. Through your faithful giving, God continues to change lives here in our area and around the world.



Give in-person by dropping your gift in any giving box located throughout the church.

Give online by visiting our website at: eastcooperbaptist.com/give.



Give via text by texting the word "GIVE" to 843-202-4848.

Get to Know.

Matt Manning



ELDER ON THE GROUPS TEAM

Matt surrendered his life to Jesus during his sophomore year of college at a Campus Outreach New Year's Conference. He has attended ECBC since 2011. Matt currently serves on staff at Palmetto Christian Academy and with the Student and Kid's Ministries. Matt enjoys spending time with his family and traveling.



Global Impact Conference
For detailed information, please go online.

**THE GLOBAL IMPACT CONFERENCE
& KIDS MISSIONS FESTIVAL IS OCTOBER 27-29**



Global Impact Conference

Join us for this year's Global Impact Conference October 27-29. The Global Impact Conference is a time when we, as a church, focus on Christ's Great Commission, to make disciples of all nations. Missionaries from near and far will share how the gospel is bearing fruit and how each one of us can be involved with them. This celebration of God's glory being declared to the world will leave you encouraged, challenged, and engaged!



Kids Missions Festival

This festival goes alongside our **Global Impact Conference**. On October 27-29, your kids will love learning about the country of Jordan, what missionaries do, and how to be a part of the Great Commission! All children must be registered with a parent attending GIC.

To register,
go to eastcooperbaptist.com/gic or scan the QR code



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Upcoming.

FOLLOW THE CALL

This class is designed to help you discern your role in serving the nations and what steps you should take. Join us for this special class following the Global Impact Conference on Sunday, **November 12** at the 11:00am worship hour in room B224.

SEE YOU THERE.



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REFRESH 2024 CLASS

We are asking all members to take this class beginning in January. You will have the opportunity to hear an update on our vision and goals, and specific teaching on Living Generously. This class will be offered at both hours on Sundays and on Wednesday evenings.

REGISTER ONLINE.



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CONNECT TO A GROUP

We would love for you to get connected to one of our many groups, like:

Community Groups
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JOIN ONE TODAY.



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SERVE ON THE WELCOME TEAM

We need volunteers who can serve in our parking lot, as door greeters, make coffee, or help people find their way at our Welcome Desk.

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10.22.23

Hello.

Please complete the perforated section and take to the Welcome Desk or place in any giving box located around the church.

I/We attended worship at:

☐ 9:30am ☐ 11:00am

☐ I am a first time guest

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