

Prayer?

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Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Message: Rejoicing: The Good News of Great Joy

Text: 1 Peter 1:8-9

"Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls."
1 Peter 1:8-9

"I sometimes think that it would do us all great good if we faced that statement in 1 Peter 1:8 every morning of our lives. There it is. Remember, that these people had never seen the Lord Jesus Christ with their naked eyes. They were in exactly our position in that respect. They were not Palesinian Jews. They were people who lived in these various other countries; they have never seen him. So Peter says, in effect: Whom having not seen ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with a joy that baffles description, beyond description and full of glory."
Martyn Lloyd-Jones, Joy Unspeakable, pp 184-185

As believers who live in the post-Apostolic age we are in a higher, much better position than those who were eyewitnesses to the reality of Christ (Matthew 13:16-17, 2 Corinthians 4:6). This passage tells us four things:

1. The believers l_____ Christ. (This is not an exhortation but a statement of commendation. Their "soft sufferings" and social marginalization had not led to morose behavior or a miserable spirit.
2. They believed/t_____ in Him.
3. They rejoiced with a j_____ that was inexpressible and full of glory, or they enjoyed the foretaste of heaven with the anticipation of what was coming.
4. They were receiving as the outcome of their faith the salvation of their souls.

In response to this, we should:

1. Seek the ongoing, empowering, and deeper ministry of the Holy Spirit.

"If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" **Luke 11:13**

2. We should rehearse the great things the Lord has done for us and seek to be emotionally moved.
 - E_____ loved by the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
 - C_____ by the sprinkling of the blood of the Lamb of God.
 - Born-again, to a _____ because of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead.

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- An i_____ that is inexhaustible, complete, and full.
- Zealously g_____ by the power of the risen and indwelling Christ.
- M_____ trials that result in praise and glory and honor in eternity.
- The Lord Christ is coming again to establish the New Heaven and the New Earth.

3. We are to rejoice.

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." **Philippians 4:4-8**

- Rejoice in the Lord.
- Let your gentle, kind spirit be evident to all because the Lord is near.
- Don't be anxious but pray.
- As you pray, the peace of God (which comes from heaven and transcends earthly comprehension) will guard you.
- Rearrange your life and thought with discipline so the God of peace can freely work in you and encourage you by his Holy Spirit.

ANSWER KEY: loved, trusted, joy, Eternally, Cleansed, Living Hope, inheritance, guarded, Momentary

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. As you consider 2 Peter 1:12-13, how does reminding the believers of what the Lord has done for them stir their emotions?
2. Read Romans 8:33-34 and John 17:19. What does the reality of Christ praying for us (intercession) say about our security in Christ?
3. How does rejoicing in the Lord lead to gentleness? How does rejoicing in the Lord and worship take away anxiety and the fear of the future?
4. How do we rearrange our life and our thoughts in such a way that we open the door for the Holy Spirit to bring us peace and joy? (Philippians 4:8)
5. Why is the gospel good news of great joy?



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Offering: Dropped in the offering plate on Sunday, December 29.

Hand-delivered: To the ECBC office by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, December 31. Contributions that are hand-delivered after 12:00p on December 31 will be credited to 2020.

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Online: By 11:59p on December 31, 2019.

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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 by the Welcome Center following the worship services to say hello and let us answer any questions you may have. Thanks for being our guest.

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Traditional Worship / Sunday equip•u Classes
Sanctuary 9:00a & 10:45a
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Next Steps.

Attend a Guest Luncheon

Get to know us better at our next Guest Luncheon and see what God has in store for you. You'll meet our pastor and some of our staff and enjoy fellowship with a great meal. Our next free luncheon is **January 12 at 12:15p** in the gym. For more information, please contact Carol at carolw@eastcooperbaptist.com.

Find an equip•u Class

Our equip•u classes are groups that meet before or after the worship services to study the Bible in depth. Visit the Welcome Center to pick up an equip•u guide, or go online to choose from a variety of classes. Register for track classes at eastcooperbaptist.com/classes.

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An authentic biblical community provides a place where we can grow, learn, and serve as we seek to know Jesus. We have a variety of over 30 open groups from students to adults. Please go online today to locate a group near you. eastcooperbaptist.com/groups

Become a Member

Register online for our upcoming New Members Class on Saturday, **January 25**. This class is a basic introduction to our church family and is a requirement for joining the church. We designed this class to clearly explain what we believe at East Cooper Baptist.

Serve in equip•them

Equip•them is the serving arm for Sunday morning ministries. We have nearly 600 opportunities to serve. Some needs require 15 minutes before the service; others may require the whole equipping hour. eastcooperbaptist.com/serve

Childcare.



We have a safe and loving environment for your children where they can learn about God. Please take advantage of our nursery for children up to age three during the worship services. Our ushers are ready to assist you.



This Week.

For detailed information, please go online.

SUN

DEC 22

No equip•u Classes

TUE

DEC 24

Christmas Eve Services
4:00p & 5:30p Sanctuary
Church Offices Closed

WED

DEC 25

Merry Christmas!
Church Offices Closed



Join us next Sunday for Combined Services at either 9:00am or 10:45am in the Sanctuary.

We will offer childcare for birth through age 5 for both service times. There will be no equip•u classes. The Friends Ministry will meet at 10:45am only.

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DECEMBER 1 - JANUARY 26



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Upcoming.

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DEC 24 You, your family, and friends are invited to one of our Christmas Eve Services in the Sanctuary. Service times are 4:00p (with childcare for birth through age 3) and 5:30p. Come celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **SEE YOU THERE.**



JAN 5 Join us as we discuss 10 important aspects of intentional parenting. January 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 9:00a & 10:45a in B220/221. **MORE INFO ONLINE.**



JAN 5 This course will help to define and discuss issues such as sex & fertility, disability, and aging & dying while acknowledging the worth of human beings created in God's image. January 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 9:00a & 10:45a in B214/215. **MORE INFO ONLINE.**



JAN 7 Join us for Women's Bible Study on Tuesday or Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30a as we study the Gospel of John together. Our very own ECBC pastors will be teaching through the book. Childcare is available, and books cost \$12. **REGISTER ONLINE.**



JAN 9 Join us at 6:30am on Thursday mornings in the Welcome Center to hear women share how they've experienced God's faithfulness in their various callings. Pastries and coffee are provided, but there is no childcare. **SEE YOU THERE.**



MAR 13-22 Volunteers will teach conversational English and the Christian worldview to small groups. No prior teaching experience needed. Deadline to apply is January 1! **APPLY ONLINE.**



APR 2-10 Our pastoral staff will provide preaching and teaching to the adults. Volunteers will minister to the children of our global partners by teaching Bible stories, singing, and hanging out with them. Deadline is January 8! **APPLY ONLINE.**



WHO ARE YOUR 3?

- Who are 3 people that God has been laying on your heart?
- What are you praying for God to do in their life?
- How will you love them, and when will you share the gospel with them?

NEW TO ECBC? After the service, stop by the Welcome Center.

Please complete the perforated section and place in the offering plate or bring by the Welcome Center.

Hello.

If you're here for the first time, please come by our Welcome Center and say hello. We'd love to answer any questions and say thanks for being our special guest today.

I/We attended worship at:

9:00a 10:45a

I am a first time guest

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- Join a Community Group
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