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Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Message: How We (Progressively) Change

Text: 2 Corinthians 3:16-19

"¹⁶Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

¹⁸Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. ¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, 'He catches the wise in their craftiness'"
2 Corinthians 3:16-19

The apostle Paul rejoices in an "unveiling" experience and process whereby the centrality and glory of Christ is revealed to God's people by the Holy Spirit.

Regarding sanctification or progressive growth in Christ: *"In this war, the remaining corruption may greatly prevail for a time (Christians can fall into sin) yet through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate part overcomes. So, the saints grow in grace perfecting holiness in the fear of God. They pursue a heavenly life, in gospel obedience to all the commands of Christ as Head and King has given them in his Word."*
1689 Baptist Confession of Faith, XIII-3

How We Progressively Change in Christ

1. The foundation: the sufficiency and glory of the work of Christ.

"... but so long as they (OT individuals) think to be wise without Christ, they will wander in darkness, and will never arrive at a right understanding of the law. Now, what is said of the law applies to all Scripture-that where it is not taken as referring to Christ as its one aim, it is mistakenly twisted and perverted." **John Calvin, Commentary on 2 Corinthians**

"Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin." **Romans 3:19-20**

"... all Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation." **Baptist Faith and Message 2000, Article I, The Scriptures**

2. Continuously move from darkness (unknowledge/misinformation) to light (knowledge grounded in the gospel).

"How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light."
Psalms 36:7-9

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3. Proclaim the heritage of freedom. (v.17)

This freedom is more than being freed from sin and the flesh but is also the confidence and boldness which we acquire from the Holy Spirit bearing witness in our hearts to our adoption and full embrace by the Lord.

"For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'" **Romans 8:15**

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." **Hebrews 4:16**

4. Continually mirror the reality of Christ. (v.18)

"But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing." **James 1:25**

"(Many Christians may) repeat the catch words of the theology of grace, but many have little deep awareness that they and other Christians are 'accepted in the beloved' and fully adopted into the Father's embrace. Since their understanding of justification is marginal or unreal-anchored not to Christ, but to some conversion experience in the past or to an imagined present state of goodness in their lives-they know little of the dynamic of justification. Their understanding of sin focuses on behavioral externals which they can eliminate from their lives by a little will power and ignores the great submerged continents of pride, covetousness and hostility beneath the surface. Thus their pharisaism defends them both against full involvement in the church's mission and against full subjection of their inner lives to the authority of Christ."
Richard F. Lovelace, Dynamics of Spiritual Life: An Evangelical Theology of Renewal, p.205

QUESTIONS:

1. Why is it important to remember these letters were written to a GROUP OF PEOPLE in the church at Corinth?

Consider the following: *"Face to face conversation is the most human-and humanizing-thing we do, fully present to one another, we learn to listen. It's where we develop the capacity for empathy. It's where we experience the joy of being heard, of being understood."* **Sherry Turkle, Reclaiming Conversation**

2. What is the significance of saying, "Sanctification (growth in Christ) is progressive and admits to degrees"?

3. How is the veil of unbelief or a hardened heart removed? How do we continuously say to one another, "We are helping broken people treasure Jesus"?

4. What does it mean to reflect, as in a mirror, the wonder of Christ?

5. What is the end result or an aspirational goal of today's passage?



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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 blue name-tag and let us answer any questions you may have. Thanks for being our guest.

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COVID-19 Update.



On October 19, the Church Leadership Team (CLT) decided to update our COVID policies as we strive to care and love those around us. Effective on 10/20/21, the leadership of East Cooper Baptist Church recommends that all members and guests wear masks inside our building. This decision was made after a recommendation from our COVID Team made up of staff leadership and healthcare workers. This team will review these recommendations on a weekly basis and the CLT will subsequently update our policies. This is an opportunity to be kind and patient with one another as we walk through this together.

We encourage you to be praying for the medical staff in our community as they navigate this season's challenges due to COVID-19.



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POOR & DESTITUTE

Do you desire to serve those who for reasons of addictions, unjust treatment, family cycles, mental health, or poor lifestyle choices have found themselves homeless or lacking other resources necessary to sustain their basic needs? We partner with The Navigation Center and Hope to Home Furnishing Ministry to serve and share the gospel with those in need.



PRISONER & TRANSITION

We want to disciple those who are incarcerated or have recently been released from prison and are seeking to restore relationships, break the patterns of sin and re-enter society as productive members.



VULNERABLE CHILDREN

If your desire to serve children in categories ranging from protecting the unborn to supporting those in crisis, we invite you to serve with one of our local outreach partners! From helping reunification back into healthy biological families to serving through foster care where reunification is not possible, there are children that you can serve in our community! It is also through these partners you have the opportunity to adopt. We would love to connect with you!

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REGISTER TODAY.

PRAYER MEETING

We would love to have you join us on the first Tuesday evening of each month for a time of prayer in our Sanctuary from 6:00-6:30pm. Our next one is on **November 2.**



PLAN TO ATTEND.

FIRST STEP CLASS

Whether you are a first-time guest or have attended for a while, we would love for you to join us for our First Step Class **November 7** at 11:00am in B224/225. This is a great way to learn more about becoming a member or getting connected.



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