

# Prayer?

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# Sermon.

**Speaker:** Buster Brown, Senior Pastor  
**Message:** Christ-honoring Living and the Blessing of God  
**Text:** 1 Peter 3:8-12

*"Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. For 'Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.'" 1 Peter 3:8-12*

The section that begins in 1 Peter 2:11 comes to a conclusion in 1 Peter 3:12.

1. In the church (8)
  - Harmonious (1:1-13) = A common mindset
  - Sympathetic = Caring deeply, feeling what others feel
  - Brotherly love
  - Tender-hearted = Compassionate to those who are experiencing pain
  - Humble
2. In the world (9)
3. Anticipating the blessing (9b-12)
  - L\_\_\_\_\_ life
  - See g\_\_\_\_\_ days
  - Attract the prayer-hearing e\_\_\_\_\_ of ABBA Father

**ANSWER KEY:**  
Love, good, embrace

VERSE	RIGHT CONDUCT	RESULTING BLESSING
1:8	Loving Christ	Unutterable joy
1:9	Continuing faith	More benefits of salvation
1:17	Holy life with fear	Avoiding God's fatherly discipline
2:2	Partaking of spiritual milk	Growing up toward salvation
2:19-20	Trusting God & doing right while suffering	God's approval
3:1-2	Submitting to husbands	Husbands won for Christ
3:7	Living considerably with wives	Prayers not hindered
4:14	Enduring reproach for Christ	Spirit of Glory & of God rests upon you
5:7	Casting cares on God	(implied) He will care for your needs
5:9-10	Resist the devil	God will restore, establish, & strengthen you

Wayne Grudem, *1 Peter*, p. 149

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*"We may therefore represent the overall argument of verses 8 to 12 as follows: 'Finally, all of you, be like-minded, loving toward one another, compassionate, and humble (v.8), not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, for you have been called to such a righteous life, in order that by this righteous living you may obtain God's blessing on your life' (v.9). 'For in the Psalms, God promises blessings to those who live righteously' (vv.10-12)."*  
Wayne Grudem, *1 Peter*, p. 148

*"Verses 8 to 12 as a whole should not be taken as evidence for final salvation by good works, for they are addressed to those who are already Christians and already have an imperishable 'inheritance' kept for them in heaven (1:4). Yet this passage does present a bold affirmation of the relation between righteous living and God's present blessing in this life. As such it provides a needed corrective to careless, half-hearted Christians living in any age, and a powerful motivation to the kind of holy living to which Peter says 'all Christians have been called' (v. 9)."* Wayne Grudem, *1 Peter*, p. 150

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

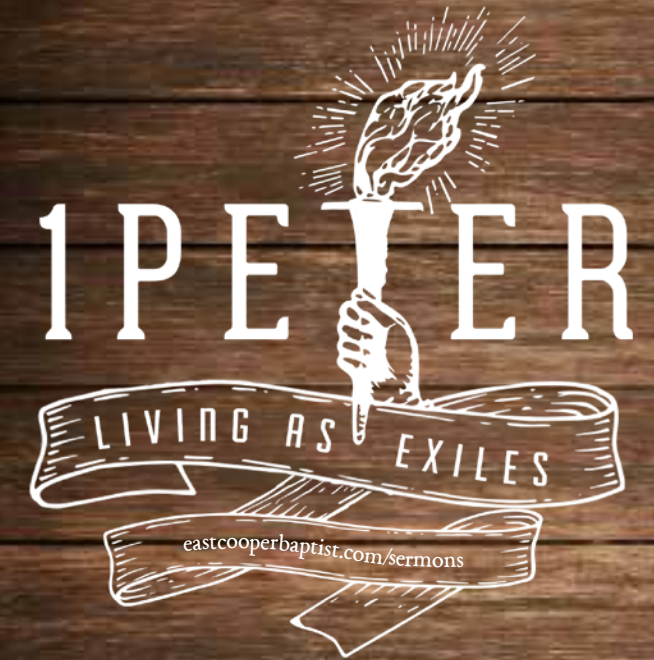
1. How do we maintain a harmonious/common mindset in the local church?
2. Why is the miraculous new birth in Christ absolutely necessary to live out (3:8-9)?
3. How do we "obtain a blessing" according to 3:9?
4. What attitudes do we live out in order to experience: love of life, good days and the ABBA Father embrace?
5. How does this passage provide a needed corrective to careless, half-hearted Christian living?
6. Are you expecting a blessing from the throne of Almighty God?



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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  
**Contemporary Worship / Sunday equip•u Classes**  
Worship Center 9:00a & 10:45a

## 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](mailto: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](http://eastcooperbaptist.com/classes).

### Join a Community Group

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](http://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](http://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

NOV 24

equip•u Classes  
9:00a & 10:45a  
Angel Tree Tag Pickup  
Welcome Center

THU

NOV 28

Happy Thanksgiving!  
Church Offices Closed  
Thursday & Friday

## Operation Christmas Child



**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO DROP-OFF YOUR SHOE BOXES.** Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Place your boxes around the Christmas tree in the Welcome Center.

## Student Life Center Update



The construction fencing was installed this past week around the new Student Life Center building site (see illustration above). Please note that the rear exit drive will remain open on Sundays to alleviate traffic congestion. We apologize for the inconvenience; however, we are excited to see construction begin.



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## Upcoming.

For detailed event information, please go online.

**TODAY** With the delivery of a gift, Angel Tree boys and girls hear the free gift of salvation and feel the love of their incarcerated parents. Make sure to pick up Angel Tree tags today & December 1! Presents are due back on December 8.



**TODAY** This book of daily readings for the month of December by best-selling author Paul David Tripp will help you slow down, prepare your heart, and focus on what matter most: adoring our Savior, Jesus. Pick up yours today in the Resource Section for \$11.



**TODAY** Pick up your FREE Family Advent Guide at the Children's Kiosks. This is a great way to start teaching your children the importance of expectant waiting and preparation of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas.



**DEC 3** Buster is calling the church to a day of prayer and fasting from dinner on Monday night to dinner on Tuesday night. We will end this time praying together at 6:30p in the Worship Center. **SEE YOU THERE!**



**DEC 6 & 7** Order your tickets today for this year's Christmas Concert, "This Day." Performances will be held on the 6th at 7:00p and on the 7th at 4:00p and 7:00p. The concert is free, but you need a ticket for admission. **GET TICKETS ONLINE.**



**JAN 10-12** Join us for this year's Women's Retreat. Speaker Mary Willson (along with Kelsie Ellison) will be teaching us about how our God is faithful to provide all that we need. Deadline is Dec 6. **REGISTER ONLINE.**



**MAR 13-22** Volunteers will teach conversational English and the Christian worldview to small groups. No prior teaching experience needed. Deadline to apply is Jan 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 the team. Deadline is Jan 8. **APPLY ONLINE.**



**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

Name

Spouse

Birthdate    Spouse Birthdate

Address

City

State  Zip

Mobile

Spouse Mobile

Email

Spouse Email

Preferred method of contact:

Call  Text  Email

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- Become a Christian
- Join the Church
- Request a personal visit
- Subscribe to newsletter
- Join a Community Group
- Other