

# Prayer?

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# Sermon.

**Speaker:** Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

**Message:** How to Be a Happy, Useful, Celebrating Christian

**Text:** 2 Timothy 2:1-2

*"You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2:1-2*

*"Does Jesus want your heart only for the same end as the devil does, to make you miserable? No, he only wants you to believe on him that you might be saved. This is all the dear Savior desires to make you happy that you may leave your sins, to sit down eternally with him." George Whitfield (1714-1770)*

The apostle Paul looks back to the example of Onesiphorus (1:15-18) and underscores the privilege of understanding and living out of the gospel of grace. He tenderly exhorts Timothy to continuously be strong by the power of Christ through the means of understanding the gospel of grace.

We should be wary of the fatal tendency of taking the gospel of grace for granted while we major on what can be done in the name of Christ. It is easy to become quasi-gospel amnesiacs instead of rejoicing in the daily liberating power of "the gospel that is done." (It is finished! John 19:28-30)

John Wesley (1703-1791 ) at the age of 34/35 experienced a profound awakening to the gospel of grace. *"About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."* (May 24, 1738, at Aldersgate Street, London)

The Gospel of Grace:

1. *"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost."* (John Newton)  
In order to understand and appreciate the gospel of grace, I must be continuously aware of the sinfulness of my own heart in comparison to the exorbitant mercy of the love of the Lord. (Matthew 5: 21-32); regarding anger, lust, and marriage.
2. *"But now am found; was blind but now I see"* the glory of salvation. (Colossians 1:21-22)

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## APPLICATION:

1. REBELIEVE the gospel of 'done' daily. Begin each day with Jesus' cry from the cross, *"It is finished!"*
2. Restudy continuously the wonder of salvation (imputed righteousness). (2 Peter 1:12)
3. Rejoice in the shepherding goodness of Jesus (Luke 9:23-27, Matthew 7:7-11) "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)
4. Intentionally choose a deliberate imbalance regarding the intake of news/podcasts/reading. We should spend the vast majority of our time with that which is wholesome and inspirational compared to that which is dispiriting and puerile/silly.

*"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 4:8*

## QUESTIONS:

1. What does it mean to be wary of taking the gospel of grace for granted or giving the wonder of the cross only a passing glance (gospel amnesiacs while we major on the duties of the Christian life)?
2. Why is the gospel of grace a melody that should capture the heart and elevates living?
3. What do you say to someone who says, "I was raised in a Christian home and have never done really bad things, therefore my appreciation of the gospel is not as great as that of known, notorious sinners"?
4. What was the result of the awakening of John Wesley's heart on Aldersgate Street in 1738?
5. Of the four ways to keep the gospel fresh, which one seems most pertinent to your experience?

## RESOURCES:

*Wesley and Men Who Followed:* Iain H. Murray

*The Happy Christian: Ten Ways to Be a Joyful Believer in a Gloomy World:* David Murray



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 Other



# 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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**Traditional Worship / Sunday equip•u Classes**

Sanctuary 9:30a & 11:00a

**Contemporary Worship / Sunday equip•u Classes**

Worship Center 9:30a & 11:00a

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Please use hand sanitizer as you enter the building.



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Please be mindful of others and practice social distancing throughout the building.



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### Sunday Morning equip•u Classes

- How to Study Matthew** is a class designed to help you dive deeper into God's Word. Join us as Danny Beech walks us through how to study the Bible, specifically the book of Matthew. Meets in rooms B220 & 221 at 11:00a.
- Revelation** explores the final book of the New Testament. This class is taught by Ray Nash and meets in B214 & 215 at 9:30a.
- D6 Family Discipleship** covers the same biblical content as your children and students do during their Bible study classes. Taught by Steve Tuck and meets in the gym at 11:00a.

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### Children's Ministry

Classes for birth-K5 will be offered during both worship hours. We encourage older children to worship with their parents at 9:30a and then age specific classes will be held at 11:00a.

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**High school** students meet in the Annex at 11:00a.

**College** students meet in the Annex at 9:30a

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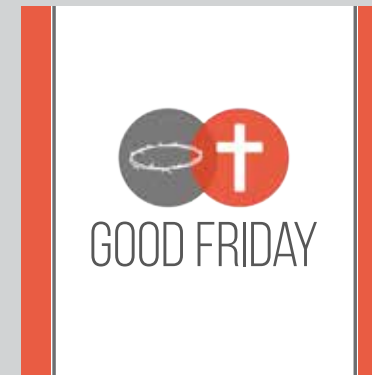
Women at the Well is an evening for you to be refreshed and reminded of the goodness of God. All women are invited **March 18, 6:30-8:30pm** to this encouraging evening to grow closer to the Lord and get to know each other better.



REGISTER ONLINE.

### GOOD FRIDAY

We invite you to join us on Good Friday for a time of quiet reflection and joyful worship with the choir, orchestra, and worship band on **April 2, 7:00pm**. Nursery will not be provided.



PLAN TO ATTEND.

### EASTER SUNDAY

You are invited to celebrate our Risen Savior on Easter Sunday at East Cooper! There will be combined services in the sanctuary at **8:30, 9:45, & 11:00am**. Nursery will be available for birth-age 2 at the 9:45am & 11:00am services.



INVITE A FRIEND!

### SERVE ON SUNDAYS

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