

Prayer?

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Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown

Today's Message: A Sweeter Song

Today's Text: Colossians 2:20-3:4

"If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations—'Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch' (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh. If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory." Colossians 2:20-3:4

The issue posed in this passage is how to defeat sin and break free from its paralyzing grip. The Colossian Heresy involved a group who advocated a super-spirituality of extreme asceticism (self-mortification to deny ungodly impulses.) But the Apostle Paul argues that the primary Christian answer to defeating sin is to be mesmerized by the glory and goodness of Christ.

"A man ought to have an understanding of the brevity of life, punishment, (re sin), with the terror of the Lord. But these will never stand-alone against a vigorous assault (from the devil)...but store the heart with a sense of the love of God in Christ, with the eternal design of his grace, with the sense of the forgiveness of sins by the blood of Christ, and his love in giving his life for us; get a relish of the privilege we have thereby-our adoption, justification, acceptance with God; fill the heart with thoughts of the beauty of holiness, as it is designed by Christ...and in the ordinary course of walking with God: he will have peace and security." The Works of John Owen, volume 6, pg. 134

"Let a soul exercise itself to a communion with Christ and the good things of the gospel-pardon of sin, fruits of holiness, hope of glory, peace with God, joy in the Holy Spirit, and he shall have a mighty preservative against all temptations." The Works of John Owen, volume 6, pg. 144

"The New Testament has lots to say about self-denial, but not about self-denial as an end in itself. We are told to deny ourselves and to take up our crosses in order that we may follow Christ; and to nearly every description of what we shall ultimately find if we do so contains an appeal to desire. If there lurks in most modern minds the notion that to desire our own good and earnestly to hope for the enjoyment of it is a bad thing, I submit that this notion has crept in from Kant and the Stoics and is no part of the Christian faith. Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."

The Weight of Glory, C.S. Lewis

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Sermon.

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1. We must taste and see the goodness of the Lord on a continual basis.

"Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!" Psalm 34:8 (1 Peter 1:1-3)

2. Our affections must be continually impacted by the knowledge of the eternal mercies of Christ.

"Labor to possess the mind with the beauty and excellency of spiritual things, so they may be presented lovely and desirable to the soul; and thus, sin would be weakened. It is an innate acknowledged principle, that the soul of a man will not keep up cheerfully unto the worship of God, unless it has a discovery of a beauty and desirability in it...the mind of man must see a beauty, a desirableness in the things of God's worship, or it will not delight in it."

The Collective Works of John Owen, volume 6 pg. 188

3. In the gospel, I hear the "sweeter song" of Orpheus.

Questions for Discussion:

1. What is the difference between the experience with the Sirens in Greek mythology (enchanted but dangerous creatures that lured the sailors with their beautiful voices to their doom, causing the ships to crash upon the reefs near their island) regarding Odysseus (lashed to the mast) and Orpheus (the beauty of a sweeter song)?
2. What is meant when we say, "we must be enchanted by a sweeter song"?
3. What does Hebrews 11:25 teach?
4. From the book, *Make Your Bed*, why is the statement "in that dark moment, reach inside yourself and be your very best" on pg. 81a statement that falls short of the hope extended by the reality of the gospel?
5. How are our desires "not too strong but too weak"? (see C.S. Lewis quote in *The Weight of Glory*)
6. How do we undermine the allurements of sin and temptation with the strong realities of the gospel?
7. For the believer, what is "lower shelf motivation" as compared to "superlative, ultimate motivation"?

Biblical verses to meditate on and memorize for the month of October:

"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."

Ephesians 2:8-9

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

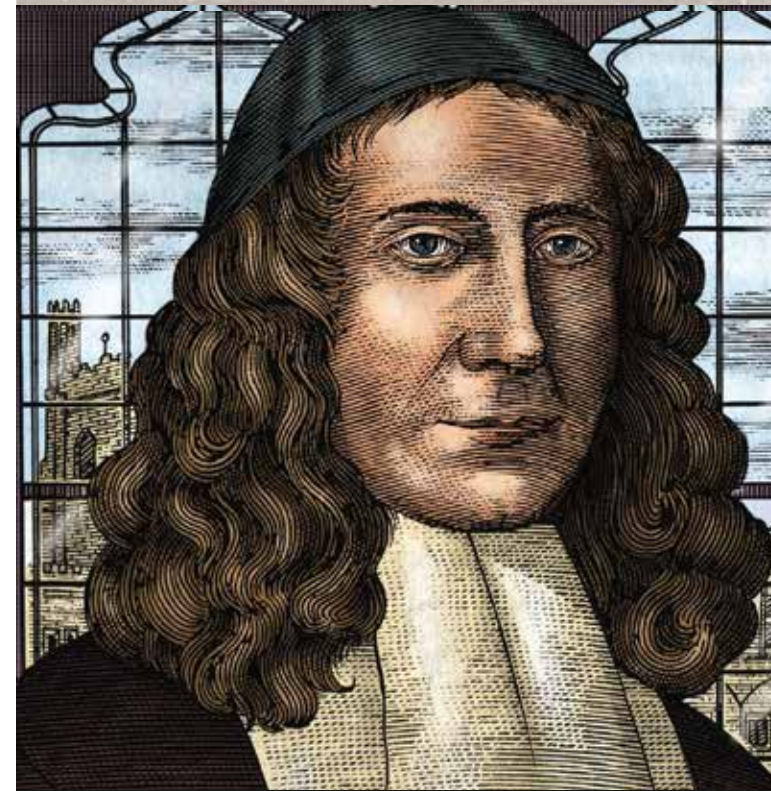
Romans 12:2



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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 Bible Classes
Sanctuary 9:00a & 10:45a
Contemporary Worship / Sunday Bible Classes
Worship Center 9:00a & 10:45a



Next Steps.

1. 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 7 at 12:30p** in the Welcome Center. For more information, please contact Carol at carolw@eastcooperbaptist.com.

2. 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 pickup an equip•u guide or go online to choose from a variety of classes. Register for track classes at eastcooperbaptist.com/classes.

3. 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.

4. Become a Member

Register online for our upcoming New Members Class on **October 21, 2017**. 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 at East Cooper Baptist believe.

5. 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.

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

OCT 15

Equip•u Classes
9:00a & 10:45a
High School D-Groups
5:00-7:00p Off Campus

MON

OCT 16

Reengage Marriage Program
6:30-8:30p Choir Room D-Wing
Families Count Class
6:00-9:00p Annex

TUE

OCT 17

Womens Bible Study
9:30-11:30a Worship Center
Elders Meeting
6:00p Choir Room D-Wing
Worship Band Rehearsal
6:30p Worship Center

WED

OCT 18

WAM
5:30-6:30p A-Wing Classrooms
Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30-8:00p Choir Room
MSM T4:12
6:30-8:00p Annex
Womens Bible Study
6:30-8:00p B218/219

THU

OCT 19

Womens Bible Study
9:00-11:30a Choir Room D-Wing
Young Adults Connect
7:00p Annex

FRI

OCT 20

Man2Man
6:20a Gym
CO Fall Retreat
Oct. 20-22 Tybee Island, GA

SAT

OCT 21

New Members Class
8:00a-12:00p Choir Room D-wing

THIS MONTH: COMMUNITY OUTREACH

FEATURED MINISTRIES

Throughout the month of October we are featuring all of our local ministries in the area of helping those in need in our community. This includes ministries helping with the homeless and people or families in crisis situations. Stop by the kiosk in the Welcome Center to find information on ministries like:



YOUR COFFEE DONATIONS HELP TO SUPPORT THESE MINISTRIES.



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Upcoming Events.

For detailed event information please go online.

TODAY In an effort to assist in relief, we have two ways you can help hurricane victims:
GIVE: \$25 gift cards.
VOLUNTEER: We are building a team. For detailed info, go online at: eastcooperbaptist.com/relief.



OCT 23 Have you thought about becoming a Foster Parent? Lifeline is having an orientation at ECBC on becoming a foster parent on Oct 23 or 30, followed by a 6-week course that will teach you about Lifeline's foster care program. **REGISTER TODAY**



OCT 27 At this community outreach you'll find trunk or treating, music by Slugs & Bugs, costume contests, animal balloons, inflatables, and great concessions. We need candy and cars for Trunk or Treating, please go online to register your car.



OCT 29 The Reformation 500 Worship service is a celebration of the Gospel! Please join our choir, orchestra, and worship band for a combined service of worship celebrating the SOLAS of the reformation in the Sanctuary at 6:00p.



NOV 3-5 All 9th-12th grade students are invited to join us for a Fall Retreat! We will be going to Crowders Ridge Camp in Gastonia, NC and spending free time at Carowinds! The cost for the weekend is \$200 that ends today and then increases to \$220 after that. **REGISTER TODAY**



NOV 4 We invite everyone to this church-wide day of service where we will be loving on our community in the name of Jesus. We will work on projects like construction, craft making, painting, and yard work. **REGISTER ONLINE**



NOV 6 Our pastors will be receiving training from Dr. Samuel Williams on how to counsel those with same-sex attractions. Anyone who is interested in attending this training is invited to attend, please register online. This talk will be held in the D-Wing choir room.



DEC 1 & 2 **SAVE THE DATE** for this year's Christmas Concert, My Eternal King! Our choir, orchestra, and worship band will be joined by the CSU Choir. The concert is free and tickets will be available soon.



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.

10.15.17
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:

9:00am 10:45am

I am a first time guest

Name

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Birthdate Spouse Birthdate

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Spouse Mobile

Email

Spouse Email

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Call Text Email

Interested in the following:

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