

Prayer?

Please list your prayer requests with detailed information of people in need. Thank you!

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Sermon.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Message: The Living Hope Which Sustains in Dark Places

Text: 1 Peter 1:3-9

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 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 1:3-9

Peter is writing this heaven-saturated, Hope-filled book to believers who are facing unjust reviling, hardships and societal marginalization.

"Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation." 1 Peter 2:12

"...having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame." 1 Peter 3:16

Blessed be! _____ Because of His great mercy.
_____ Born again to a living Hope.

- The inheritance is
1. Imperishable.
 2. Undefiled.
 3. Does not fade away.
 4. RESERVED in heaven.
 5. GUARDED by the power of God by FAITH.

A disciple is a forgiven sinner who is constantly learning Jesus in repentance and FAITH.

Faith is the continual looking to the mercy of Christ.

"But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; you have poured over me fresh oil." Psalm 92:10

"...but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him." Hebrews 11:6

Regarding Trials

1. The believer is not removed from the realm of suffering.

"For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." John 6:33

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2. Trials last "for a little while" or "if necessary".

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." Romans 8:18

"So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

"...for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." James 1:3-4

3. Trials prove the genuine nature of personal faith; of faith which will result in praise, glory and honor at the 2nd coming of Christ.
4. Trials should not be wasted. Trials can either sweeten us, as we trust in the Lord, or cause us to become bitter.

Heidelberg Catechism

Question 1: What is your only comfort in life and death?

Answer: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

We should take our CUE from the response of God's people to trials:

- C= Character Building
- U= Understanding
- E= Empathy

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

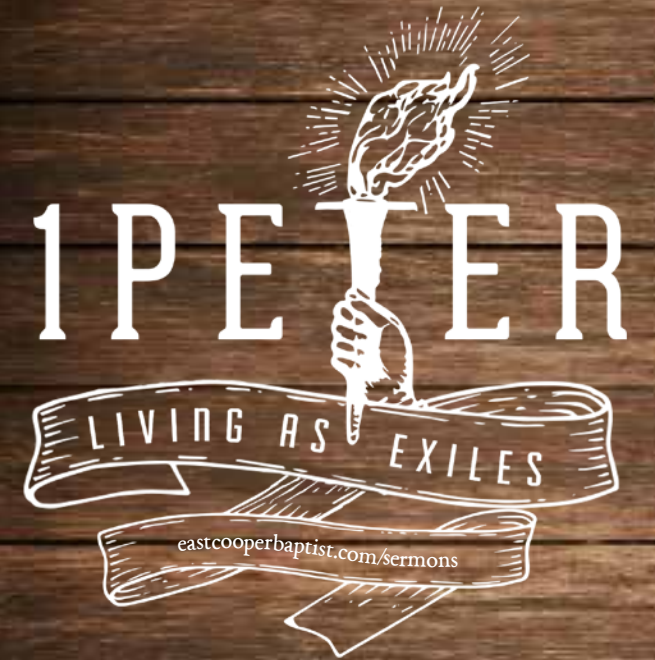
1. Why is the book of 2nd Peter and the message of the Bible impossible to understand unless we grasp the "otherworldly" nature of the message?
2. What is "soft persecution"?
3. What do we say to people who deliriously say, "I don't think I will be able to keep going" (in this trial or hardship)?
Answer: You are guarded by the power of God as you look to the reality of Christ.
4. What did Pilgrim discover regarding the fire in the House of the Interpreter in *Pilgrim's Progress*?
5. What are some of the various trials that Christians experience in our culture?
6. What does 2 Corinthians 4:16-17 tell us about trials and hardships?
7. What are the only 3 things that are not "fading away"?



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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.

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 **October 13 at 12:15p** in the Gym. 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 pick up 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. eastcooperbaptist.com/groups

4. Become a Member

Register online for our upcoming New Members Class on Saturday, **October 19**. 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.

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. 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

AUG 25

Equip•u Classes
9:00a & 10:45a
GriefShare
10:45a-12:00p B227
Children's Volunteer Training
12:15 Gym

MON

AUG 26

Reengage Marriage Program
6:30-8:30p D203 Choir Room

TUE

AUG 27

Womens Book Club
6:30-8:30p Host Home
Worship Band Rehearsal
6:30-8:30p Worship Center

WED

AUG 28

SLC Groundbreaking
6:00p On The Grounds

FRI

AUG 30

FAM & Friends Fun Night
5:30-8:30p Gym



PALMETTO CHRISTIAN ACADEMY CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE

STUDENT LIFE CENTER GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION!

Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 6:00pm

Choose a food truck and enjoy a family dinner at no charge to you.

The moment we've been waiting for is finally here!

Please join us to celebrate this exciting campus expansion!

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Upcoming.

For detailed event information please go online.

MONDAYS Reengage is a marriage enrichment program. Marriages in any condition can benefit. This program meets every Monday night from 6:30-8:30p. Childcare is provided for infant to 5th grade. **MORE INFO ONLINE**



AUG 30 We want to partner with parents who are fostering or adopting children or who have a child with special needs. Fun Nights are a night for kids to have fun and for parents to have a time of respite. **REGISTER ONLINE**



SEPT 1 If you are interested in being baptized, please register for a baptism date online. An ECBC pastor will then contact you to schedule an interview before your baptism date. Baptism is required for membership at ECBC. **REGISTER ONLINE**



SEPT 6 A large, weekly gathering of 200+ men desiring to know God, themselves, and their brothers in a deeper way. We meet 6:20-7:30a on Friday mornings in the gym, enjoy a hot breakfast, and 20 minute message from Buster. **PLAN TO ATTEND**



WEEK OF SEPT 8 An authentic biblical community provides the place where we can grow, learn, and serve as we seek to know Jesus. For us, these communities are built around small groups. You can find a list of open groups on our website.



SEPT 9 This is an orientation to a 6 week course that will teach you about Lifeline's foster care program and the requirements to becoming licensed. Classes run from September 16 through October 21, from 6:00-8:30p. **MORE INFO ONLINE**



SEPT 10/11 Join us this fall as we study Genesis Part 2 - *God of the Covenant* by Jen Wilkin. You can join on Tuesdays at 9:30a or Wednesdays at 6:30p. The workbook for this study is \$13. Childcare is available with registration. **REGISTER ONLINE**



SEPT 12 A women's video study in Genesis from author and speaker Jen Wilkin. Join on Thursdays at 9:30a. The workbook for this study is \$13. Childcare is available with registration. **REGISTER 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.

08.25.19

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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State

Zip

Mobile

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Email

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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