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Sermon Notes.

Speaker: Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

Message: The Gospel: Supreme and Foundational (Living with Convictional Courage)

Text: Ephesians 6:10-17

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God," Ephesians 6:10-17

Some well meaning believers advocate for a monastic/Mennonite model of cultural disengagement (the abandonment of culture) but the biblical model is one of informed cultural engagement.

To be a person of Christ-honoring courage, we must be grounded in the gospel of grace. The understanding of the "non meritorious good news" instills in the child of God a sense of acceptance by the Lord, joy in daily living, joyful obedience and grateful/courageous living.

That therefore we must intentionally embrace the biblical model of spirituality as we live with intentionality in our present historical context.

Without an understanding of the gospel of imputed righteousness/grace alone through the work of Christ alone, we can fall into an external performance model which can lead to pride and arrogance or a defeatist model of guilt and despair.

"Salvation by 'imputed righteousness', means that Christ's perfect righteousness is put to my account, imputed to me, put upon me by God. And, looking at me, clothed in the righteousness of Christ, God pronounces me to be just a man, a righteous man; and the law cannot touch me. 'There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus' (Romans 8:1). The law has nothing to say against me because I am covered by this perfect, spotless righteousness of the Son of God Himself, and have on 'the breastplate of righteousness.'" D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, The Christian Soldier - An Exposition of Ephesians 6:10-20

"I am this day seventy years old, a monument of Divine mercy and goodness, though on a review of my life I find much, very much, for which I ought to be humbled in the dust; my direct and positive sins are innumerable, my negligence in the Lord's work has been great, I have not promoted his cause, nor sought his glory and honour as I ought, not with-standing all this, I am spared till now, and am still retained in his Work, and I trust I am received into the divine favour through him." William Carey, (1761-1834), The Discipline of Grace: God's Role and Our Role in the Pursuit of Holiness

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APPLICATION STATEMENTS:

1. Every piece of the Christian armor in Ephesians 6:10 and following, involved the gospel.
2. In our daily walk, we must be constantly nourished by feeding on the gospel of grace. The gospel is the foundation of all of our beliefs and efforts. The gospel is the most important message we can hear because it alone provides both a proper motive and the only enduring motivation to respond to the Lord's call to ongoing discipleship.

THEREFORE WE MUST PREACH THE GOSPEL TO OURSELVES EVERYDAY

"It is forgiveness that sets a man working for God. He does not work in order to be forgiven, but because he has been forgiven, and the consciousness of his sin being pardoned make him long more for his entire removal than ever he did before...he can, he will, he must work for God. He has come into contact with that part of God's character which warms his cold heart, forgiving love constrains him. He cannot but work for him who has removed his sins from him as far as the east is from the west. Forgiveness has made him a free man, and given him a new and most loving Master. Forgiveness, received freely from the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, acts as a spring, an impulse, a stimulus of divine potency. It is more irresistible than law, or terror or threat." Horatius Bonar, (1808-1889), God's Way of Holiness (p. 51-52)

3. The gospel gives joy for the journey and strength in daily living.
4. I must constantly build my life on my eternal acceptance and standing in my union with the living God through the blood of the cross.

Run, John, run, the law commands
But gives us neither feet nor hands,
Far better news the gospel brings:
It bids me fly and gives me wings

Attributed to John Bunyan, (1628-1688)

5. There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1).

"The great difficulty with many Christians is that they cannot persuade themselves that Christ loves them; and the reason why they cannot feel confident of the love of God is, that they know they do not deserve his love, on the contrary, that they are in the highest degree unlovely. How can the infinitely pure God love those who are defiled with sin, who are proud, selfish, discontented, ungrateful, disobedient? This, indeed, is hard to believe." Charles Hodge, (1797-1878), Princeton Seminary

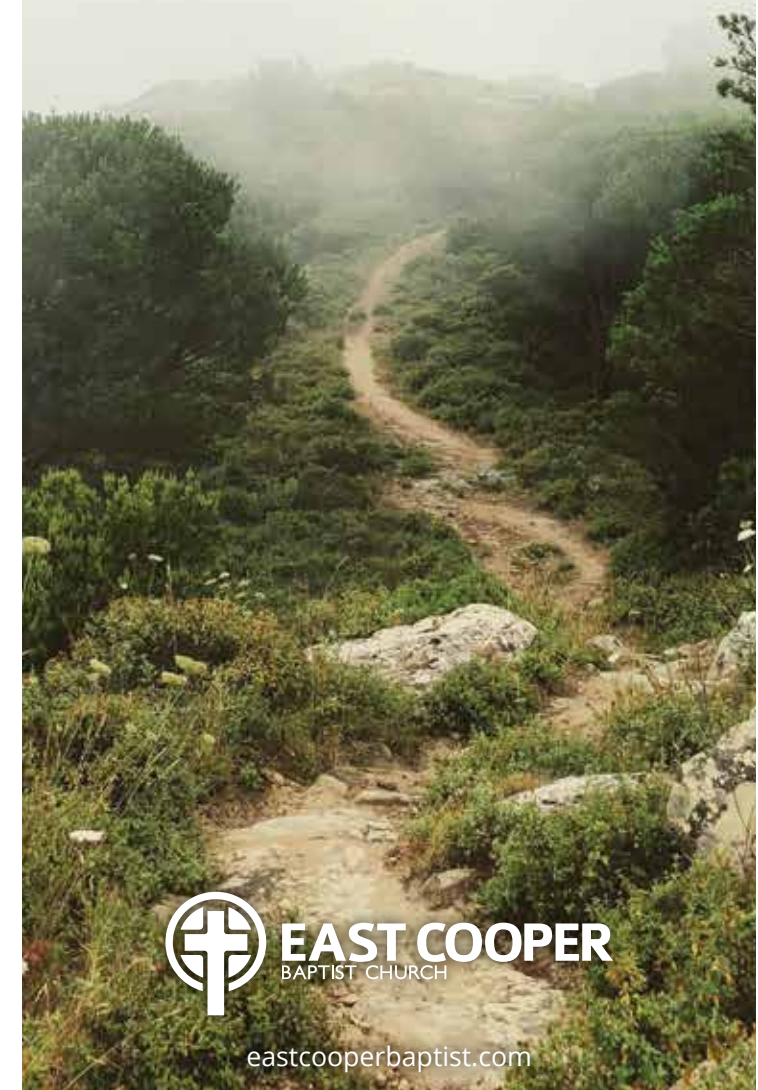
We must remember that our worst days are never so bad that they are beyond the reach of God's grace found in Christ. And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's grace found in the reality of Christ.

6. "Herd mentality" is reality. "Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm." Proverbs 13:20

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STRENGTH FOR THE JOURNEY



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I/We attended worship at:

9:30am 11:00am

I am a first time guest

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- Become a Christian
- Join the Church
- Meet with a Pastor
- Subscribe to newsletter
- 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 and Classes
Sanctuary 9:30am & 11:00am

Contemporary Worship and Classes
Worship Center 9:30am & 11:00am

Ways to Give.

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Give in-person by dropping your gift in any giving box located throughout the church.

Give online by visiting our website at: eastcooperbaptist.com/give.



Give via text by texting the word "GIVE" to 843-202-4848.

Get to Know.

Rick Gwinn



ELDER ON THE ADMIN TEAM

Through the godly influence of his grandmother and consistent time with his church family, Rick came to know Jesus at 11 years old. He has attended ECBC since 1986 and has served as an elder for 17 years. His favorite things are spending time with family and Friday Man2Man sessions.

GET CONNECTED



Worship

Engage in a Worship Service Weekly

Make a fundamental commitment to participate, engage in, and sing in a worship service each week. eastcooperbaptist.com/worship-services



Groups

Connect in a Group Consistently

We have a lot of groups at East Cooper. We have community groups, which are for everyone, and we have specialized groups based on your stage of life and particular season you are in. eastcooperbaptist.com/groups



Serve

Serve on a Team Monthly

We believe that every Christian needs tangible places to serve others. We have teams that serve the body on Sundays and the community on other days. eastcooperbaptist.com/serve



Classes

Take a Class Routinely

Our classes are designed to help you grow in your understanding and ability to lead others. eastcooperbaptist.com/classes

Upcoming.

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 August 1.

PLAN TO ATTEND.



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FOSTER & ADOPTION PANEL

If you have been considering participating in foster care, adoption, or are interested in other ways you can serve and impact vulnerable children, join us in the gym for a Q&A info session on August 13 after the second service.

PLAN TO ATTEND.



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THE INSTITUTE

The Institute is a semester-long class on Wednesday evenings starting September 13. Weekly classes will be a blend of lectures, small group discussion, and question and answer times.

REGISTER ONLINE.



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SERVE IN KIDS MINISTRY

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Financial Update.

Giving Year-to-date	\$ 5,433,688	(fiscal year:
Budget Required	\$ 5,574,698	August 1, 2022-July 31, 2023)

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