

**But grow in the grace and knowledge of
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
2 Peter 3:18**

*Welcome to
DFBC*

Prayer Notes:

Jan 14, 2024

IN the FOYER:

- Our Daily Bread Devotionals
- *new* Canada Watch Newsletter
- assistive hearing devices are available (ask an usher)

On the Calendar:

- Jan 17 (Wed) @ 7:30am Men's Morning Bible Study
- Jan 17 (Wed) @ 7:00pm - Discipleship and Prayer Time
- Jan 19 (Sat) @ 8:30am Men's Prayer Time
- Jan 21 (Sun) -- Sanctity of Life Sunday
- Jan 26 (Fri) @ 7:00pm Fired Up Friday – DFBC - Fun Times with the Ice Dogs!

2 Peter 1:9-11 ESV

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For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

TODAY'S SERMON:

2 Peter 1:9-11:
How to Guard
Against
Shipwrecking
Your Faith



NEXT SUNDAY:

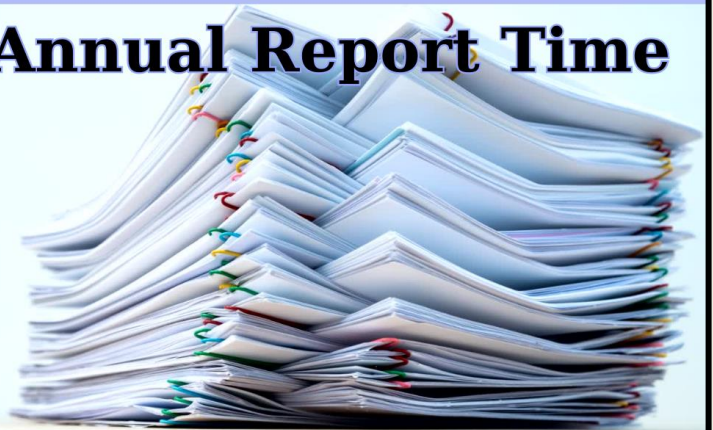
2 Peter 1:12-15

HERE I AM

REVELATION 3:20 I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

Ministry leaders it is time to prepare your reports for the DFBC Annual Report.

Annual Report Time



2024 New Year
New Song
New Grace
New Praise
New Mercies

Fired Up Fridays...



Meets the Ice Dogs

Friday Jan 26
@ 7:00pm
at DFBC

Junior Youth
Group for
Grades 5-8

PRAY FOR THESE WORKS OF THE CHURCH.

Dryden First Baptist Church

Worship Times and Some of Our Activities:

Sunday Services are held at 10:30am

Junior Church occurs during the worship hour.

Nursery facilities are available for parents to use.

Sonshine Saturday is 10:30am-12:00 on scheduled months.

Fired Up Fridays is held bi-weekly during the school year.

Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study at 7:00pm

(watch for announcements or check Facebook)

Social Media:

Facebook - Dryden First Baptist Church

Facebook - Sonshine Saturday

YouTube - Christian Canuck

Website - firstbaptistchurchdryden.com



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2 Peter 1:9-11: How to Guard Against Shipwrecking Your Faith

Pastor Adam Hall ☞ Dryden First Baptist Church ☞ January 14, 2024

2 Peter 1:9-11 English Standard Version

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Introduction

a) perseverance to the end game

b) recap of the first 8 verses

1. 2 Peter was written to encourage Christians with the good news of Jesus and to live a holy life (Chapter 1)
2. 2 Peter was written to warn the church about the false teachers who were in their midst teaching a false gospel and distorting Jesus Christ (Chapter 2)
3. 2 Peter was written to encourage Christians of the promise with the hope of eternal life (Chapter 3)

- this is where Peter exhorts Christians to make sure that they continue in the faith in which God has called them

- in 2 Peter 1:3-4, Peter writes of the power of God that was given to them
- the divine power has been given to the Christian: they have been given the power of the Holy Spirit
- Christians have been called by God's grace
- this means Jesus Christ draws sinners to Himself
- the very great and precious promises of the gospel have been given to Christians
- these promises include salvation, forgiveness of sins and eternal life, just to mention a few

- in Peter 1:5-8, Peter wrote of godly characteristics that are to be added to every Christian's faith

- Christians are to add to their faith these 7 qualities

1. Virtue – we grow in personal holiness being guided by the standard of God's Word
2. Knowledge – we are to grow in the knowledge of God found in God's Word
3. Self-control – we are to grow in restraining the sinful desires that rise up within us
4. Steadfastness – we are to grow in perseverance with the Lord, even in the face of adversity
5. Godliness – we are to grow in fear and reverence of the Lord
6. Brotherly Affection – we are to grow in brotherly love towards each other
7. Love – we are to grow in sacrificial love for each other

- and now we come to this next section where we hear about those who are claiming to be Christians and are not growing in these 7 virtues that Peter mentions in 2 Peter 1:5-8
- Peter is addressing people who are not producing the fruit of faith, so Peter exhorts these Christians to persevere in holiness and godliness
- the reward for perseverance in the Lord is the assurance of salvation and the rich reward into heaven

1) (1:9) Forgotten Forgiveness

(1:9) For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.

a) "for" is for the 7 qualities evidenced by faith

b) no fruit indicates a serious problem

1. you are blind

Revelation 3:17 For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

2. you are nearsighted

3. you have forgotten that you have been cleansed from your former sins

1 John 1:7-9 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2) (1:10) Confirmed Calling

(1:10) Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election,

a) "therefore"

for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.

b) falling or pressing?

c) two scenarios of a "fall"

1. the person who is faking the Christian life

2. the person who is in a temporary state of rebellion, who can be brought back to repentance and restored to fellowship

3) (1:11) Rich Reward

(1:11) For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

a) Jesus' rich reward

- those who continue to trust in _____ will receive entrance into the _____ kingdom of Jesus Christ

Revelation 21:3-4 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

b) Jesus is Lord and Saviour

1. Lord – this means that Jesus is the eternal God over all the earth

Philippians 2:9-11 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

2. Saviour – this means that Jesus saves people from their sin

Matthew 1:21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Application

1) Look at the Amazing Blessings of Jesus Christ

1. we are no longer blind, but given sight

2. we have sins cleansed

Psalm 51:1-5 ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. ⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

3. we have been called and elected by God

4. we have an eternal kingdom

a) life with Christ has rich reward

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

b) life without Christ is a life without mercy and grace

2) Persevere by the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ

a) the power of the holy spirit helps us live holy lives

b) how not to shipwreck your faith

Romans 2:4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

9 Practical Tips for Bible Reading APRIL 25, 2021 | GEORGE SINCLAIR for The Gospel Coalition <https://ca.thegospelcoalition.org/article/9-practical-tips-for-bible-reading/>

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This means that you have to choose to take time. You will have to sacrifice doing something else so you have time to read God's word and pray to Him. You need to pray that the Lord will help you set time aside so you can spend time with Him. Here are some pointers.

First, If something is really important, you want to get to it as early as possible in your day.

A follower of Jesus should view a daily time of prayer and Bible reading as one of the most important things you will do in your day. So you should seek to pray and read God's word as early in your day as possible.

Second, "early as possible" does not necessarily mean first thing in the morning.

Some people wake up in the morning fully awake and ready to go. My oldest son is like this. Others, like me, wake up slowly. If I did my Bible reading immediately, I would not remember anything--in fact, I would be lucky if I didn't just fall back asleep.

Similarly, the presence of young children or very early shift work might mean that reading the Bible and praying first thing is not wise.

Third, be careful that you do not let "the world, the flesh, and the devil" define "possible."

It is amazing how important it can seem to me to look at emails or return a call, or whatever, as soon as I am about to read the Bible and pray.

Fourth, ask the Lord for his help and pick a time early in your day.

Ask the Lord to help you recognize the temptation to do something other than reading his word.

Ask Him to help you to put to death this desire to avoid time with him. Ask him for a greater longing to spend time with him by reading his word and praying.

Fifth, consider “natural” times to read his word and pray that are still early in your day. The bus ride into work.

Rather than getting up early in the day, set aside the first 15 minutes of your lunch break, and eat lunch “late.” Your first coffee break of the day. There were several years where I left for work a bit early and would read my Bible and pray in my car while parked in a Tim Horton’s parking lot. I would read the Bible and pray before I got my coffee.

Maybe you should stay at your desk (or find a quiet spot) at the end of your workday before heading home. Maybe you wait for the baby’s first nap.

Sixth, consider listening to the Bible rather than reading the Bible.

We rarely appreciate this, but the overwhelming majority of people in the early church would have only heard the Bible read. If you listen to the Bible, you can go for a walk, hearing God’s word and then praying while you walk. There is a lot to be said about this.

Some people (I am one) pray better when they walk. If you have trouble falling asleep while reading the Bible, walk and listen. It is hard to fall asleep while walking!

Seventh, consider what helps you get “launched” into your devotional time.

We are different, and the Bible does not set forth the one and only way to focus and get going. We are usually told to pray first—generally good advice. I confess that this does not work very well for me. Instead of beginning with prayer, I start by reading, then after having read a chapter, I pray, and then go back to reading. In my experience, people tend to use prayer, reading, or music to get “launched” into the devotional time.

I love to read, so for me, beginning with reading gets me into the devotional. If I try to start with prayer I meander and get distracted too easily. I know some who find quietly singing part of a hymn or praise song gets them going. Figure out what works best for you in your current state of life. Please note, be careful about listening to music as your way to enter into the devotional time. Some people start with listening to music (or singing along). But before you know it, all you have done is listen to music.

You have not read God’s word or praying. Hymns or praise song lyrics, no matter how moving, are not God’s word written, they are the words of men and women. It is important that you read God’s word written—the Bible.

Eighth, ask the Lord to speak to you as you read.

Ask him to grant you wisdom, discernment and understanding. Ask him to lead you into all truth. Ask him to renew your mind as you read. Ask to know more about him, and even more important, ask to know him better as you read.

Ask him to grant you a deep yearning for him and a deep fear of him. Ask him to make you humble and teachable before him. Ask Him to convict you of your sin. Ask the Father to pour out the Holy Spirit upon you as you read.

Ninth, when you struggle and fail in Bible reading, humble yourself and ask some people in your church to pray for you.

Remember, you enter the “Jesus Way” alone with Jesus, but you walk the “Jesus Way” with Jesus and with others. You do not walk alone and should not walk alone.

We are called to bear one another’s burdens, and sometimes that means we need to humble ourselves, confess our weakness and our need, and ask others to pray so that we will do what we know the Lord would have us do. Please pray for me.

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