

WEST SUFFOLK BAPTIST CHURCH

3 May 2020

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements Pastor

Prayer of Invocation Mike

Hymn #11 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

OT Scripture Psalm 80 Mike

Hymn #9 "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

NT Scripture Mark 12:1-11 Mike

Hymn #434 "Our Great Saviour"

Message: **Divine Counsel for Troubled Hearts**
"Remember That You Were Purposefully Chosen"
John 15:1-17

Hymn #522 "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Prayer of Benediction Pastor

Postlude

The Second London Baptist Confession of Faith (1689)

Chapter X: Effectual Calling

1. In God's appointed and acceptable time, He is pleased to call effectually, by His Word and Spirit, those He has predestinated to life. He calls them out of their natural state of sin and death to grace and salvation by Jesus Christ. He enlightens their minds spiritually and savingly to understand the things of God. He takes away their heart of stone and gives them a heart of flesh. He renews their wills and by His almighty power turns them to good and effectually draws them to Jesus Christ. Yet He does all this in such a way that they come completely freely, since they are made willing by His grace.

2. This effectual call flows from God's free and special grace alone, not from anything at all foreseen in those called. Neither does the call arise from any power or action on their part; they are totally passive in it. They are dead in sins and trespasses until they are made alive and renewed by the Holy Spirit. By this they are enabled to answer this call and to embrace the grace offered and conveyed in it. This response is enabled by a power that is no less than that which raised Christ from the dead.

The Shorter Catechism (Baptist Version) Q&A #106

Q. What is prayer which is acceptable to God?

A. Acceptable prayer is an offering up of the desires of the righteous unto God, for things agreeable to His will, in the name of Christ, by the help of His Spirit, with confession of sins, and thankful acknowledgement of His mercies.