

WEST SUFFOLK BAPTIST CHURCH

21 June 2020

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements Pastor

Invocation Mike

Hymn #435 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

OT Scripture Genesis 12:1-4; 15:1-6 Walt

Hymn #173 “Our Great High Priest Is Sitting”

NT Scripture Romans 4 Walt

Hymn #81 “Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”

Message: **“The Lord’s Prayer for All of His Own”**
(John 17:6-10)

Hymn #560 “Take My Life and Let It Be”

Benediction Pastor

Wednesday (6:00) “The Use and Advantage of Faith in a Time
of Reproaches and Persecutions”
(Habakkuk 2:4)

Next Sunday: “Come and See What God Has Done”
(Psalm 66)

We recognize our responsibility to care about one another’s health and therefore encourage everyone to take all reasonable health and safety precautions as we pass through this challenge together. We will continue to post our Sunday morning Worship Service and Wednesday evening Bible Studies online and hope to resume the Sunday morning Discipleship and Sunday Evening Bible Studies in the near future.

The Second London Baptist Confession of Faith (1689)

Chapter XIV: Saving Faith

1. The grace of faith enables the elect to believe so that their souls are saved; it is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts. Faith is ordinarily produced by the ministry of the Word. By this same ministry and by the administration of baptism and the Lord’s supper, prayer, and other means appointed by God, faith is increased and strengthened.
2. By this faith Christians believe to be true everything revealed in the Word, recognizing it as the authority of God Himself. They also perceive that the Word is more excellent than every other writing and everything else in the world, because it displays the glory of God in His attributes, the excellence of Christ in His nature and offices, and the power and fullness of the Holy Spirit in His activities and operations. So they are enabled to entrust their souls to the truth believed. They respond differently according to the content of each particular passage — obeying the commands, trembling at the threatenings, and embracing the promises of God for this life and the one to come. But the principal acts of saving faith focus directly on Christ — accepting, receiving, and resting upon Him alone for justification, sanctification and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.
3. This faith may exist in varying degrees so that it may be either weak or strong. Yet even in its weakest form, it is different in kind or nature (like all other saving graces) from the faith and common grace of temporary believers. Therefore, faith may often be attacked and weakened, but it gains the victory. It matures in many to the point that they attain full assurance through Christ, who is both the founder and perfecter of our faith.