

WEST SUFFOLK BAPTIST CHURCH

16 August 2020

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Hymn #495 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

OT Scripture Psalm 1

Hymn #499 “Call Jehovah Thy Salvation”

NT Scripture Luke 12:22-40

Hymn #472 “O for a Closer Walk with God”

Message: “Be What You Are, Children of the Father”
(1 Peter 1:13-2:3)

Hymn #601 “Lead On, O King Eternal”

Benediction

This Evening: A Christian View of History
(The Time of the Kings)

Wed Evening: “The Great Gain of Godliness” (Chap. 5)

Next Lord’s Day: “Be What You Are, God’s People”
(1 Peter 2:4-10)

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 Study online, and invite everyone to join us for our Sunday Discipleship Hour and Sunday Evening Bible Study.

The Second London Baptist Confession of Faith (1689) Chapter XVI: Good Works

1. Good works are only those works that God has commanded in His Holy Word. Works that do not have this warrant are invented by people out of blind zeal or on a pretense of good intentions are are not truly good.
2. These good works, done in obedience to God’s commandments, are the fruit and evidence of a true and living faith. Through good works believers express their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, build up their brothers and sisters, adorn the profession of the gospel, stop the mouths of opponents, and glorify God. Believers are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, so that they bear fruit leading to holiness and have the outcome, eternal life.
3. Their ability to do good works does not arise at all from themselves but entirely from the Spirit of Christ. To enable them to do good works, they need — in addition to the graces they have already received — an active influence of the same Holy Spirit to work in them to will and to do His good pleasure. Yet this is no reason for them to grow negligent, as if they were not required to perform any duty without a special motion of the Spirit. Instead, they should be diligent to stir up the grace of God that is in them.