

## WEST SUFFOLK BAPTIST CHURCH

20 June 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Hymn #497 "He Leadeth Me"

OT Scripture Jeremiah 31:31-37

Hymn #462 "Be Thou My Vision"

NT Scripture Acts 17:22-34

Hymn #397 "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

Message: **"How God's Spirit Creates Saving Faith"**  
(Ephesians 2:8)

Hymn #535 "O For a Closer Walk with God"

Benediction

This Evening: No services

Wed Evening: "The Word Became Flesh"  
(John 1:14)

Next Lord's Day: "The Nature of the Christian Life"  
Pastor Patrick Joyner

**A note for parents of small children:** Our church encourages its members and our visitors to include their children in our worship services. We understand that this practice will result in some distractions from time to time, and that forbearance and patience are required by all. Our foyer and all classrooms are equipped with speakers in order to serve as worship service behavior training areas or as cry rooms, as necessary. Please be mindful of others who may be being distracted from worship and avail yourselves of them.

## How God's Spirit Creates Saving Faith

### The Baptist Catechism:

Q. 32. "How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?"

A. "We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ by the effectual application of it to us by His Holy Spirit."

Q. 33. "How does the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?"

A. "The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ, in our effectual calling."

Three great obstacles must be overcome.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ darkness of our minds. (1 Cor 2:14)
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ work of our adversary. (2 Cor 4:3-4)
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of saving faith. (Acts 14:27)

Faith is something we \_\_\_\_\_; not something we \_\_\_\_\_.

Three Apostolic explanations:

1. James - the reality of regeneration  
**James 1:14-21** (Rom 9:15-18; 2 Pet 3:9; Jn 6:44)  
*"by the word of truth"*
2. Peter - by means of an imperishable seed  
**1 Pet 1:18-25** (Rom 1:1-5; 16:25-27)  
*"through the living and abiding word of God"*
3. Paul - which produces the obedience of faith  
**Rom 10:13-17**  
*"by the word of Christ"*

Where did it break down for Israel? (Rom 10:16-21)

Evidences of unbelief (Matt 13:19-22)

Evidences of belief (Matt 13:23)