

Evening Service
February 2, 2020
6:30 p.m.

The Virtuous Church
1Pet. 3:8-12

WELCOME AND INVOCATION TO WORSHIP

SINGING TOGETHER (Congregation Stands)

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

"Jesus is Lord of All"

PRAYER FOR THE GATHERING

GOD'S GREETING AND GREETING EACH OTHER

OFFERTORY (Congregation seated)

SINGING TOGETHER: "Pass Me Not"

SCRIPTURE READING: 1Pet. 3:8-12

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE: "The Virtuous Church" 1Pet. 3:8-12

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

RESPONSE SONG (Congregation stands)

"Jesus Paid It All"

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Jesus Paid It All"

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Worship Leader – Stacy Cox

I. Introduction

II. Exposition of the text, 1Pet. 3:8-12.

A. Context

B. The ideal behavior of the virtuous church.

1. Five attributes of a virtuous church, vs. 8.

a. Focus on the whole church.

b. Be "like-minded".

i. What it does not mean.

ii. United in Christ, Phil. 2:2, Rev. 1:12-13.

iii. Celebrating our differences.

iv. When dis-unity is necessary, Rev. 2:29.

c. Be "like-hearted", Rom. 12:15.

d. Love your brothers and sisters, John 13:34-35.

e. Be "tender-hearted".

i. Have compassion for the broken,

Matt. 9:36, Isa. 42:3.

ii. The analogy of the falls.

f. Be "humble-minded".

i. The humility of Christ, John 13:14-15.

ii. The paradox of humility.

2. Churches that are "blessed blessings", vs. 9.

a. What a virtuous church should not do.

i. Do not return evil for evil, Matt. 5:38-44.

ii. Do not return insults for insults.

· Watching our tongues, Luke 23:34.

· An "ad hominem" illustration.

iii. Summing up the admonition.

b. Be a blessing to receive a blessing.

i. Called to a different standard.

ii. Reasons for blessing those who

persecute us.

· It is our calling.

· A constant eye on evangelism,

1Pet. 3:1-2.

· To receive a blessing ourselves,

Matt. 6:19-21.

3. Finding affirmation in the Psalms, vs. 10-12.

a. Living the "virtuous life".

i. Controlling the tongue, James 1:26, 3:5-10,

Matt. 12:34.