

August 9th Bulletin

Prelude

Announcements (will be on Facebook Live screen)

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Good and upright is the Lord

People: Therefore He instructs sinners in the way

Pastor: He leads the humble in what is right

People: And teaches the humble his way

Opening Hymn - (lyrics will be on Facebook Live screen)

"How Sure the Scriptures Are"

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:6-11

Sermon: Fruit of the Spirit: Self-Control

Time of Prayer

(Note: For now, we will NOT be asking for spoken joys and concerns during the service. If you have prayer requests, please send them via Facebook Messenger or text. Also, only first names will be mentioned and medical conditions will be kept vague to protect privacy.)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil:

for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn – (lyrics will be on Facebook Live screen)

"Lord, Be Glorified"

Offering Reminder

Offering plates are around the sanctuary near each entrance and online giving is available at www.cedarvilleunited.org

Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Notes:

BACKGROUND OF PASSAGE

- The active verb is “humble yourself.” That one is our responsibility. The passive verb phrase is “that he may lift you up.” That one is God’s responsibility.
- When we try to do things ourselves, relying on our own power and strength, we often end up stressed. Because we weren’t created to do that—we’re going against the design God gave us. We were created to be in relationship with God, seeking His will for our lives.
- Self-control is about setting boundaries with ourselves. If we know that something could lead us to sin down the road, we deliberately don’t start in that direction.
- We are told to resist the enemy. The devil is not in charge around here—God is. It’s not a dualism where Jesus and Satan are fighting and we have to wonder who is going to win. Jesus won by dying on the cross for our sins and giving us eternal life.

FOR US TODAY

- If we want to develop the fruit of self-control, we have to honestly answer questions like these:
 - What am I a slave to? What am I yoked to that I am convinced will make my life better? Food? Lust? Power? Money? The Past? Drugs? Alcohol? Bitterness? Jealousy? Anger? Fill in the blank?
 - What do I have to say “no” to right now? Even if it’s something I really want, is it good for me? Will it bring me closer to Christ? If not, the answer is no.
 - What do I have to say “yes” to right now? What is the Holy Spirit saying? Unless we quiet our minds and souls, often we can’t hear the Spirit speak. But He’s always speaking...are we listening? Is God calling us to something that we just need to quiet down in order hear?