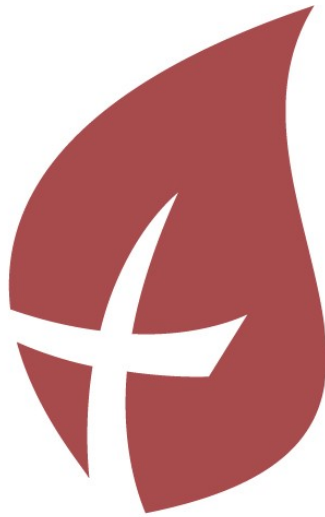


Sunday Morning Worship

September 27, 2026



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Order of Worship

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Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship — James 4:6-8a

Song — I Will Sing Your Praise Alone

Song — O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

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Pastoral Prayer

Song — Christ Is All in All

Prayer of Thanks

Worship Through Giving of Tithes and Offerings

**Message — Mike Rogers
1 Peter 5:1-11**

Song — Only a Holy God

Benediction

Comfort Rooms: To help accommodate families with small children and individuals with special needs or medical conditions, a live video feed of the worship service is available in rooms 116, 117/118, 119, 120-125.

Visitors & Guests: Stop by the Welcome Desk for church information and to receive a welcome packet.

Call to Worship — James 4:6-8a (ESV)

⁶ But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

I Will Sing Your Praise Alone

Jon Althoff | Sheri Jones-Moffett | Joseph Pace II

Verse 1:

I am not ashamed
of the gospel of Your grace that saved me
You called me from the grave
And the power of Your Spirit raised me
Lord, You gave your life for mine

Chorus:

I will sing Your praise alone
I will sing Your praise alone
You're worthy of my highest song
I will sing Your praise alone

I will sing Your praise alone
I will sing Your praise alone
You're seated on the highest throne
I will sing Your praise alone

Verse 2:

I have been redeemed
By the blood You shed to change my story
Your love has set me free
So that I can live to bring You glory
Lord, You gave your life for mine

Bridge:

Be glorified, I will praise You, I will praise You
With all my life, I will praise You, I will praise You

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

Nathan Stiff | Jason Brown

Verse 1:

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone

My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness my refuge in the night

Your grace a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

Verse 3:

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died

Verse 2:

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts

You rose the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

Scripture Reading — Ezekiel 34:1-10 (ESV)

¹ The word of the LORD came to me: ² "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? ³ You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep. ⁴ The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. ⁵ So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep were scattered; ⁶ they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. My sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them.

⁷ "Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ⁸ As I live, declares the Lord GOD, surely because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild beasts, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep, ⁹ therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ¹⁰ Thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep. No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.

Christ Is All in All

Kristyn Getty | Dwan Hill | Ben Shive

Verse 1:

Sons and daughters of the King, rise up and sing
that Christ is all in all.

Sing the glories of His name, together proclaim
that Christ is all in all.

Chorus:

See how He loves us; children of God!

Now let us love each other.

If He has called us children of God,

That's who we are, His chosen and beloved.

Verse 2:

Brothers, sisters, build upon this cornerstone
for Christ is all in all.

Worship Him with lives renewed,
in Spirit and Truth
for Christ is all in all.

Verse 3:

Bound together by His blood, rooted in love
where Christ is all in all.

Standing in one faith, one Lord, one holy accord
where Christ is all in all.

Bridge:

Look at what the Lord has done;

Made us one by the blood of Jesus!

Look at what the Lord has done;

Now we love with the love of Jesus!

Message :: 1 Peter 5:1-11

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# Only a Holy God

Michael Farren | Jonny Robinson | Dustin Smith | Rich Thompson

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## **Verse 1:**

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven  
Who else could make every king bow down  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles  
Only a Holy God

## **Verse 2:**

What other beauty demands such praises  
What other splendour outshines the sun  
What other majesty rules with justice  
Only a Holy God

## **Chorus:**

Come and behold Him  
The One and the Only  
Cry out, sing holy  
Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God

## **Verse 3:**

What other glory consumes like fire  
What other power can raise the dead  
What other name remains undefeated  
Only a Holy God

## **Verse 4:**

Who else could rescue me from my failing  
Who else would offer His only Son  
Who else invites me to call Him Father  
Only a Holy God  
Only my Holy God!

## **This Week at First Baptist Church**

### **Sunday, September 27**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
6:00 PM Youth Night

### **Monday, September 28**

### **Tuesday, September 29**

6:00 PM Elders Meeting

### **Wednesday, September 30**

5:45 PM King's Kids Choir  
6:30 PM AWANA  
Elder-led Bible Study (1 Cor.)  
Choir/Band Rehearsal

### **Thursday, October 1**

### **Friday, October 2**

### **Saturday, October 3**

6:30 AM Bible Boot Camp (Men's Study)  
8:30 AM Titus 2 (Women's Study)

### **Sunday, October 4**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ Lord's Supper  
6:00 PM Youth Night

## **Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church**

### **Saturday, October 18 — Children's Harvest Party**

### **Sunday, November 8 — Starting Point Seminar following worship**

Starting Point is the first step for anyone interested in becoming a church member or simply finding out more about who we are and what we believe here at FBCUM

### **Friday, November 13 & Saturday, November 14 - Men's Retreat - Save the Date**

*Location Camp Wabanna*

### **Sunday, November 29 — First Sunday of Advent**

### **Sunday, December 13 — Church Members Meeting following worship**

# Ministry Spotlight

*“Ministry Spotlight” highlights church ministries and programs at FBC Upper Marlboro. We hope you’ll consider how you can pray for and support these ministry efforts. Pick up a copy of “Places to Serve” in the magazine racks near the exits for information on all the church ministries.*

## Home Reach Ministry

**Bernice McGuire — Ministry Leader**

The Home Reach Ministry supports our church by providing care through regular visitation with those unable to attend church. This ministry brings gentle kindness and keeps members aware that their church family loves them. We believe it is vital to keep us connected. It provides an avenue by which the team can minister through a godly approach of sharing God’s word, having a time of prayer, listening and laughing after all it is good medicine. Members receiving calls for visits, know that they are very important to the life of our church.



Any church member that is unable to attend church due to health challenges may go through various emotional stages. Often a visit may actually perk them up, just a bit more. Ministry members share God’s word, a few old hymns, add a few updates about the life of church and the next thing you know there are smiles on everyone’s faces. The love of Christ is experienced through these caring gestures which ignites a spiritual connection bringing joy to all hearts. This is how God’s grace can bring renewed strength and bring hope during visits. Sometimes you wonder who really benefitted most from the visit, was it the ministry member or the church member being visited. God is so good and worthy to be praised. God’s word tells us to *love one another as He has loved us*. My heart sees this in the Home Reach Ministry.

***If you are wondering how this ministry works or would like to get involved, please reach out to Bernice McGuire.***

# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of September 27

### **Prayer of the week:**

Consider using the Apostle Paul's prayer from the book of Colossians 1:9-10 as a springboard for your own prayer time this week. This is a great prayer to use as you pray through the church directory for your church family this week.

*<sup>9</sup>...we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.*

We recognize our need for God's help in all the areas of our lives. The categories and requests listed below are intentional ways to pray for each other as a church family. For help in knowing how and what to pray for, look up the Scripture included with each item.

### **Ongoing prayer items in the life of our church:**

- Pray for opportunities and boldness to share the gospel with loved ones (Matt. 28:19)
- Pray for conversions (John 3:3, Acts 16:14)
- Pray for the children of our church to hear and understand the gospel and be saved. (Luke 8:8)
- Pray for the preaching of God's word – for faithfulness, fruitfulness, and God's glory (2 Tim. 4:2, 1 Cor. 2:4-5, Isa. 55:10-11)
- Pray for increased one to one discipleship relationships in our church family (Matt. 28:19-20)
- Pray for unity in our diversity both on Sunday and through the week (Rom. 15:13, Eph 4:2-3)
- Pray for continued growth and joy in the gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-5, 2 Pet. 1:12)
- Pray for growth in holiness, hatred of sin and growth in humility (Prov. 8:13, 1 Pet. 1:14-16)
- Pray for honest, loving relationships in our church (Col. 3:12-13, James 5:16)
- Pray for families: marriages to thrive, parents to teach/love/discipline carefully, and children to obey (Eph. 5:22-6:4)
- Pray that giving would be faithful, joyful, consistent, and sacrificial (2 Cor. 8:9)

### **Prayer items outside our church:**

- Pray for fruitful ministry in other gospel-proclaiming churches in our area. (Rom. 15:20, 1 Cor. 16:1-3, Matt. 28:19-20)
- Pray that our elected officials would fear God, seek His wisdom, have integrity, humility, and work together for the good of society and not self. (1 Tim. 2:1-2, Rom. 13:1-7)
- Pray that God would bring a swift end to wars going on throughout the world and establish peace. Pray for protection and care for the many refugees fleeing to safety. Pray that those impacted would trust in God in the midst of their suffering. (Ps. 139:23-24)

- Pray for the persecuted church in Laos. Pray for courage and provision for Christians who refuse to renounce their faith before regional authorities and non-believing community, and that God would transform their fear into resilience. Pray local churches would flourish even in persecution. (1 Peter 1:3-7; 1 Thes 4:13; Ps. 2)
- Pray for those effected by recent natural disasters (flash floods at Nepal-China border, wildfires in western USA, and others). Seeing the fragility of this life, pray that many would look to God for eternal hope. Pray for safety and diligence of emergency response personnel as they work to preserve life. Pray for leaders to make wise decisions. Pray for comfort for those who have lost loved ones. (Ps 46:1-2; John 14:27; Is 43:2)
- Pray for our ministry partners locally and around the world—Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware (BCM/D), North American Mission Board (NAMB) and International Mission Board (IMB). Pray especially for those we have direct partnerships with: Jeremy McClain (Mercy of Christ Fellowship Church, DC), Joel Kurz (The Garden Church, Baltimore), Daniel and Brandy Spandler-Davison (Bangkok City Baptist Church, Thailand), and Tommie van der Walt (Imprint, South Africa). Pray the gospel would flourish and churches would be planted and strengthened through their work. Pray God would supply their needs. (Ps 93:4, Col. 1:5-6, 1 Pet. 4:12-17)

#### **Particular prayer items in the life of our church:**

- Praise God for the new members recently brought into our church family: David and Sue Houchins, Ellie Janes, Nate Joy, Nas Joy, Rodney and Mickey Michael, Ajeya Perrin, John and Kathy Ricchiuto, Alexia Ricchiuto, and Janice Workman, . Pray that God would unify us in Jesus Christ and that opportunities for fellowship would abound (Rom. 15:5-6, Acts 2:42)
- Pray for teachers and students in our church family who have recently started back to school. Pray they would depend on God and trust Him as they start a new school year. Pray that learning and teaching would be done with excellence to the glory of God (Prov. 3:5-6; 1 Cor. 10:31). See a list of out-of-town college students toward the back of your church directory.
- Pray we would care more about God's opinion of us than the praise of man. (Pr 29:25; 14:26)
- Pray that our church family would not grow weary of doing good. Pray that we would live and interact with one another in a way that reveals God's steadfast love and mercy to the world. (Gal 6:9)
- Pray that we know a profound contentment no matter what circumstances we find ourselves in – a contentment from knowing God is our help. (Heb. 13:5-6)
- Pray God would guard our church from fear, anxiety, and disunity. Pray that we would trust that God is good and be assured that He is in control. (John 13:34-35)
- Pray that God would help us comprehend his good design for the church and center our lives around it for the sake of his glory being made known. (Eph 3:10; 3:21)
- The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

**Joyce Amaker, Marjorie Griffin, Jackie Jones, Eileen Kessler**

**[Consult the church directory for a list of homebound members who are unable to attend.]**

(To submit a prayer request, please use the Prayer Request Card available in the sanctuary and drop them in the offering basket or contact the Prayer Room at 301-952-8877.)

# Announcements

1. **Lord's Supper Celebration — Next Sunday, Oct 4.** We encourage you to prayerfully prepare your heart to receive the Lord's Supper together and make any necessary steps of reconciliation with brothers or sisters in Christ in the church before we gather.

2. **Operation Christmas Child.** If you are interested in participating in Operation Christmas Child, mark your calendars, boxes will be available for pick up beginning October 4, 2026 in room 115. The box will contain a list of suggested items for recipients, boys and girls ages 2-14. You may select the gender and age of your recipient. Please keep in mind that all boxes must be returned no later than Nov. 8, 2026. If you have any questions please contact Tanya Joy or members of the King's Daughters DiscipleLIFE class. Thank you!

3. **Young Adult Gathering :: October 17 :: Home of Zach and Katie Schlegel.** Young Adults are invited to a time of fellowship and refreshments. Contact Tre Fields for more info or questions.

4. **Children's Harvest Party :: Sunday, Oct 18, 3-5pm.** Grades K-6 and their families are invited to a fun afternoon of games, snack, prizes, and crafts at the church. See the bulletin insert for more info.

5. **Men's Retreat :: November 13-14 at Camp Wabanna :: Registration is Open.** This year's FBCUM men's retreat is a chance to step away from the noise, stand shoulder to shoulder with other brothers in Christ, and honestly pursue the purity God intends for us. Join us as we pursue the freedom, accountability, and godly manhood that flow from surrendering every part of our lives to Christ. Scan the QR code for more info and to register.



6. **Interested in Church Membership? Attend Starting Point :: November 9 after worship.**

Starting Point is a seminar-style meeting following the worship service open to anyone interested in joining our church family or simply learning more about who we are and what we believe. Approximately 12 -2:30pm. A light lunch will be served. Register by contacting the church office or using the digital communication card below.

7. **Giving.** We thank God for the faithful giving of our church family that sustains the gospel ministry here at FBC Upper Marlboro. As a reminder, there are three ways you can give:

- **online:** click the link or scan the QR code,
- **in-person:** designated boxes in the church foyer or during the worship service,
- **by mail:** send to the church office.



## **Digital Communication Card**

Are you interested in receiving more information about the church, meeting with a pastor, or sharing a prayer need? Scan the QR code to fill in our digital communication card and someone will follow up with you. You're always welcome to contact the church office: 301-952-0117.



# Living By God's Word

[1 Peter 5:1-11](#)

**"What Should Pastors Do"**– September 27, 2026



## Introduction

You can have hope in Christ amid intense suffering! The book of First Peter not only reminded first century Christians, but also Christians today that we will experience suffering. However, it also reminds us that we have a great hope in God. Regardless of whether your suffering is intense or a "steady drip" that comes from a fallen world, you can have hope. In any trial that you are enduring right now, you can rest in the fact that God is in control. He is worth it.

Sometimes, suffering causes us to doubt, but as you look at the book of First Peter, you can find hope amid suffering. In Chapter 5, Peter addresses individuals as well as local churches. The local church is God's plan for encouragement, guidance, teaching, and fellowship with other Christians. We are to help each other remain steadfast until Jesus returns.

## Sermon Outline

1. Exhort your elders. Vs. 1-4
2. Exhort one another. Vs. 5-9
3. Remember God's faithfulness. Vs. 10-11

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read Vs. 1 – 4

"Exhort" means to strongly encourage or earnestly ask for something. We are all to exhort our church leaders. In this letter, Peter was addressing organized churches. God intends for the Christian life to be lived out in local communities. The church and pastor play a distinct roll in comfort and encouragement of others until Christ returns.

Our seven elders serve the members of our church. Elders have difficulties in service. They must weather the peaks and valley together. Commit to exhort the elders. Encourage them in their tasks. Allow them to walk along side of you in your walk with Christ.

Elders are to shepherd the flock of God and give oversight, caring for the people in the local church. An elder is meant to look like a shepherd caring for the flock. They take responsibility for spiritual care by leading and protecting the members of their church. They are given qualifying directives in this passage on how to lead and protect. The task of the elders is extremely difficult, especially when suffering comes. It can be easy to lose sign of the task. As servant leaders, they are to live out their life in a way that is worthy of being emulated.

Be willing to share your spiritual life with the elders. Talk to them. Answer their calls. Respond to their emails. They want to pray for, help, and encourage you in your walk with God. While God's people are His, God uses elders who are responsible to Him – the Chief Shepherd. You can follow them as they follow Christ.

### 2. Read Vs. 5 – 9

Here, Peter's focus moved to the church body. Christians are to interact with others in the church in a humble way. All Christians are facing the same enemy and serving the same mighty God. There should be a humility that marks their relationships with one another. That humility should be noticeable and bring contentment. There are roles and boundaries established for our good.

Is it difficult for you to be humble? It is counterintuitive to the world, yet God opposes the proud and gives grace to the humble. This is a sharp contrast not to be taken lightly. How can you grow in humility

toward others? Have you acted out of pride lately without considering the needs of others? What ways is God calling you to humble yourself and serve others?

You must exhort others to be steadfast, soberminded, and watchful. You cannot go to sleep on the job. The consequences are too great. The Devil actively works to distract us, make us doubt God's word, and doubt God Himself. Suffering will lead to questions - Is God good? Does He see and care? We need each other! Where would be in these times of suffering without the body of Christ? We are to share the pain of others and point each other to the truth of God's word. You should lean upon a brother or sister in Christ when your heart is in pain.

### **3. Read Vs. 10 – 11**

We are called to an eternal glory in Christ. God is faithful to keep His promises. We can be confident that one day our suffering will end. While some suffering cannot be altered now, remember, it will not last forever. While this is true for every Christian, it will not be so for every person.

Those who reject Jesus and refuse to submit to His rightful rule, will see their suffering continue in eternity. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil. Take this message to heart. God's desire is that you come to Him in repentance and faith. He wants to give you a family of brothers and sisters in Christ who will fight with you. You must submit completely. Weigh the cost. It **is** worth it. It requires faith. The reward for following Jesus is eternity with Him where suffering is no more.

On that final day, God will restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. He will put all things in order. All wrongs will be made right. Broken bodies and minds will be made whole. Once that which was known only by faith, will be known by sight. He **is** faithful and **will** keep His promises.

To Him be dominion forever! Amen! Look to scripture. Pray. Wait. Do it together with other brothers and sisters in Christ. Remember, we wait together with hope – the hope in Jesus and His return. Exhort each other. Remind each other that our suffering will not last always. The glory of Christ is eternal.

### **Prayer of Response**

1) After hearing God's Word, what sin do I need to *confess*? From what do I need to *repent*?

2) How should my life be lived this week based on what I have heard? What should I *understand, believe, desire, or do*?

Spend time praying together in response to God's word asking for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come. If you missed the sermon on Sunday or would like to listen again, visit our website at.

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| <b>Next week's sermon text:</b> <a href="#">Luke 11:37-12:12</a> <b>"Beware of Hypocrisy."</b> |
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## Family Guide for week of September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026

*Deuteronomy 6:6-7 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*



### Suggestions on getting started:

- Decide on a time & place (breakfast, dinner, before bed, etc.)
- Start simple and short (ten minutes or less). Start with three things: 1) Read God's word, 2) Pray together and 3) Sing together. Scripture memory and catechism questions are *optional* if you have the time. Better to start small than bite off more than you can chew and give up.
- Be flexible. It doesn't need to look cookie-cutter similar for every family. Know yourself and know your kids: their personality, age, maturity, etc. [For younger kids consider starting with a good children's Bible like [\*The Big Picture Story Bible\*](#).]
- If you don't know the answer to a question someone has, don't act like you do! Say something like, "Great question, let me look into that." Study, ask a pastor or Christian friend and get back to them.
- Embrace the chaos. Kids are kids – don't expect it to be a perfect roundtable discussion with quiet, attentive children every time. Be patient and persistent. Patterns and habits help to set expectations over time.
- To learn more about family worship check out Donald Whitney's book (available at our church bookstall): [\*Family Worship: In the Bible, In History, and In Your Home\*](#).

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## **Bible Intake:** (Listening to God)

Day 1 – Romans 11:1-10

Day 2 – Romans 11:11-24

Day 3 – Romans 11:25-36

Day 4 – Romans 12:1-8

Day 5 – Romans 12:7-21

\*Read Luke 11:37 – 12:12 in preparation for church on Sunday, October 4, 2026

## **Prayer:** (Talking to God)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 38 (Updated directory has page numbers.) of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Ask Jesus to help you notice the needs of others today. Ask God to give you patience and trust for the things you ask of Him. Ask for help in trusting that He always has a plan that is good.

## **Sing together**

“Oh Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer” – Use the bulletin from Sunday.

## **Memory verses for the month**

**Isaiah 40:8** “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.”

**Psalms 145:16** “You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.”

## **Catechism question for the week<sup>1</sup>**

**Question 11: What does God require in the sixth, seventh, and eighth commandments??**

**Answer:** Sixth, that we do not hurt, or hate our neighbor. Seventh, that we live purely and faithfully. Eighth, that we do not take without permission that which belongs to someone else.

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<sup>1</sup> New City Catechism (<http://newcitycatechism.com/>)