

The Order of Worship

Opening Song	I Believe in a Hill
A Prayer of Praise	Highlight Attribute <i>Eternity</i>
Scripture Reading	II Peter 1:8-11
Congregational Song	Footsteps of Jesus
A Prayer for the Nations*	#8 Iran
Affirmation of Faith	
A Prayer for the Lost	
Congregational Song	Stand Up, Stand Up
Sermon:	II Peter 1:8-11

The Iranian government sees the conversion of Muslims to Christianity as an attempt by Western countries to undermine the Islamic rule of Iran. Christians from a Muslim background are persecuted the most, primarily by the government, but also by their families and communities. Secret churches are often raided, and their leaders and members have been arrested and given long prison sentences for "crimes against national security."

Many Iranians are nominal Muslims, and so some new Christians find acceptance from their families. Converts from stricter Muslim families face more persecution at home. Christians from Armenian and Assyrian communities are recognized and protected by the state, but still treated as second-class citizens. They are not allowed to tell others about Jesus or to speak in Persian during their church services.

Prayer Requests

Mary Ann Cooper	Barry Wilson
Rita Stewart	Shirley Pruett
Jett Bobo	

Announcements

Oct 16 th	Gems
Oct 17 th	SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP 6pm "Meal and a Movie"
Oct 30 th	The Brethren Fellowship
Nov 2 nd	Believer's Pot Luck
Nov 21 st	Homecoming
Dec 18 th	Christmas Cookie Walk
Jan 16 th	Chili Lunch
Feb 13 th	Valentine Cookie Cake

Explorer's Bible Study

Tuesday Mornings and Wednesday Evenings

The Brethren of Emory (Joel Barrett) Oct 30th
Football Fellowship.

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II Peter 1:8-11

Is it easier to keep from committing the external sins than to develop the character traits of patience, meekness and kindness? It's a struggle that's plagued us for some time.

If we're going to win the world to Jesus, then the world is going to have to see what redeemed people look like.

R.C. Sproul wrote there are 4 types of people with respect to assurance of salvation. 1) unsaved people who know they're not saved 2) saved people who are unsure they're saved 3) saved people who know they're saved and 4) unsaved people are sure they're saved.

I. Assurance is Evidenced by _____.

Developing the virtues of vs 5-7 means being _____ and _____. We're reminded of Matt 20. The laborers there were in the marketplace rather than in the _____. Take a quick test: faith? Excellence? Self control? Godliness? Brotherly affection? Love? The gospel is a pursuit of holiness, rooted in _____ but a _____ nonetheless. We are more apt

to ask God to work _____ us rather than _____ us.

II. No Effort, No Pursuit, No Fruit

A person who lacks these virtues is unable to discern his _____. So, the glory of heaven fades because the world grabs all our attention. Those things most real are the things we think about most.

III. Therefore: Be Eager

Put every effort, have a sense of urgency, act immediately, continue doing this, to make your calling and election sure. Peter, again, stresses _____. God has given us everything, we must, therefore, work. Make it sure, valid, ratified, confirmed. How can we do this? By practicing the _____ of 5-7. If you are consistently practicing these, you will **never** _____.

IV. Therefore: Enter

The person who understands the promises, will practice the virtues and receive the provision of heaven.