



Welcome to Worship

Nov 03, 2024

Prayer Notes:

IN the FOYER:

- assistive hearing devices are available (ask an usher)
- new Christmas Cards from ShareWord (no cost, donations can be made online/mail-in)(Gideons)

On the Calendar:

- Nov 03 today – Parade Meeting following worship service
- Nov 06 (Wed) @ 7:30am Men's Morning Bible Study
- Nov 06 (Wed) @ 7:00pm Prayer and Study Time and Bible Study
- Nov 08 (Fri) @ 7:00pm Fired Up Friday – Deal or No Deal
- Nov 09 (Sat) @ 9:00am Men's Prayer Time @ 10 Victoria (K Grant)
- Nov 09 (Sat) – studying the Bible (Young Adults)
- Nov 11 (Mon) – Remembrance Day
- Nov 17 (Sun) – last day to bring shoeboxes to DFBC for Jane to take to Drop Off

Nov. 3

And we are writing these things so that our

JOY

may be complete.

Introduction to 1 John

NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH



Love God. Love His Word. Love Dryden.
DRYDEN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



Calling believers to:

Love God

Love His Word

Love Dryden

Wednesday

Nov 13th

@ 7:00pm

Members are encouraged to attend and non-members are also welcome.



DEAL OR NO DEAL

Junior Youth Group for kids grades 5-8
Nov 8 @ 7:00pm at DFBC.



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PRAY FOR THESE WORKS OF THE CHURCH.

Dryden First Baptist Church

Worship Times and Some of Our Activities:

Sunday Services are held at 10:30am

Junior Church (4-9) and Toddler Program (2-3) occurs during the worship hour.

Nursery facilities are available for parents to use.

Sonshine Saturday is 10:30am-12:00 on scheduled months.

Fired Up Fridays is held bi-weekly during the school year.

Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study at 7:00pm

(watch for announcements or check Facebook)

Social Media:

Facebook - Dryden First Baptist Church

Facebook - Sonshine Saturday

YouTube - Christian Canuck

Website - firstbaptistchurchdryden.com



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Treasurer - Gordon Robinson

Clerk - Ken Wickstrom

1 John: Introduction

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INTRODUCTION

1 John and the Book of _____ have many similarities

Why does John teach the same things in both John and 1 John? _____ never changes.

- Jesus Christ is the _____ yesterday, today and forever as Hebrews 13:8 says

- an example of how the Gospel of John and 1 John are similar

- John says that salvation is only possible through _____ in Jesus Christ

John 3:15-16 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

1 John 5:1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.

1) WHO WROTE 1 JOHN?

a) unidentified author

b) reasons to believe John wrote it

i. eyewitness to Jesus

1 John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life--

1 John 4:14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

ii. early church tradition

- early church tradition tells us that 1 John was written by John the Apostle

- John was called by Jesus, as described in Mark 1, to be an Apostle

Mark 1:19-20 And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

- John also came to be known as the beloved disciple as we see in the Gospel of John

John 13:23 One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus' side,

iii. text style and similarities

1. both start out with the phrase "the beginning"

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

1 John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life--

2. both speak about Jesus laying down His life

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

1 John 3:16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

3. both emphasize Jesus who gives eternal life

John 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

1 John 3:14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death.

2) WHO RECEIVED 1 JOHN?

- no specific group mentioned

- was written from the city of _____

- it is thought that it was to be circulated to the _____ in the Ephesus area

3) WHY WAS 1 JOHN WRITTEN?

a) John tells us why he writes this letter

1 John 1:4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

1 John 2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.

1 John 2:12-14 I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake. ¹³ I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father.

1 John 2:21 I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth.

1 John 2:26 I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you.

1 John 5:13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.

b) can be categorized in three areas

i) so that they would know the joy and hope of being a Christian

ii) so that these Christians would not sin

iii) so that these Christians could be warned about the false teachers

4) OUTLINE OF 1 JOHN

1) (1:1-4) Introduction

2) (1:5-3:10) God is Light

3) (3:11-5:12) God is Love

4) (5:13-21) Conclusion

5) WARNING ABOUT FALSE TEACHERS IN 1 JOHN

a) deceptive teachers

1 John 2:26 I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you.

1 John 3:7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

b) these false teachers had three serious issues

i) they were **distorting** the true Jesus; the biblical teaching is that He is fully God and fully man
Philippians 2:6-7 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

because the false teachers were denying that Jesus was the Christ

1 John 2:22-23 Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. 23 No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.

and because these false teachers were denying that Jesus was fully man

1 John 4:2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,

ii) they were **distorting** Christian living

- the false teachers were denying that you had to follow Jesus Christ in _____

- John speaks out against this idea many times in this letter, one example is:

1 John 2:3-4 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,

iii) they were **rejecting** love

- it is thought that these false teachers were also _____ the command of Christ to love one another

1 John 2:9-11 Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. 10 Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. 11 But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

6) FIVE IMPORTANT THEMES IN 1 JOHN

1. *God the Father*

a) "God is light "

1 John 1:5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

- shows the _____ of God and that there is no darkness or sin in God

- since there is no sin or darkness in God, we must conclude that God is _____ and holy

b) "God is love"

1 John 4:16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

- God's love is expressed in His _____ to the world in the person and work of Jesus Christ

1 John 4:10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

2. God the Son, Jesus

- Jesus is _____ God and fully man; this does not mean that Jesus is half God and half man

- Jesus is fully God

1 John 5:10 Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

- this actually means that Jesus is equal with God and thus He is God

- in case you find that argument inadequate you will see that Jesus is directly called God in 1 John

1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

- Jesus is fully man

1 John 4:2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,

- Jesus is wholly the Saviour of the world who goes to the cross to pay for sin

1 John 2:1-2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. **2** He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

3. God the Holy Spirit

- God the Holy Spirit has been given to the Christian, and He dwells within the believer

1 John 3:24 Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

- John says that the Holy Spirit is truth and this means that the Holy Spirit guides people into truth

1 John 4:6 We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

4. Living for Jesus

- John is serious about Christian living and obedience to Jesus Christ and warns about living in sin

- John talks about the danger of hating a brother

1 John 2:11-12 But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. **12** I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

- John states that if you love God, you will obey Him

1 John 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

5. Love for One Another

- just like in the Gospel of John, John, in 1 John speaks about the importance of love for one another

1 John 4:7-8 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. **8** Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

Application

1) PONDER THE GLORY AND GRACE OF GOD

a) in the letter of 1 John we see the glory of God

- John says that God is _____ and there is no darkness in Him (1 John 1:5)
- in 1 John we also see the grace of God because God in His love sends Jesus to die for us

1 John 4:10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

- we ought to ponder the glory of the Lord
- because the Lord is _____ and He deserves to be feared and shown reverence

b) in the letter we see the grace of God too

- but the Lord is also _____ and out of His loving nature, He shows us grace
- the Lord shows His love to humanity by creating them
- the Lord also shows His love to humanity by the gift of _____

- if you are a Christian, remind yourself of these wonderful truths every day
- delight in God's glory and give Him _____ because He is a holy God
- delight in God's grace because God has shown _____ to you when you did not deserve it

2) WHAT DOES THE DEATH OF JESUS MEAN TO YOU?

a) no one is without sin

1 John 1:8-10 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

- the New City Catechism can help us understand that we all have sinned and rebelled against God

Question 16: What is sin?

Answer: Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created, rebelling against him by living without reference to him, not being or doing what he requires in his law—resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation.

b) we all need forgiveness

1 John 2:1-2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

- if you are outside of Jesus Christ and have not _____ in Him and you are not living for Jesus Christ and you are serving sin, then today is the day to look at yourself and what you have done
- think about all the sins you have committed, not only against a God of perfection and holiness, but also a God of love
- everyone _____ judgment because of their sin
- but Jesus took upon your sin so that you could be free and forgiven
- trust in Christ and you can be free from the judgment that you deserve for your sin
- also, you can have complete _____ in Jesus Christ
- this is why John wrote this letter!

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