



Welcome to Worship

Nov 17, 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/here)
- sign up for Congregation Christmas Dinner Contributions
- sign up for Family Fun Night Contributions

On the Calendar:

- Nov 17 (Sun) – last day to bring shoeboxes to DFBC for Jane to take to Drop Off (see poster)
- Nov 20 (Wed) @ 7:30am Men's Morning Bible Study (DFBC)
- Nov 20 (Wed) @ 7:00pm Prayer and Bible Study
- Nov 22 (Fri) @ 7:00pm Fired Up Friday
- Nov 23 (Sat) @ 9:00am Men's Prayer Time @ 10 Victoria (K Grant)
- Nov 23 (Sat) @ 10:00ish Cookie Making at the Rhyner's home
- Nov 23 (Sat) – studying the Bible (Young Adults)
- Nov 23 (Sat) @ 1:00-3:00pm "Surviving the Holidays-GriefShare" @ Dryden Full Gospel Church
- Nov 27 (Wed) @ 6:00pm Float Building @ the Mikkelsen's home
- Nov 29 (Fri) @ 6:30pm Parade starts (walkers are to meet at the church at 6:00)
- Nov 29 (Fri) Come for snacks following the parade at DFBC
- Dec 06 (Fri) @ 7:00-8:30pm Family Fun Night (Sign up to make contributions)
- Dec 08 (Sun) following service – Congregation Christmas Dinner
- Dec 17 (Tues) @ 1:00pm Packaging Cookies

**Help Needed to
Assemble Parade Packages**
Wed, Nov 20 at 1:00pm
Just show up at the church
or contact Rosalee.



NATIONAL
ADoption MONTH

COOKIE MINISTRY

**Cookie Making
Nov 23 @ Rhyners**
**Cookie Packaging
Dec 17**
**Cookie Deliveries
Dec 18/19/20**

**Congregation
Christmas Dinner**
Sunday, Dec. 8

*Bring: a dessert, salad,
or vegetable dish to share.
Supplied: turkey, potatoes,
stuffing and gravy.
(No nuts please.)*

'TIS THE SEASON TO BE
JOYFUL

Sonshine Saturday, Fired Up Friday and
the DFBC Family are invited to...

**FAMILY
FUN NIGHT**

Friday, December 6 from 7:00-8:30pm

*Cool Christmas
Craft Night*

Junior Youth Group
for kids grades 5-8
Nov 22 @ 7:00pm
at DFBC.



**FIRED UP
Fridays**



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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Pick and Choose Faith – the Dangers of Selective Christianity: 1 John 1:5-9

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Introduction

- Chuck Lawless, in Outreach Magazine wrote an article entitled “8 Risks of a ‘Pick-and-Choose’ Christianity” and he reminds us of the dangers of such a false ideology

1. *Christianity becomes only an appendage to our lives—not the center of our lives.*
2. *We place ourselves and our wants above the Word of God.*
3. *We give culture the authority to determine our beliefs.*
4. *Church attendance becomes optional.*
5. *Church participation becomes a consumer activity.*
6. *We miss things that we need for our spiritual walk.*
7. *We leave behind doctrines that should motivate us to do the Great Commission.*
8. *The world ignores us.*

Review:

- John, the beloved disciple of Jesus wrote this book to the Christians in the Ephesus area for three reasons:

- 1) would _____ the joy and hope of being a Christian
- 2) would not sin
- 3) could be _____ about the false teachers preaching a false message about Jesus

- there are three main parts to this introduction of 1 John (1 John 1:1-4)

- 1) 1:1 – John introduces the greatness of Jesus Christ – Jesus was from the beginning because He is the _____ Lord

- then John writes that he and the other apostles were indeed eyewitnesses because they _____, saw and touched Jesus

- 2) 1:2-3 – John writes that he has seen and heard Jesus, this is because the Word of Life was manifested to the world in the coming of Jesus Christ

- John says that he testified and _____ the message of Jesus

- 3) 1:4 – John gives us the first reason why he wrote 1 John

- 1 John was written so that he and all Christians would have the _____ of joy

- there are three main points in 1 John 1:5-9

- 1) 1:5 – God is _____ and there is no darkness in Him
- 2) 1:6-7 –some profess to know God but _____ God by their actions
- 2) 1:8-9 –some who say that they have no _____

1) (1:5) God is Light

(1:5) This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you

- a) John’s credibility as a witness and teacher

- 1 John 1:1 – John heard, saw, beheld and touched Jesus
- 1 John 1:2 - John saw Jesus
- 1 John 1:3 – John saw and heard Jesus

- 1 John 1:2 – John said that he testified to Jesus
- 1 John 1:3 – John said that he proclaimed Jesus

that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

b) John teaches that God is light

i) light and holiness

- we see that God is light and holy when Moses encounters God in Exodus 3 at the burning bush

Exodus 3:1-6 Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³ And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴ When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

ii) light and salvation

- the light of God is in connection with the salvation that the Lord gives to His people

Psalms 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

iii) light and obedience

- Jesus declares that if you obey Him, you will not walk in darkness or sin

John 8:12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

iv) light and unchanging nature of God

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

v) light and holiness and righteousness

- John is declaring that God is holy just like he heard the angels say about God in Revelation

Revelation 4:8 And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

vi) light and pure perfection

- John also describes what God is not - "in him is no darkness at all"

- this means that there is _____ sin in God

Habakkuk 1:13 You who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong,

c) the gospel message begins with the holiness of God

d) those false teachers distort the gospel message

- three "what if" scenarios that relate to the false teachers

- in 1:6 – if we claim to have fellowship with God and yet walk in darkness

- in 1:8 – if we say that we have no sin

- in 1:10 – if we say that we have not sinned

(we will deal with the third scenario of 1 John 1:10 in the next sermon)

2) (1:6-7) Pick and Choose Beliefs

(1:6) If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness,

a) scenario one... if we say we have fellowship

James 2:14 What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?

we lie and do not practice the truth.

b) two truths about walking in the darkness

1. they lie

2. they do not practice the truth

(1:7) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,

c) Instead walk in the light

1 Peter 1:15-16 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

d) have fellowship and remember you are fully forgiven

1. sin separates
2. forgiveness means salvation

1 John 4:8-10 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 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.

3) (1:8-9) Some Say They Never Sin

(1:8) If we say we have no sin,

a) scenario two ... **if** we say we have no sin

we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

b) two truths revealed when we say we have no sin

1. we are deceived
2. the truth is not in us

Ecclesiastes 7:20 Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.

Proverbs 20:9 Who can say, "I have made my heart pure; I am clean from my sin"?

(1:9) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

c) **BUT if** we confess...

d) John proclaims two characteristics of God here

1. God is faithful
2. God is just

Application

1) Are You a Christian Living in Sin?

Matthew 7:21-23 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

- are you seeking daily the mercy and grace of Jesus so that your sins can be cleansed?

2) Are You Honest About Your Sin?

Psalms 5:4 For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.

- the Bible is clear about us all – we _____ sin

1 Kings 8:46 "If they sin against you-- for there is no one who does not sin--

- are you daily being honest and truthful about your sin?

3) Do You Know the Amazing Grace of Jesus?

- two times John writes about the amazing _____
- twice we hear about Jesus _____ His people from their sin

- Paul speaks about this amazing work of Jesus

2 Corinthians 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

- this verse illustrates "the glorious exchange"
- Jesus takes away the punishment of our sin by bearing the judgment of God
- then, in exchange for our sin Jesus gives us His righteousness
- because of Christ we are declared in the sight of God blameless and without sin

- Christian, are you daily trusting and rejoicing in the grace of Jesus accomplished for you?

- Christian, keep _____ in Jesus and His wonderful grace
- never give into the lie that you are sinless and do not need daily _____
- also, daily serve Jesus Christ and do not buy the other lie that you can be a Christian without _____ Jesus