

Calling believers to:

Love God

Love His Word

Love Dryden

Welcome to Worship

Jan 12, 2025

Prayer Notes:

IN the FOYER:

- assistive hearing devices are available (ask an usher)
- Right to Life Association Newsletters and memberships

On the Calendar:

Jan 15 (Wed) @ 7:30 am Men's Morning Bible Study

Jan 15 (Wed) @ 7:00pm Prayer and Bible Study

Jan 18 (Sat) @ 1:00pm Studying the Bible (Young Adults)

Jan 19 (Sun) @ 10:30am 1 John 2:7-11, Sanctity of Life Sunday

Feb 1 (Sat) @ 10:30am Sonshine Saturday

in His hands

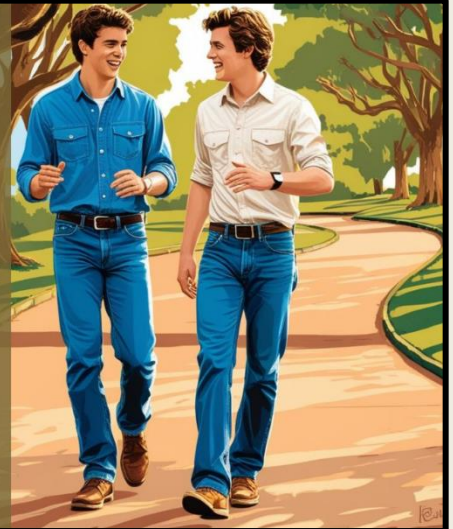
"In His hand is the LIFE of every living thing and the breath of all mankind." - Job 12:10

Amnion
Women's Center
Sanctity of Human Life



Northwestern Ontario
February 8, 20

1 John 2:5-6
...but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.



Church Cleaners Needed:

- approximately 4 hours of work per week
- all equipment is provided
- this is a paid position
- ideally, looking for at least 2 people to share the workload



Contact Luke if interested
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Mitten Tree for 2024

Bring mittens and hats for Men, Women & Children and place them on the tree.

Ends Jan 12, 2025

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



Office Hours

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Deacons - Brock Penner, Graham Penner, Ron Rhyner, Luke Egli

Treasurer - Gordon Robinson

Clerk - Ken Wickstrom

Introduction

- people's actions always speak louder than words

Overview:

- in 1 John 2:3-6, make sure that they are living up to their profession
- John wants to make sure that these Christians are not liars or self-deceived in their profession
- John wants to make sure that these Christians have the assurance of salvation in Jesus Christ

Background:

- the letter of 1 John was written by the apostle John, who was the beloved disciple of Jesus
- John also wrote the Gospel of John, Revelation, and 2 and 3 John
- the letter of 1 John was written for three main reasons:
 1. so that believers would know the joy and hope of being a Christian
 2. so that these Christians would not sin
 3. so that these Christians could be warned about the false teachers who were trying to distort the message of Jesus

Gospel Basics (1 John 1:5-2;2):

- John teaches some very important truths concerning the gospel
- in 1 John 1:5, God is light and this means that God is holy
- in 1 John 1:6-10, John teaches that Christians must acknowledge that they have sinned against God
- if they do not confess that they have sinned against God, they are liars
- in 1 John 2:1-2, John reminds these Christians of the amazing work of Jesus Christ on the cross

Christian Living Basics (1 John 2:3-11):

- in 1 John 2:3-6, Christians must live lives of obedience to Jesus Christ
- in 1 John 3:7-11, Christians must walk in love towards one another

False Teacher Warning:

- false teachers were distorting the gospel in the community that John is writing to
- the false teachers were teaching that sin was no big deal (1:6)
- these false teachers were also teaching that they did not sin (1:8, 10)

Antinomianism:

- the false teaching in 1 John 2:3-6 is antinomianism
- antinomianism teaches that you can profess Jesus Christ but you do not have to obey Jesus Christ
- hear what David Jackman says about this false teaching: "... to talk about obedience to God's Word is often parodied as legalism.....Not long ago, a young Christian told me that he no longer needed to obey God's Word or read God's Word because he loved the Lord"

1) (2:3-4) You Know That You Know Christ

(2:3) And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

a) we can know God

- we can know God because God in His grace gave us His Son Jesus to make His glory known

John 17:25-26 O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

- how we come to know God is through the person and work of Jesus Christ

b) if you know Him you must obey Him

- according to John, if you know God, or have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, then you must keep the commands of God

- this verse might keep people up at night because it sounds like we must always obey God perfectly or we cannot be saved

- 1 John 2:3 does not teach that we are perfect people and never 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.

c) strive daily to trust and obey

- hear what John Calvin had to say about 1 John 2:3

"He (John) does not mean that those who wholly satisfy the law keep His commandments (and no such instance can be found in the world), but those who strive according to the capacity of human infirmity, to form their life in obedience to God"

(2:4) Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,

d) truth – false teachers tell lies

i) we are liars

- I need to stress that John is not teaching perfectionism, but He is teaching that we will seek to be faithful to Christ daily, in trusting Jesus, confessing sin and seeking to live a holy life by the power of the Holy Spirit

- ii) the truth is not in us
- in John's writings the truth refers to Jesus Christ (John 14:6) and the Holy Spirit (John 14:17)
- d) God's Holy Spirit empowers obedience

2) (2:5) You Will Know His Love

(2:5) but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected.

a) obedience shows your love for Christ

- when a Christian keeps the Word of God, the love of God is perfected in the Christian
 - i) when a Christian keeps the Word of God, they show that God's love has been made perfect in them
 - ii) when a Christian keeps the Word of God, they show that their love for God is perfected

b) obedience shows your love is perfected

- when you obey Christ you show that you love the Lord and thus your love for God is perfected

NLT 1 John 2:5 But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him.

3) (2:5-6) You Will Know You Abide in Christ

(2:5) By this we may know that we are in him:

a) you know you belong to Jesus

- in 1 John 2:3, John writes about knowing God and in 2:5 John writes about remaining or abiding in God
- the phrase "in Him" refers to being in union with God or relationship with God

(2:6) whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

b) you know to walk in the same way as Jesus

- John writes that if we claim to have union with God we must walk in the same way Jesus walked

John 15:1-8 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

c) you desire to be more like Jesus

- Jesus delighted in the will of the Father

John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.

- God's ways must be our joy and our pleasure

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

- Jesus did not repay evil for evil

1 Peter 2:23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

Application

1) Know the Love of the Lord

a) the love and grace of Christ motivates our obedience

b) Chris's love makes us anew

Galatians 6:15 For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

c) the loving gift of the Holy Spirit transforms

Titus 3:5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

d) God's love was manifested in Jesus

1 John 4:8-10 ⁸ 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.

e) God's love is evident by the great exchange

- Jesus took our sin and bore the punishment and in exchange, Jesus gave us many amazing blessings

i) righteousness – we are declared pure and blameless before God it is as if we have never sinned

ii) forgiveness – all our sins are forgiven (past, present and future)

iii) eternal life – we escape judgment and given a life with God forever

e) God's love is a gift of total grace

Romans 11:5-6 So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. ⁶ But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

2) Live in the Love of the Lord

a) don't be fake -- be obedient

b) don't be a hypocrite -- be uncompromising

c) love and obey to glorify Jesus

- hear the words of Jesus Himself about obedience and true love?

John 14:15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

John 15:10-14 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you.

d) love God – hate sin

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