

Welcome to Worship

April 6, 2025

Prayer Notes:

IN the FOYER:

- assistive hearing devices are available (ask an usher)
- handout – Praying for the election

On the Calendar:

- Apr 06 (Today) – communion, luncheon and benevolent collection
- Apr 09 (Wed) @ 7:30am Men's Morning Bible Study
- Apr 09 (Wed) @ 7:00pm Prayer and Bible Study
- Apr 08 (Tues) @ 10:00 Packaging – Cookie Ministry
- Apr 09-11 Delivery – Cookie Ministry
- Apr 10 (Thurs) @ 6:30 Watoto Children's Choir at DFGC – offering
- Apr 12 (Sat) @ 8:30am Men's Prayer Time
- Apr 12 (Sat) @ 1:00pm Studying the Bible (Young Adults)
- Apr 18 (Fri) @ 10:30 Good Friday Worship (offering for Right to Life Thunder Bay & Area)
- Apr 20 (Sun) @ 10:30 Easter Sunday Worship
- May 03 (Fri) @ 7:00pm Fired Up Friday
- May 03 (Sat) @ 10:30am Sunshine Saturday



Fellowship Luncheon - Today.


**Please join us even if
you didn't bring
something to share.**



1 John 3:23-24 April 13

**...believe in the name of
His Son Jesus Christ...**

*"And by this we know that
he abides in us, by the Spirit
whom he has given us."*

John 

CRAZY OLYMPICS



**FIRED UP FRIDAYS AT DRYDEN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP FRIDAY, MAY 2 7:00PM**

EASTER



**COOKIE
MINISTRY**

Packaging Cookies on
Tues April 8
@ 10:00am

Please consider helping
to deliver these cookies.
Contact Pastor Adam.

Good Friday • Apr 18 • 10:30am • at DFBC

**WHAT'S GOOD ABOUT FRIDAY?
SUNDAY IS COMING!**



*Come
to
the Table*



Communion Today

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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Heart Check: Condemned or Confident? (1 John 3:18-22)

1 John 3:18-22 English Standard Version

¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

Introduction

a) You can have confidence that you are forgiven

b) You can have assurance of salvation

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

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.

Background and Review

- in 1 John 3, the major theme is love

- today, we are looking at 1 John 3:18-22

- in 1 John 3:18-19, John exhorts Christians to live a life of love in action and truth

- if we live this life of love we can have the assurance of our position before the Lord

- in 1 John 3:20, we read about the condemning heart but we also hear about the omniscience of God

- God is omniscient because He knows all things

- in 1 John 3:21-22, John writes about the confidence that the Christian can have when they come to the Lord in prayer

1) (3:18-19) Active Love

(3:18) Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

a) in the family way

- John calls them "little children" to affirm these Christians that they truly belong to the Lord

- they are children because they belong to God's family
- John reminds them of the wonderful work and grace of Jesus Christ and what He accomplished for sinners on the cross



b) love in action

- Paul the apostle knows that talk is cheap when he wrote 1 Corinthians 13

1 Corinthians 13:1-2 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

c) Jesus is our example

- we can know for certain the love of Christ for the sinner, because Jesus showed His love by dying on the cross for sinners

- Jesus showed that He loved the world by laying down His life for His people

John 10:11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

d) love is active and is based on truth

1. love in deed

- we love in deed when we actively love people with humble acts of service

Galatians 5:13-14 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

2. love in truth

(3:19) By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him;

e) remember what was said in 1 John 3:11-18

f) gospel gratitude is to honour Jesus

g) your heart can be assured and you can have confidence

- John is again teaching on the topic of the assurance of salvation

- Jesus is real, living and active and thus we can truly experience Him

- Christianity is a vibrant trust in the living Jesus Christ and we can listen to Him in His Word and we can cry out to Him in prayer

- just like the hymn "I Belong to Jesus" says:
His grace and lovingkindness, My song shall ever be;
For I belong to Jesus, And He belongs to me;

2) (3:20) Assured Acceptance

(3:20) for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.

a) the heart is sometimes right or wrong

b) 7 possible reasons why our heart could condemn us:

- 1) we do not fully understand the amazing grace of God because we lack knowledge
- 2) we are beaten down by poor treatment in the church and feel condemned by the church
- 3) we have embraced a legalistic form of Christianity where unbiblical human rules guide us
- 4) we have embraced false teaching and do not know the truth
- 5) we allow ourselves to listen to Satan and his accusations and our conscience might condemn us
- 6) we are beaten down by a past sin in our life and our conscience might condemn us with guilt
- 7) our conscience could be accurate and could be convicting us of a present sin we are doing and thus we need to listen to our conscience and repent of that sin

c) two amazing truths for the condemned heart

1. God is greater than our hearts

- Christian, God is greater than your heart, therefore, preach God's love, which is the good news of Jesus, to your heart

- Christian, you might be struggling with a sin or a past sin, but repent and remind yourself of the amazing grace of Jesus

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

2. God knows everything

- Psalm 139 will help us understand that the Lord knows everything

Psalm 139:1-4 O LORD, you have searched me and known me! ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. ³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

- because the Lord knows everything, we can honestly go to Him, confess our sins and trust in Him and His amazing grace

3) (3:21-22) Ask the Lord

(3:21) Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God;

a) "brothers"

b) having confidence comes from assurance

(3:22) and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

c) praying with confidence because of obedience

d) asking for the glory of Jesus

Application

1) Christian, Be Assured of Your Salvation

a) many things can cause us to lose heart

b) focus on Jesus and His grace

1 John 1:5-10 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. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ 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) be assured of God's mercy and salvation

2) Christian, Live a Life of Love

a) living a life of love is rooted in the gospel

- the Christian is to show gospel gratitude by loving the fellow Christian
- the command to love the fellow Christian is rooted in Jesus Christ and His teachings
- Jesus said that loving your neighbor is the 2nd greatest command!

Matthew 22:36-39 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

b) loving Christ is NOT breaking the commandments:

3) Christian, Be Confident Before God in Prayer

a) how are you living?

- this is what Jesus teaches us about prayer

John 14:13-14 Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

John 16:23-24 In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. 24 Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

b) how are you praying?

c) are you remembering the gospel?