



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Series- Marked by Love Part 2

Bible Reading- 1 John 2:2-17

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A Genuine Faith

5 But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: 6 Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did. (1 John 2:5-6)

1. A genuine faith walks in obedience (1 John 2:1-6).
2. A genuine faith loves (1 John 2:7-11).
3. A digression of assurance (1 John 2:12-14).
4. A genuine faith doesn't love the world (1 John 2:15-17).

A. Text based Questions

1. Read 1 John 2:1-6. What does this section reveal about the work of Christ and about what John believes is the genuine Christian life?
2. Read 1 John 2:7-11. How does John see- "walking in the darkness," in this section? How can one "walk in the light," according to these verses?
3. Read 1 John 2:12-14. This section just feels like a digression in some ways. Why do you think these verses are here and what are they trying to say?
4. Read 1 John 2:15-17. What do you think that John means by the world. What is he saying and why is he saying it?

Meditation & Application

5. I believe that John is trying to define and articulate what it is to be the "real deal," when it comes to living the Christian faith here. What is he saying and in what ways does he encourage and challenge you in your Christian walk as you seek to be the "real deal?"
6. What are some ways that you could "walk in the light," in the coming week by demonstrating love toward you brother and sister in Christ?
7. I mentioned that verses 12-14 seem to be something of a digression- but in many ways they are instrumental to answering the question; what does genuine Christian life look like? What would you say is, their contribution to what John is saying here?
8. What is worldliness? What does John have to say about it in verses 15-17? How do we escape worldliness and instead choose to love and do the will of God? Are there any areas in your life in which you see concession to the cravings of sinful man, lust and boasting? If so- how can you combat it? How can you pray? What other help can you get?

Prayer- Dear Heavenly Father- We thank you for your love, kindness and compassion. We thank you for all that you did and revealed about yourself in sending Christ. Please help us to walk in the light by loving our brothers and sisters in Christ, by practicing obedience to the Lordship of Christ and by refusing to let "the world," grab our affections and our heart. In Jesus Name- Amen.