

9-17-17 sermon summary

TO RENOUNCE THE SPIRITUAL FORCES OF WICKEDNESS

1 John 1:5-6 God is light. God is truth.

Proverbs 1:7 “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge”

Ignorance of God leads to darkness

“If God does not exist, then everything is permitted.”

We must formally declare our abandonment of darkness’s claim, right, and possession of our lives.

We must refuse to recognize or abide by the lies of the darkness any longer.

We must declare that we will no longer engage in or support the schemes of evil.

Wickedness is willing ignorance.

To be in the light - we must study God’s word.

We must proclaim that God is right

We must humble ourselves.

TO REJECT THE EVIL POWERS OF THIS WORLD

1 John 1:7 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, purifies us from all sin.

What does it mean to walk in the darkness?

First John 2:8–11 give some clear indications.

7 Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard.

8 Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

9 Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness.

10 Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble.

11 But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

In every way we dismiss as inadequate the false hope darkness give us in things other than God.

Let's reject the gravel we've been grasping at so long and open our eyes to the diamonds in the rough.

In every way we designate the self-prominence the world teaches today as inappropriate. A mirror shows vanity, but a magnifying glass can focus the light of the son!

In every way we must clearly state that this world's ideal are not to our taste. Spit out their lukewarm drink and take in what we can see is good to eat – the bread of life!

TO REPENT OF OUR SIN.

1John 1:8-10

8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

We can't live our lives without examining our motives and actions. ☐ We can't pretend we are holy, God knows.

We need to be the first to recognize our shame and admit it...not go about pretending we're already clean!

John wants us express sincere regret or remorse about our wrongdoing.

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