

Theme: This series takes a look at the letter of 1 John, exploring authentic faith in a counterfeit world.

## I. Introducing the Authentic Word of Life

- A. Theme: Authentic faith is built upon Jesus, the True Word of Life, is proclaimed in the Gospel, and produces fellowship and full joy as we walk with God and His people.
- B. Text: 1 John 1:1-4
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 2 John 1:3
- E. Teaching keywords: Christology; Deity of Christ; Gospel; fellowship; joy

## II. The Authentic Response To Sin

- A. Theme: Many people deceive themselves by denying their sin, but the authentic response to sin is surrendering to Jesus and finding forgiveness in Him.
- B. Text: 1 John 1:5-2:2
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: Psalm 79:9
- E. Teaching keywords: sin, forgiveness, confession, God's character, law and gospel

## III. Authentic Atonement

- A. Theme: When we sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus the Righteous One, who has provided authentic atonement for us - bearing the wrath of God and purifying us from sin, allowing us to freely come before the Father.
- B. Text: 1 John 2:1-2
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Psalm 79:9
- E. Teaching keywords: atonement, sin, forgiveness, God's character, law and gospel

## IV. The Authentic Christian In Action

- A. Theme: Authentic Christian faith is seen not in the claim to know God, but in the fruit of faith - obeying God's commands, walking as Jesus did, and loving other Christians.
- B. Text: 1 John 2:3-11
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13
- E. Teaching keywords: sin, Christian life, obedience, love, fellowship, law and gospel

## **V. Our Authentic Inheritance In Christ**

- A. Theme: All Christians enjoy the forgiveness of sins, know God, and have overcome Satan.
- B. Text: 1 John 2:12-14
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26
- E. Teaching keywords: Blessing; salvation and deliverance; union with Christ; encouragement

## **VI. Authentic Faith In A World of Illusion**

- A. Theme: We must resist this fallen world, remembering that authentic, eternal life and joy is found in God, not in this fading evil order of illusion that is passing away.
- B. Text: 1 John 2:15-17
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Jude 1:24-25
- E. Teaching keywords: temptation; 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam; culture; holiness; idolatry and false gods; sanctification

## **VII. Authentic Faith and the Antichrist**

- A. Theme: Authentic faith does not follow antichrists - counterfeit teachers - but remains firm in Christ through the anointing of the Spirit and the apostolic teaching of Scripture.
- B. Text: 1 John 2:18-27
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Romans 15:5-6
- E. Teaching keywords: false teaching and heresy, apostles, Christology, perseverance, Holy Spirit, eschatology, Word of God

## **VIII. An Authentic Eschatology**

- A. Theme: An authentic eschatology does not promote speculation about signs, but rather an eager hope for the completion of our salvation that is fueled by purifying ourselves from the practice of sin now.
- B. Text: 1 John 2:28-3:3
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24
- E. Teaching keywords: eschatology, holiness, regeneration, sanctification

## **IX. Authentic Regeneration and It's Effects**

- A. Theme: Christians have been regenerated, given a new nature, so that they can not embrace a Satanic life of lawlessness and sin.
- B. Text: 1 John 3:4-10
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 2 Peter 1:3-4
- E. Teaching keywords: regeneration, holiness, sanctification, sin

## **X. Authentic Brotherly Love**

- A. Theme: Christians must walk in authentic brotherly love, following the example of Christ in their actions, which produces assurance before God.
- B. Text: 1 John 3:11-24
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13
- E. Teaching keywords: love, fellowship, confidence

## **XII. The Authentic Spirit of God**

- A. Theme: The mark of the Authentic Spirit of God is a biblical confession of Jesus Christ, and those indwelt by the Spirit of God overcome false spirits and confess the Jesus revealed in Scripture.
- B. Text: 1 John 4:1-6
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14
- E. Teaching keywords: Holy Spirit; false teaching and heresy

## **XIII. The Path of Authentic Love**

- A. Theme: Authentic love is based on the nature of the Trinity, revealed in Christ's death, completed when Christian's love one another, and gives confidence as we face the day of judgment.
- B. Text: 1 John 4:7-21
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13
- E. Teaching keywords: love, God's character, Trinity, fellowship, confidence

### **XIII. Authentic Faith**

- A. Theme: Authentic faith is rooted in regeneration, and is displayed in an orthodox faith and in a willing, joyful life of obedience to God's commands that overcomes the world.
- B. Text: 1 John 5:1-5
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21
- E. Teaching keywords: faith; regeneration; Christology; Deity of Christ; God's Law; incarnation; love; obedience

### **XIV. The Authentic Testimony of God**

- A. Theme: God has testified that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and only those who believe in Him have life.
- B. Text: 1 John 5:6-12
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: Revelation 1:4-6
- E. Teaching keywords: Christology; Incarnation; cross; Jesus; Holy Spirit; false teaching and heresy

### **XV. Authentic Assurance From the True God**

- A. Theme: Christians know that they have eternal life, that God hears their prayers, that their sins are forgiven, and that they are protected by Christ because they know the One True God.
- B. Text: 1 John 5:13-21
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Jude 1:24-25
- E. Teaching keywords: confidence; sin; false teaching and heresy; idolatry and false gods; prayer; regeneration; Satan and demons; perseverance

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