

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022

MORNING MESSAGE

“The Evidence of Salvation” or “Do You Know Where You Are Going?”

1 John 5:13

- I. THE EVIDENCE OF THE SAINTS – “We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death” (1 John 3:14)
  - A. The experience of salvation (v.14a)
    1. To pass from death unto life means to be saved
      - a. Luke 15:24, “For this my son was dead and is alive again”
      - b. Ephesians 2:1, “And you hath he quickened (made alive) who were dead in trespasses and sin”
    2. The expression of salvation (v.14b)
      1. Those who have been saved will love the brethren
        - a. “Love” translates the Greek word “agape”
        - b. “Brethren” translates the Greek word “adelphos”
  - II. THE EVIDENCE OF THE SPIRIT – “And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us” (1 John 3:24)
    - A. The person of the Spirit (v.24a)
      1. “Spirit” is a reference to the Holy Spirit
        - a. John 3:5, “Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God”
        - b. John 16:13, “Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth”
        - c. John 20:22, “And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost”
      2. You cannot be saved apart from the Holy Spirit
        - a. Romans 8:9, “Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his”
    - B. The presence of the Spirit (v.24a)
      1. “Abide” means to take up residence, to stay
  - III. THE EVIDENCE OF THE SCRIPTURE – “And this is the record that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life”
    - A. The Word of God (v.11)

1. "Record" is a reference to the Scripture, the Bible
  - a. The message of the Bible is summarized in two words: Jesus Saves
  - b. Luke 24:27, "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself"
  - c. Luke 24:44, "And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me"
  - d. John 5:39, "Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me"

B. The way to God (v.12)

1. The way to God is through His Son, Jesus
  - a. Matthew 3:17, "And lo, a voice from heaven saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased"
  - b. John 10:10, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly"
  - c. John 1:12, "But as many as received him, to them gave he the power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on his name"