

# Sermon Notes – March 6, 2016

## Review

- ⇒ Two weeks ago we saw that \_\_\_\_\_ prayer flows from \_\_\_\_\_ in God.
- ⇒ Last week we saw (5:16) that awareness of another’s sin is a cause for \_\_\_\_\_...not \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_.
- ⇒ We also saw some very sobering truth: While \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is not always an \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s specific judgment on sin, sometimes it is.

## Hearing God’s Word: READ I John 5:18-21

In this letter John has spoken very directly on a number of key topics including these:

- ⇒ **Christ:** He is truly God and truly human; in Him is life.
- ⇒ **Truth:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ truth exists! John walked & talked with Jesus, stood by the cross, and looked into the empty tomb. He is solidly convinced that Jesus Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ and that Jesus Christ is \_\_\_\_\_.
- ⇒ **Sin:** A person who is truly born of God may indeed struggle with specific sins, but a life of *perpetual* \_\_\_\_\_ to sin does not fit a true child of God.
- ⇒ **Love:** Far more than a mere feeling, the love to which John calls us is a robust love that speaks \_\_\_\_\_, confronts \_\_\_\_\_, and stands firm though others \_\_\_\_\_.
- ⇒ **Battle:** Satan is real and life in this world is a battle zone.

As John closes this letter he offers three words of assurance. This sermon could be called “Three Reasons Why I Sleep at Night.”

## Christ Redeems Us and Keeps Us (18)

- ⇒ Trusting & following Christ is more than agreeing to a doctrinal statement. When we are truly born again by the Spirit of God by faith in Christ, then the \_\_\_\_\_ of God moves in and begins to change us. We are \_\_\_\_\_ by grace; we are \_\_\_\_\_ by grace!

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- ⇒ Christ protects and keeps us! See John 10:27-30; Rom. 8:31ff; Phil. 1:6; I Peter 1:3-9, esp. 5

## Christ is the Victorious One in the Cosmic Battle (19)

- ⇒ By this expression John intends that we call to mind all he has said on this topic so far: 2:15-17; 3:8, 13; 4:4; 5:4
- ⇒ The cosmic battle between God & Satan broke into \_\_\_\_\_ in Genesis 3 and will one day come to a final conclusion (Rev. 20:10).

## Christ has come! He has called us to Himself! He is Truth, and He is Life!

- ⇒ Can you imagine the confidence with which John speaks about Jesus Christ? He was there! Cf. John 19:26-27; 20:8; 21:24; I John 1:1-4

## Responding to God’s Word

- ⇒ In light of his three affirmations, John’s final warning is a point well-taken:  
We belong to Christ; why “\_\_\_\_\_” elsewhere?  
As long as we live in this world, we are in danger of seeking satisfaction from other sources. Don’t do it.
- ⇒ Let me be very clear: these three strong affirmations belong only to those who truly know Christ as their Savior. Do you? If there is any doubt, clear it up today. Trust Christ and Him alone as your Savior from sin.
- ⇒ As we approach communion, let us consider together I Corinthians 11:23-32

**Next Sunday: March 13, 2016**

“Telling & Defending the Truth IS Loving”

(II & III John)

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