

MARKED IN 2020

For the week of December 27, 2020

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1 John Overview

1 John 4:15 “Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.”

1 John 3:18 “Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.”

1 John 2:3-6 “3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: 6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.”

1 John 3:1-2 “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears[a] we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.”

1 John 1:2-3 “2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— 3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.”

MESSAGE POINTS:

- Abide Continually (1 John 4:15)
- Love Sacrificially (1 John 3:18)
- Follow Faithfully (1 John 2:3-6)
- Trust Completely (1 John 3:1-2)
- Share Boldly (1 John 1:2-3)

GOAL:

To understand how 2020 has marked us to be more effective in the mission.

GET GOING:

- What was the best Christmas gift you received this year? Best gift ever?
- When it comes to 2020, the negatives are maybe easy to see. What positives have resulted from 2020?
- Look at 1 John 4:15. What does it mean to abide? Why is it important?
- Look at 1 John 2:3-6. What does it mean to “keep His word?”
- Do you trust God completely? What makes you doubt Him?
- When was the last time that you shared Christ with someone?
- What is the mission of Highpoint Church? Where have you grown this year in your believing, belonging and becoming like Christ?

KEEP GROWING:

- Turn to Colossians 1:28.
- How does this passage describe the mission of all Christians?
- What does it mean to warn as the passage describes? How can you do this in a loving way?
- What does it mean to teach as the passage describes? What are you called to teach about?
- The idea of presenting someone mature in Christ can be illustrated by standing up to give a presentation. Who will you present as mature before Christ?
- What will you do to grow in your faith in 2021?
- What will you do to help others grow in their faith in 2021?

GET GROUNDED:

- Look at verse 1 John 2:3-6. Does your life reflect obedience or disobedience? How do you see both represented in you?
- Who has God placed in your life to share boldly with?
- What idols are challenging your love for God right now?
- Take a minute to discuss how you can hold one another accountable and encourage each other throughout the week.

MEMORY VERSE:

1 John 2:5b-6 “By this we may know that we are in him: 6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.”