

Sermon Passage: _____

Date: _____

Sermon Preacher: _____

Elder Scripture Reading: _____

Sermon Title: _____

I. Introduction

A. Context – Write 3 main ideas that provide background for the sermon text. (Hint ~ Why has John written this letter? How is he trying to encourage the recipients? What should the believer keep practicing and continue pursuing?)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

B. Thesis or Proposition – What is the pastor trying to prove?

C. Enumeration – How many points (or proofs) will be provided?

D. Exposition – What are the main points (or proofs)?

1. The believer's

2. The believer's

3. The believer's

Introduction Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:

II. Main Points (or proofs)

A. Point 1: The believer's

What we _____

1. Sub-points – What evidence is provided that supports point 1?

(Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make notes about what it means to be a child of God.)

a. The believer is _____ by the Father.

b. The believer is _____ by the Father.

c. The believer is _____ by the world.

2. Application – What do I do with this information? (Hint ~ How should the believer live in response to God's amazing, undeserved love?)

Point 1 Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:

B. Point 2: The believer's

What we _____

1. Sub-points – What evidence is provided that supports point 2?

(Hint ~ What do you learn about *Christ's return, becoming like Christ, and being with Christ?*)

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

2. Application – What do I do with this information? (Hint ~ How did

the believer *first* see Christ? How does the believer *still* see

Christ? How *will* the believer see Christ in the future?)

**Point 2 Scripture
References**

List any
additional
passages pastor
may mention:

C. Point 3: The believer's

What we _____

1. Sub-points – What evidence is provided that supports point 3?

(Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make note of what you learn.)

- a. Hope in _____.

- b. Pursue _____.

- c. Concentrate on _____.

2. Application – What do I do with this information? (Hint ~ How should the second coming of Christ provoke the believer to hope, holiness, and heedfulness?)

Point 3 Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:

III. Conclusion

- A. Identity in Christ should _____ the believer.
- B. Destiny in Christ should _____ the believer.
- C. Duty in Christ should _____ the believer.



Scripture for Further Study

Suggestion: Read and meditate on some of the following passages each day of the coming week.

1. The unmatched, incomparable, infinite nature of God's super abundant love in and through Jesus Christ:
Jn 3:16-18; 2 Cor 5:14-15; Eph 1:6; 2:4-7; 3:17-19; Rom 8:31-39
2. Becoming a child of God is a gracious undeserved gift and sovereign work of God upon and within the believing sinner:
Jn 1:12-13; 3:6-8; Titus 3:4-7; Rom 8:15-17, 23; Gal 4:4-7; Eph 1:5; 1 Pet 1:3-5; 1 Jn 3:9-10
3. What kind of children does the Bible describe those to be who are apart from Christ:
Eph 2:2-3, 5:6; Jn 8:44; 1 Jn 3:9-10
4. God's ultimate plan for believers in salvation is that they would become like Christ:
Rom 8:28-30; 2 Cor 3:18; Col 3:10; 1 Cor 15:49; 2 Pet 1:4
5. Helping believers grow to become more like Christ is one of the Church's greatest endeavors:
Eph 4:11-16; Col 1:28; Phil 3:12-14; 2 Pet 3:18; Gal 4:19; Eph 5:1-2
6. Truth regarding the future return of Christ is meant to provoke hope, holiness, and heedfulness in the believer's life on earth:
2 Pet 3:11,14,17; Js 5:8; 1 Pet 1:13; Titus 2:13-14
7. Passages that help believers concentrate on Christ while proactively pursuing holiness:
Col 3:13-17; Phil 2:5-11; 1 Pet 2:21-23; Heb 12:1-3; 2 Cor 12:9; Jn 10:25-26; 1 Cor 15:57-58; Heb 4:14-16

Conclusion Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention: