

Sermon Outline

Looking Ahead:

- February 12 *"Completing the Circuit of God's Love ~ Remaining in and Reproducing God's Love,"* Part 2
1 John 4:17-21, Pastor Phil
- February 19 *"Expressions of the New Birth" ~* 1 John 5:1-5, Pastor Corey
- February 26 *"The Importance of God's Testimony" ~* 1 John 5:6-12, Pastor Phil

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"Completing The Circuit of God's Love ~ Receiving God's Love," Part 1

1 John 4:13-16

February 5, 2023

Introduction: Windmills ...

How do we know if the windmill is successful?

Completing the Circuit of God's Love:

I. Possessing the Assurance of God's Love, v.13-16.

A. Possessing the Holy Spirit, v.13.

1. What God gives us: Assurance.

2. How God gives us this assurance: Through the giving of the Spirit.

1 Cor.12:13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

Eph.5:18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit ...

Jn.3:5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit."

1 Cor.12:13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

1 Jn.3:24 The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

1 Jn.4:13 This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.

Eph.1:13 ... When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

Eph.4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

3. Application:

B. Confessing Jesus as the Son of God, v.14-15.

1. What God has done in this relationship: God acts, v.14.

a. God sent His Son.

Josh McDowell: "Evidence That Demands a Verdict," "More than a Carpenter"

Lee Strobel: "The Case for Christ" and "The Case for Jesus"

Paul Little: "Know Why You Believe"

Jn.1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

1 Jn.4:10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

b. God provides salvation for the world.

Rm.3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Rm.3:10 As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one..."

Jn.3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

2. What we must do: Acknowledge who Jesus is, v.15.

Jn.5:18 For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

3. Application: The test that God lives in us will be heard or confessed, acknowledged out loud.

Rm.10:9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

- Baptism: August 20

C. Living in God's Love, v.16.

1. We need to understand His love.

a. True love is knowable.

- Chapel in Action Day, April 22

b. True love is trustworthy.

c. True love comes from God.

2. We need to act upon that love.

3. Application:

Eph.4:15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

Conclusion:

1 Jn.4:17 This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.

II. Remaining in God's Love, v.17-18.

III. Reproducing God's Love, v.19-21.