



ESTABLISHED IN LOVE

In a world filled with uncertainty, division, and shifting values, we long for something unshakable—something that can anchor our hearts and guide our lives. The apostle John, in his first letter, reveals the foundation that never fails: the love of God. This sermon series, *Established in Love*, will take us on a journey through 1 John, uncovering what it means to be deeply rooted in God's love and how that transforms our relationships, faith, and daily lives.

Throughout this series, we will explore themes of God's perfect love, the assurance of our salvation, the call to love one another, and how walking in the light of Christ shapes our identity. As we study these powerful truths, we will be challenged to move beyond a surface-level faith and become fully established in the unchanging love of God.

Join us as we dive into 1 John and discover how abiding in God's love gives us confidence, overcomes fear, and empowers us to love others as He first loved us.

DAY 1 ESTABLISHED IN LOVE

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

1 John 4:7-10

God's love is the foundation of our faith. As Pastor Teddy reminded us in his sermon, "God loves you so much that he would send his son to die on a cross over 2,000 years ago."

Reflect on the depth of this love today. How does knowing you are deeply loved by God change your perspective on your daily challenges? Consider ways you can reflect God's love to others, remembering that we love because He first loved us.



DAY 2 WALKING IN THE LIGHT

"This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

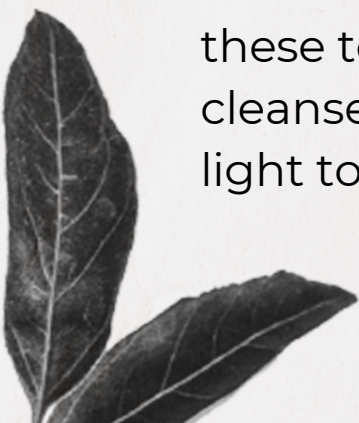
If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us."

1 John 1:5-10

Today's passage reminds us that "God is light and in him there is no darkness at all."

This week, we emphasized the importance of living in the light versus walking in darkness.

Take time to examine your life. Are there areas where you're still walking in darkness - negative talk, destructive behavior, or hiding from God? Confess these to God, knowing He is faithful to forgive and cleanse us. How can you actively choose to walk in the light today?



DAY 3 THE POWER OF CONFESSION AND CLEANSING

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Pslam 51:3-12

There is importance in "washing" - continually coming to God for cleansing. David's heartfelt psalm of repentance shows us the power of honest confession.

Like David, we can come to God, acknowledging that we are the problem, but He is the answer. What areas of your life need God's cleansing touch today?

Remember, God doesn't call us to be perfect, but to be "willing to be perfected, to be refined."



DAY 4 KNOWING GOD INTIMATELY

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

John 17:3

The sermon this week challenged us to examine our relationship with God, asking, "What does it really look like to know who God is?"

Jesus' prayer in John 17 gives us a glimpse into His intimate relationship with the Father and His desire for us to know God deeply.

Reflect on your own relationship with God. Are you spending time with Him, listening to Him, and learning from Him? How can you deepen your intimacy with God today?



DAY 5 ESTABLISHED FOR A PURPOSE

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:1-10

This week, Pastor Teddy reminded us that "greatness is relative to your situation and who you are."

God has created each of us with a unique purpose.

Today's passage reminds us that we are God's workmanship, created for good works that He prepared in advance for us to do.

Reflect on your life circumstances.

How might God be calling you to be "great" right where you are? Ask God to help you see the opportunities He's placed before you to shine His light in your specific context.