The Changing Landscape

TRANSFORMING TRUTH

Trends deceive. Traditions enslave. God's Truth transforms.

From the Series, "Authentic Trust"

1 John 1:5-10 Preached Sunday 12/17/10 Meadow Baptist Church

1. The Doctrine behind a Transformed Life (5-6)

"This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth."

- a. The source of John's doctrine (5a) "This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you..."
- b. The simplicity of John's doctrine (5b) "...God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all."
- c. The sting in John's doctrine (6) "If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth."

2. The Demonstration of a Transformed Life (7)

"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 cleanses us from all sin."

- a. Genuine faith has a personal impact "...we walk in the light as He is in the light..."
- b. Genuine faith has a relational effect "...we have fellowship with one another..."
- c. Genuine faith has a powerful effect "...and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin."

3. The Delights from a Transformed Life (8-10)

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."

- a. Changed to be honest about our sin (8) "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."
- b. Changed to be at rest in spite of our sin (9) "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
- c. Changed to agree with God about our sin (10) "If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us."