



Sunday, July 10, 2022

Sermon Series: Walk in God's Light –

Live in God's Love

Title: Stay Amazed!

Text: 1 John 3:1-3

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Big Idea: There are valid and eternal reasons why and how believers should stay amazed about God's incredible love and live accordingly.

1) Stay amazed and continue believing! (Ephesians 4:4-5 / 1 John 3:1 / Genesis 5:1-3)

2) Stay amazed and continue visualizing eternal hope!

(1 John 3:1 / 2 Corinthians 4:17 / Revelation 19:11-16)

3) Stay amazed and continue purifying! (1 John 3:3 / 1 John 1:9 / 1 John 2:9-10, 15-16)

Practical ways believers can "lather" themselves to live pure.

- 1) Daily examine ourselves for sin and confess.
- 2) Daily examine our connection with other believers.
- 3) Daily examine our passions.
- 4) Daily examine our future hope.

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All believers should have a 5-year plan that is controlled by their 500-year plan.

Study / Discussion Questions for 1 John 3:1-3

- What events amazed you as a child that now has lost its wow factor. Why does this happen and is it all bad? How can we stay amazed with the really important things?
- Before we can be amazed at our salvation, we should regularly remember how little we deserve salvation. What helps us do that without always wallowing in unnecessary guilt?
- What do you think John implies when he states that "we shall be like Jesus" someday? How can that thought motivate us here and now?
- Do you agree or not that, "it is pure hypocrisy to say that we hope to be like Jesus someday," and yet do not seek to be like him today ?
- Review the four practical ways to purify ourselves daily. Which one most helps fit you personally for serving God with a motivating joy?