

Sunday, August 14, 2022

Sermon Series: *Walk in God's Light - Live in God's Love*

Sermon Title: "The Case of the Self-Condemning Heart"

Text: 1 John 3:19-24

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Big Idea: Our sinful hearts will always fill us with uncertainty and doubt, but through Christ, our hearts are transformed to have eternal hope and purpose.

Why replace our self-condemning hearts with complete confidence in God?

1) A self-condemning heart is inferior to our All-Knowing God.

(1 John 3:18-20 / Romans 8:31-33)

2) A self-condemning heart can interfere with prayer.

(1 John 3:21-22 / Hebrews 4:16 / Galatians 5:25-26)

3) A self-condemning heart can be transformed into a confident heart.

(1 John 3:23-24)

Believers should always see their Heavenly Father's face when they encounter one another.

Study-discussion questions for 1 John 3:19-24:

1) When the Bible talks about hearts, to what part of us is it referring, and why do we have to be careful about how we treat our spiritual hearts?

2) Why would God create us with hearts that have such strong feelings when those feelings can betray us? How can believers accept their feelings in godly ways?

3) In what ways do we mistakenly make prayer mostly about us rather than about God? How do we pray differently when we make it more about God than the self?

4) Read 1 John 3:23-24. How does John make a connection between believing in Jesus' name and loving one another? Give a practical example of doing this.

5) What specific thoughts about our Lord Jesus might help motivate us to show loving patience with one another?