Preaching and Practicing the Truth

God is Righteous

1 John 2:18-3:9

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23 This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us.

24 The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

1 John 3:23-24
The Nature of Saving Faith

Counterfeit faith:
  • James 2:14-20

Genuine faith:
  1. Intellectual: a positive recognition of the truth
  2. Emotional: a deep conviction and affirmation of the truth
  3. Volitional: a personal trust in Christ as Savior and Lord, including a surrender to Christ
OUTLINE OF 1 JOHN

   A. The Fundamental Tests of Doctrine (1:1-2:2)
   B. The Fundamental Tests of Morals (2:3-17)

II. The Fundamental Tests of Genuine Fellowship – SPIRAL 2 (2:18-3:24)
   A. Part 2 of the Doctrinal Test (2:18-27)
   B. Part 2 of the Moral Test (2:28-3:24)
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II. The Fundamental Tests of Genuine Fellowship – SPIRAL 2 (2:18-3:24)

A. Part 2 of the Doctrinal Test (2:18-27)
   1. Antichrists depart from Christian fellowship (2:18-21)
   2. Antichrists deny the Christian faith (2:22-25)
   3. Antichrists deceive the Christian faithful (2:26, 27)

B. Part 2 of the Moral Test (2:28-3:24)
   1. The purifying hope of the Lord’s return (2:28-3:3)
   2. The Christian’s incompatibility with sin (3:4-24)
      a. The requirement of righteousness (3:4-10)
The Tests of 1 John

- Humanity of Christ (1:1-3)
- Sin (1:5-10)
- Obedience (2:3-6)
- Love for one another (2:7-11)
- Do not love the world (2:15-17)
- Confessing Jesus as the Christ (2:22)
- Practicing righteousness (2:29)
- Not practicing sin (3:9)