

Order of Worship for October 31, 2010
Pre-service Song
Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment:

Call to Worship: Psalm 97 and Prayer

Songs of Worship:

“We Bow Down”

Overhead

“Prince of Peace”

Overhead

“Glory to His Name”

Song # 493

“Jesus Saves”

Overhead

“I Will Sing the Wondrous Story”

Song # 499

Offering and Offertory

Special Music

Message: Joel Cook will bring a message from God’s Word today

Closing Song

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Song # 431

Parting Word of Grace

Sunday Evening: Issues in Faith and Life
“Silencing the Christians”
(cancelled)

“The Prayer Closet”

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“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.”

(Colossians 4:2a)

This week let us be united in praying for:

1. **Steve and Carol Lyons:** that the Lord will raise up new workers for Dar es Salaam in Tanzania; that they will be able to communicate to US churches the spiritual needs and opportunities on the field; that the Lord will move in the hearts of Tanzanian officials to give open paths for witness & ministry; that they will be fully supported in prayer & finances
2. **President Obama:** that the Spirit will guide and over-ride his judgment on matters of domestic and foreign policy; that the Spirit will protect him from evil; that he will see the need and the blessing of being the spiritual leader of his home as a Christian man
3. **Children’s Ministries:** that today’s Harvest Party will be a clear testimony of faith in Jesus Christ; that the teaching staff will enjoy the wisdom and strength of the Lord in their serving; that new children and families will be drawn into the classes and church life
4. **Military Personnel of the Week: Pri. Cody Henneker** (grandson of Dick and Jane Miller):
5. **College Student of the Week: Tiffany Wubbolding at Canyonview Christian Equestrian College** (daughter of Danielle Wubbolding):

One Question
I John 5:13
October 31, 2010

Today is Youth Sunday and they are always awesome. This is the 4th one for the year. There are four every year.

I titled today's message "One Question". I will get to that in a bit.

Our text is from I John 5:13. Please turn with me to I John 5:13 and get ready for a Sword Drill of Scripture. We will be looking at several passages as we look into I John 5:13.

I John 5:13, "***These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.***"

There are three words in this passage that stick out to me: WRITTEN, BELIEVE, and KNOW. Let's look a little closer at each of these three simple words.

WRITTEN: John writes "These things I have written..."

When we hear or read a passage like that, "These things I have written..." Yours and mine first question is "What things?"

Is it everything that John wrote? NO!

John wrote 5 books of the Bible: Gospel of John, I John, 2 John, 3 John, and Revelation. The best we know is that he wrote the Gospel of John around 60-90 AD, 1, 2, 3 John he wrote around 90 AD and Revelation was written about 95 AD. So we can rule out Revelation when he wrote, "These things I have WRITTEN."

Look back with me to I John:

Ch 1:

v4 "I write that your joy be full"

V9 "we confess and He forgives"

Ch2:

V15-16 cautions us of the world

Ch 3:

V1-2, Believers are Children of God

V24, When we abide in Him, He abides in us.

Let's go back to his earlier writings in the Gospel of John

Ch 1:

V1 "In the beginning..."

V14, "The Word became flesh..."

I John 5:13, "These things I have written to you..." Because He (Jesus) loves you and me.

This brings me to our next word I want to highlight: "BELIEVE"

I John 5:13 "These things I have written to you who BELIEVE in the name of the Son of God..."

Every time I hear the word believe many passages of Scripture come to my mind as I am sure to yours too.

John 3:16, "Whoever believes in Him..."

John 3:36 "who believes in the Son has everlasting life"

I John 5:10, "who believes has the witness in himself"

Did you hear that?

Whoever believes bears witness to Christ.

We are to bear witness to Christ. We do have one example that comes to mind John the Baptist (as we called him).

John 1:6-8 tells us John the Baptist. Remember this is not the same John that wrote these five books.

V7 "Came to bear witness of the Light (Jesus)"

V8 "He was not the Light, but to witness to the Light."

I John 5:1-3, "Whoever believes loves Him and of we love then keeping His commandments are not burdensome."

Every Monday morning I conduct a Bible Study at Larkspur Lodge. Larkspur is a center serving Dementia residence. I ask them can we believe that the Bible is true. Do we believe that the Bible IS the word of God? Or is it figurative and not literal? At Larkspur we are studying the parables of Jesus. Jesus spoke a lot in parables. These parables used a figurative language. "Heaven is like..." "The Kingdom of God is like..."

But the Bible does not record other events like that. The Bible does not say, "Jesus died LIKE a death on the cross." NO! The Bible says in Phil 2:8 "Death on the cross." And the gospels (Matt, Mark, Luke, & John) record His crucifixion.

Our text today in I John says "You who BELIEVE in the name of the Son of God..."

BELIEVE = to have confidence in the truth.

Do you have confidence in this truth, the Bible?

Because if you do then that brings us to our last word.

I John 5:13 "...That you may KNOW that you have eternal life."

KNOW = to "understand with certainty"

John 3:16

John 17:3 "And this is eternal life that they may KNOW You, the only true God"

Rom 6:23 "...the gift of God IS eternal life through Christ Jesus."

"KNOW THAT YOU KNOW"

Now let me ask you that "One question"

"Are you going to heaven?"

It is a simple question that gets many replies:

I hope so

I think so

I am good enough

We'll see

I am a good person

YES! With certainty

The list is as long as the number of people.

"Are you going to Heaven?" is a question that needs to be worked up to. We teach in Awana that a gospel presentation is keyed off of what the other person is saying. That means you have to listen to them and hear their heartbeat.

We prayerfully need to seek opportunities to turn the conversation to heaven. Then you can ask the One Question.

Back to our text, "I John 5:13, "These things I have WRITTEN to you who BELIEVE in the name of the Son of God that you may KNOW that you have eternal life."

Folks, it does not get any clearer than that!

"Are you going to Heaven?"