



1 John 1:1-4
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That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ²The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.

1. Is this all that I am?
2. What's my story?
3. What do I believe?

The good guy wins
Evil, though successful at time, is vanquished
Truth prevails.
Love Wins.



Sermon Notes

LEADING CAUSES OF LIFE

**Hope does not escape circumstance,
it transcends it.**

Hope is the BEGINNING of all great stories

HOPE – What do you believe is possible in life?

LOVE – What is worth doing in life?

FAITH – What do you already know about life?

Hope is the CONFIDENCE to turn the page!

You can't live in the light all the time. At some point you have to take whatever light you can into the darkness with you.

Hope is a Bridge we build to tomorrow

“I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

Sacred Story

Sanctification

Holiness is the crown of true happiness. Sanctification is what turns our hearts to long for that holiness, to seek and pursue it, and to be purified from everything that “contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.” 2 Cor 7:1

True righteousness is not merely God looking at us with a difference set of glasses. *Alien* righteousness must become *native* righteousness, *imputed* righteousness must become *actualized* righteousness, *declared* righteousness must become *embodied* righteousness – born in us not by our own strength, but through the power of the living God. We are marked, oriented and reoriented by love.

Sin is still encamped around us one every side, but it is no longer our ally. We burn the secret agreement we have – to know and wink at sin the night while we confess Christ in day. We leave behind the agonizingly torn hearts, where we live under the condemnation because sin is always creeping back into our lives. To be sanctified is to receive a second blessing – a great gift from God – a gift which changes your heart, reorients your relationship with the triune God and with others giving you the capacity to love God and your neighbor in a new and profound way. It transforms your perspective – because your heart is reoriented. Sanctified people still sin. However, the difference is that in the of a sanctified person, sin is a permanent enemy and longer a secret

lover!