



Going Deeper into "True Teaching" – 1 John 2:24-3:3

1 John 2 is a refutation against false teachers, whom John labeled antichrists. They deny Jesus and teach a new way to live as followers of God.

Pastor David claimed that false teachers today use Jesus to get worldly things. List some teachings that you have heard that subtly, or overtly, use Jesus to obtain another desire:

What is the danger in these teachings, even ones that sound righteous or are not focused on getting rich, but on living a good life?

Review Hebrews 11:1-40, carefully reading 11:13-16 and 35-40. What characterizes this "great cloud of witnesses" and sets them apart from the antichrist teachers of today?

What is the focus of your faith? Do you seek a Hebrews 11 kingdom or to get the things of this world from Jesus? What evidence from your life supports your claim?

We concluded the message by focusing on how we can purify ourselves, as 1 John 3:3 states, and thereby practice righteousness in our lives.

What messages have you heard regarding being "pure"? Have these messages given you hope and freedom, or have they brought shame and rules in how you are to live?

Reviewing 1 John 1:9 and 2:28-3:3, what is John's answer for how we are to become pure? Does this answer give you hope and freedom, or shame and rules?

What do you need to do today to abide in Jesus and be made pure? What will you do regarding the call to abide in Jesus and to not love the world?

Please pray: Heavenly Father, thank You for calling me Your child and showing Your love for me by sending Jesus to die and rise again. Thank You for the cleansing power of His sacrifice. Please forgive me for my sins and teach me to walk with Jesus every day of my life, from this moment to my last. Amen.