

1John 2:1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

2:2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

2:3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

2:4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

2:5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

2:6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

From today's sermon.

Today's biblical passage is divided into a first half and a second half. The first half of the passage is conclusive, the goal being "that we may become blameless," but as a starting point, it is stated that we are "sinners.

On this premise, "In the Father we have a helper, Jesus Christ the righteous," and "He is the offering of atonement for our sins, that we may be made free from sin. He is the atoning offering for our sins, not only for ours, but for the sins of the whole world.

With that atonement and forgiveness, we come to the second half of the verse.

Verses 3 and 4 repeat the same thing. In other words, if you keep the Lord's commandments, you will know the Lord.

And in verse 5, keeping the Lord's Word means that "the love of God is truly fulfilled. If we know the Lord and do His ordinances, then "the love of God is truly fulfilled," and at the same time, we know that we are with the Lord.

Today's scripture tells us that "knowing" and "being," being forgiven and being transformed to keep His commandments, and thus fulfilling His love, and that those who are in God will walk as the Lord Jesus walked, and this is the way to become sinless.

Good morning everyone. Last week was very cold.

However, this week will be warmer with highs in the double digits.

However, the number of cases of corona and influenza seems to be increasing, so please be careful everyone.

We have been reading through 1 John and today we are in chapter 2.

In chapter 1, we learned that we have been brought into the fellowship of the Father and the

Son through the redemption by the Son Jesus who was with the Father, and that to be brought into that fellowship of light, we must also walk in the light, but we have sin in us and a fundamental defect that prevents us from walking in the light, But there is sin in us, a fundamental flaw that prevents us from walking in the light, and God cleanses us from all unrighteousness by acknowledging it, expressing our sin, and receiving the blood of His Son, who cleanses us from all sin.

And now chapter 2.

1 My children, write these things down. I write these things so that you may not sin. If anyone sins, the Father has a helper for us, Jesus Christ the righteous.

He said, "My children, I write these things to you, that you may be able to do them. I write these things so that you may not sin." This is the concluding part of today's passage. The sinful have been touched by the grace that "the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin," and that "if we confess our sins, God, who is true and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. And starting from there, we can move forward in God's forgiveness and grace to no longer sin.

1 My children. I write these things so that you may not sin. If anyone sins, the Father has a helper for us, Jesus Christ the righteous.

My children," are the opening words of John's writing. This book is called the "Letter of Love" by John, who was once so fierce that he received the name "Son of Thunder" from Jesus.

John 9:49 Then John answered and said, "Teacher, we saw a certain man casting out demons in your name, but we stopped him, because he was not of us."

9:50 Jesus said to him, "Do not let him stop. He who does not oppose you is on your side."

9:51 Now the day was near when Jesus was to be taken up into heaven, and he determined to go to Jerusalem, and turned his face toward it,

9:52 He sent messengers ahead of Himself. And they went into a Samaritan village to prepare the way for Jesus,

9:53 The villagers did not welcome Him, because He was going on toward Jerusalem.

9:54 When the disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, what do you think? Shall we call down fire from heaven to consume them?"

9:55 Jesus turned around and rebuked them.

Mark 3:17 And James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James, he gave them the name of Boanerges, or sons of thunder.

Also in Matthew 20, we read of an incident in which the mother of Joseph and his brother James asked Jesus to put her children in good positions, and the other disciples became furious. Matthew 20:20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her children and knelt down and asked him for something.

20:21 Then Jesus said to her, "What do you want me to do?" She said, "Give me a word that these two sons of mine may sit in your kingdom, one on your right and one on your left.

20:24 When the ten men heard this, they were indignant over these two brothers.

Peter also said, "Pull back, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You think not of God, but of men," Jesus once said to him. We can make terrible mistakes while thinking we are righteous.

But for those who commit such sins, the Father has a Helper, Advocate, Mediator, and Mediator for us.

This shows us that God is the one who seeks to forgive sinners rather than the one who seeks to judge sinners. God works through Jesus Christ the Righteous to help, defend, intercede, mediate, and forgive our sins even when we sin.

2 He is an offering of atonement for our sins. But not only for our sins, but for the sins of the whole world.

And the atonement for his sins is not only for our sins as believers, but for the sins of the whole world, so that God's forgiving love is equally open to all the people of the world.

3 For if we keep his commandments, we thereby realize that we know him.

4 He who says, "I know him," but does not keep his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

The subject of the talk is then transferred to us, the forgiven ones.

Having received that great forgiveness, we who have become believers are to keep the commandments that God has spoken through the Lord Jesus.

Jesus spoke this in John 8.

8:31 Jesus said to those Jews who believed in him, "If you remain in my word, you are truly my disciples.

8:32 And ye shall know the truth. And the truth shall make you free.

He who loved us so much that He took our place on the cross as atonement for our sins, and not as a simple matter of saving the life of a dying body, but of saving eternal life. Can we really say, "I am saved, so I will say good-bye and live freely in my own way"?

Encountering the One who loved us so much is an encounter that surpasses anything else we have ever known, and His words filled with love, compassion, and sincerity are words of treasure for us, words of life to protect. To abide in those words is to know the truth, and Jesus said that they will truly set us free. I believe this to be true.

3 For if we keep his commandments, we realize that we know him by them.

4 He who says, "I know him," but does not keep his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

In short, the question is whether we are deeply and profoundly united with that One, and whether we are living our lives with true gratitude to Him. Those who say, "I am forgiven," "Yes, thank you," or "Good-bye," are the ones who do not really understand the greatness of salvation. They may think they know Jesus, but they really don't know Him at all, and they don't even try to know Him. But if that is the case, it is very doubtful that they understand what this salvation is all about.

Luke 17:11 When Jesus was going to Jerusalem, He passed through Samaria and Galilee.

17:12 And when he came to a certain village, he met ten men with serious skin diseases, but they stopped at a distance,

17:13 And they lifted up their voice and said, "Jesus, have mercy on us.

17:14 Jesus looked at them and said, "Go to the priests and show them your bodies. And they were cleansed on the way.

17:15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, praising God with a loud voice,

17:16 And he fell down at the feet of Jesus and gave thanks. This was the Samaritan.

17:17 Jesus said to him, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?"

17:18 Is there no one who has returned to praise God but this stranger?"

17:19 Then He said to him, "Stand up and go. Your faith has saved you."

John 14:12 I say to you well and truly. He who believes in me will do the works that I am doing. Not only that, but he will do even greater deeds. For I am going to the Father.

14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, I will give it you. 14:13 For the Father will be glorified through the Son.

14:14 For whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, I will give it you.

14:15 If ye love me, ye shall keep my commandments.

14:16 I will ask the Father, and he will send me another helper. 14:16 I will ask the Father, and he will send another Helper to be with you for ever.

14:17 For he is the Spirit of truth.

2:5 But if anyone keeps his word, in him is truly fulfilled the love of God. By it we know that we are in Him.

2:6 Whoever says, "I am in Him," ought himself to walk as He walked.

If a person obeys God's Word, God's love is truly fulfilled in him. If we obey the powerful Word of God, we too can see the Lord's calming of the wind and waves on Lake Galilee and the miracle of the great catch of fish in Luke 5 and John 21. We can then show them to those around us. In this way, "God's love is truly fulfilled in a person.

This is how we know that God and the Lord are with us. We are more and more drawn to Jesus, and He walks with us, and we too, as we encounter Him, become like Him and grow to His stature.

2 Corinthians 3:18 For we are all being transformed into His likeness from glory to glory, without covering our faces, as though we were looking in a mirror at His glory. This is the work of the Lord, the Spirit.

We thank Him for His redemption, for showing us His image, for His powerful Word, for showing His mighty works to those who desire to follow it and do it, for making us know Him, for truly fulfilling His love in us, and for His grace in letting us know that we are in Him.

He who says, "Abide in Him," ought himself to walk as He walked.

Our goal in life is Jesus Christ. We learn from Him, we are on a mission with Him, and we

walk as He walked. It is with this desire that we hope to move forward each day.

Ephesians 4:11 And he set up some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers.

4:12 And he set up the saints to do works of service, and to build up the body of Christ, that he might bring forth all the saints unto the Father,

4:13 That we all may come to the unity of the faith in the Son of God, and of the knowledge of him; that we may be complete, and come to the fullness of the virtue of Christ.

Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. I will give you rest.

11:29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart. 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, that your souls may rest.

11:30 For my yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for today's worship. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the Lord's atonement and for God's subsequent teaching and guidance of help. I am reminded of the words that Jesus spoke. If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. Please lead us to freedom this week. Please guide us so that God's will, not my will, will be done. Please lead all sufferers into God's salvation and peace. Bless our families and the people in our community. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.