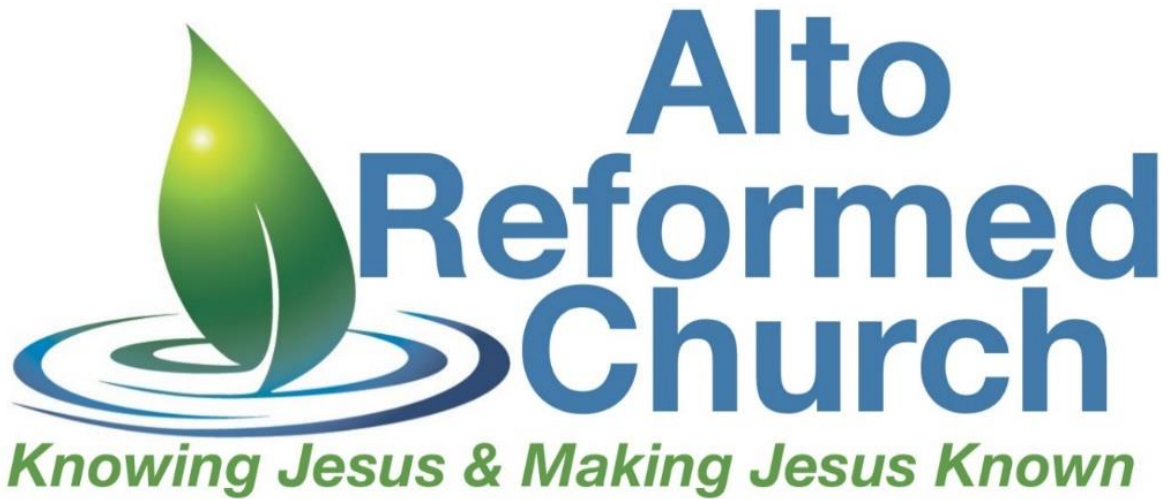


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## **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements

Men's Chorus – "Come, Thou Fount"

Praise Singing

    "Battle Belongs"

    "Living Hope"

Congregational Prayer

## **We Hear God's Word**

Children's Message – Abby Pluim

Message – Life Essentials #3 From 1<sup>st</sup> John: "The proof is in the pudding"

Scripture – 1 John 2:7-11; 3:10-18; 4:7-12, 19-21

## **We Respond to God**

Prayer

    "Proof of Your Love"

Blessing

# Life Essential #3 from 1<sup>st</sup> John (Part 3 of 3)

1<sup>st</sup> John 2:7-11; 3:10-18; 4:7-12, 19-21

*"The proof is in the pudding"*

## **SERIES OVERVIEW: THREE LIFE ESSENTIALS FOR ASSURANCE OF SALVATION**

Because God has revealed his great love for us in Jesus Christ,

- #1 Believe truth
- #2 Obey commands
- #3 Love others

## **TODAY'S KEY TAKE-AWAY:**

I can & must love believers, because Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ his life for me and \_\_\_\_\_ me to do the same.

*This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. (1 John 3:16)*

## **FIVE POINTS OF POSSIBLE CONFUSION:**

**1. Is this a new or old command? \_\_\_\_\_ (2:7-8)**

**2. Does 1 John 2:10 & 4:7 support a salvation by works, i.e. by loving others? \_\_\_\_\_**

**3. Will I go to hell if I don't love my brother? \_\_\_\_\_**

These so called "brothers" are in darkness (2:9), lost & blind (2:11), not children of God (3:10), remain in death (3:14), are murderers & will not receive eternal life (3:15), and are liars and do not know God (4:8, 20).

What if you truly believe Jesus is your Savior and Lord, are obeying God as best you can, yet you hate someone who deeply hurt you?

**4. Who am I to love?**

- Neighbors: *"...love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord." (Lev. 19:18; see Mat. 19:19, 22:39; Rom 13:9-10; Gal. 5:14; James 2:8)*

- \_\_\_\_\_: "And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt." (Deut. 10:19; see Lev. 19:34)
- Enemies: "But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." (Matt. 5:44; See Luke 6:27,35)
- \_\_\_\_\_: 1 John 2:10; 3:10-11,16, 23; 4:7,11,12,21

## 5. Does this command mean I should ignore or accept the sin in others?

The whole letter from John is a \_\_\_\_\_.

- Love = a harsh rebuke from Jesus calling them "hypocrites, whitewashed tombs, blind guides, snakes, brood of vipers" (Matt. 23)
- Love = a rebuke of Peter "Get behind me Satan! You are a stumbling block to me..." (Matt. 16:23)
- Love = judging the insider (true believer), God will judge outsiders. (1 Cor. 5:12-13)
- Love = a father's discipline of a son (Heb. 12:4-13)

**APPLICATION:** \_\_\_\_\_ your life for believers.

### **PRACTICAL NEXT STEPS: Every day do all three...**

1. Memorize 1 John 3:16.
2. Morning: Pray for direction, asking God who and how you should love a believer today? Do it!
3. Evening: How did you lay down your life for your fellow believers today?

### *Upcoming Events*

<b>Aug 1</b>	8:30am – Sunday School Guide Class 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Men's Chorus
<b>Aug 2</b>	4:00pm – Executive Committee Meeting 6:00pm – Middle School Bible Study 6:30pm – Equipping Adults Team Meeting 7:00pm – High School/Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Aug 3</b>	8:00am – Prayer Meeting
<b>Aug 4</b>	9:00am – Mission Circle & Golden Lifers Outing 7:00pm – Outreach Team Meeting
<b>Aug 8</b>	8:30am – Sunday School Guide Class 9:30am – Pastor Doug, Communion

## **Who May Participate In Communion?**

“We welcome all those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life. Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgment on themselves.” (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 81; 1 Cor. 10:19-22; 11:26-32)

Paul challenges believers to participate in communion in a manner that is sincere and authentic. He writes to the church in Corinth...

*“Eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord in the right way. Don’t do it in a way that isn’t worthy of him. If you do, you will be guilty. You’ll be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone should take a careful look at themselves before they eat the bread and drink from the cup.” (1 Cor. 11:27-28 NIRV)*

So, we welcome any who are trusting in Jesus to forgive their sins to participate in the Lord’s Supper. If your child understands the above statement, they too are welcome to the table. As well we want to urge those who trust Jesus to join with us in ministry as active confessing members. Check out “Discovering Membership” online or at the information table.

## *Youth News*

**Monday Night Bible Study** – 6-7pm for middle school, 7-8pm for high school. Meet in the youth room. We’ve only got 2 sessions left for the summer! Hope you can make it!

## *Bulletin Board News*

**Offering** may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 8/1 Missionary Salary, 8/8 The Union, 8/15 Missionary Salary, 8/22 Regular Benevolence.

**Congrats** to Jessie Klumpers as she celebrates her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Congrats** to Willy & Carol Jansma as they celebrate their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic** – Join us Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am for outdoor worship followed by the church picnic and a vehicle show and tell at 11:30am. The church will provide the sandwiches, chips, drinks, and tableware.

*Please bring lawn chairs/blankets to sit on as well as:*

Last name A-G: 2 dozen bars/cookies

Last name H-R: fruit/jello salad to serve 10 people

Last name S-Z: veggie/lettuce/pasta salad to serve 10 people

Check your church mailbox for more details.

**Accepting School Supply Donations** – Take advantage of the back-to-school deals and help us stock up on Operation Christmas Child supplies. We are looking for some more pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, binder clips, crayons/colored pencils/markers, notebooks, and erasers. Any items to donate can be placed in the tote by the Children & Families Area. Thanks!!

**CCCD Van Fund** – We are collecting donations for a new van for the Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf. The goal is to collect a total of \$20,000. Donations should be labeled CCCD van fund (on the envelope or check memo) and may be placed in the offering boxes in the lobby.

**Updated Contact Info** – Larry Daane 319-0759 and Betty Daane 319-9469.

### *Opportunities to Get Involved*

**Teacher Needs** – We have openings for teaching/helping in multiple grades for both Bible Class and Sunday School this upcoming school year. If you're interested or want more information, please contact Adrea.

**Sunday School Snack Servers** – We are looking for volunteers to serve the cookies and juice to the kids before Sunday School (right after the church service) September – May. If you would like to be added to this schedule, please contact Adrea.

**Mission Circle & Golden Lifer Outing** – Join the Mission Circle & Golden Lifers on Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 9am for an outing to the Fairwater Historical Society and the Little White Schoolhouse in Ripon followed by lunch at the Ripon Family Restaurant. If you plan on attending, please sign-up at the Information Center.

**Alto Fair Booth** – We are looking for volunteers to sit at the ARC's booth at the Alto Fair (Aug 11-12). This is a great way to catch a break in the shade and chat with a bunch of people as they walk through the booths. If you're able to help with this, please sign-up at the Information Center.

**Summer JAM** – All 3 year olds – incoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for Summer JAM (Jesus and Me) during the service every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of June, July & August. Kids will be invited to the basement before the sermon starts for games, activities or crafts focused around a Bible lesson just for kids (split into PreK & elementary groups).

## P - praise R - repent A - ask Y – yield

**Praise:** Today, we rejoice in Your grace shown to us on the cross. We praise Your name for dying for our sins so that we might walk in the light and have assurance of spending eternity with You in heaven. We give You thanks and praise for Your love and forgiveness.

**Repent:** Forgive us now for believing the lies of this world, for letting heresy creep into our minds and affect how we live. Reveal to us the lies which we have bought into and replace it with Your truth. I confess specifically that I...

**Ask:** We ask for healing, strength and peace for those listed below as they face challenges each day. Renew their hearts, minds, and bodies to continue to live faithfully in this world. •Give wisdom to our Classis as they have received our petition to transfer out of the RCA to ARC. Guide the Classis team which will meet with our consistory and church, and then make a recommendation to the Classis. Guide the RCA representatives as they prepare for the General Synod in October and the Classis representatives as they meet in November.

•Help us remain faithful to You.

**Yield:** We devote ourselves fully and

completely to You as our Lord and Master. We will seek You above all and obey Your Word each day. We will abide in You!

**THIS WEEK...** Pray for the family of Randy Bruins as he passed away Wednesday evening. Pray for healing for Renee Bruins as she recovers from surgery. Pray for Benjamin Bille as he recovers from a tonsillectomy. Pray for continued healing for Annice Hopp as she recovers from a fall.

**Healing:** Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Betty Benson, Ashley Bruins, Renee Bruins, Josie Buiter, Dusty Deming, Paul Elenius, Alvin Harmsen, Sharon Harmsen, Annice Hopp, Dave Rumley, Tim Tenpas, Azyrah Ter Beest, Carl Vanderkooi, Jake Vande Zande, Ron Vande Zande, and Silas Willey.

### **Military Personnel:**

Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in New Mexico; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in the San Diego, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; Mitch Miller, (former youth group student) Marine deployed to the Middle East

**Shut-ins:** Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: **Anchor Communities (Brandon):** Dale Kastein **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen **Christian Home:** Sharon Harmsen, Gladys Kastein, Helen Straks, Junice Vande Zande, Kay Vande Zande **Christian Homestead:** Warren Vande Zande **Evergreen:** Glen Loomans **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Dayton Ter Beest **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning **Marvin's Manor:** Eleanor Loomans **Prairie Ridge:** Annice Hopp

**Missionaries:** Bob Abel – Remember Nhu, Steve & Amanda Bialy – Converge, Chris Briggs – CCCD, Mandy Kimes – His House Christian Fellowship, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ