I Know Whom I Have Believed

Tony Mauck · 1 John 3:21–24

INTRODUCTION

- For I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted him until that day.
- We have been blood redeemed. We have divine connection. We have an exalted purpose as his people, and then there's the glorious destination that awaits us.
- That's what I want this sermon to result in today. Your heart being assured before the throne of God that I am indeed of Christ.

1 Truth Matters, and Truth Can Be Known

1 John 3:22; Ephesians 5:8–10; John 8:31–32

- Truth matters, and truth can be known.
- John is saying, you have the answers. We keep his commandments and do the things that are pleasing in his sight.
- The more you mold yourself into the image of Christ, the more confidence you are going to have that this is indeed right, that I am pleasing God, and that glory awaits me.
- Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth. Trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.
- You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. That's what Jesus said. If you abide in my word, then you are my disciples.

2 Jesus Is Fact, Not Fiction

1 John 3:23; Romans 12:2

- Jesus is fact, not fiction. And we need to trust in him.
- It's all that he is. It's every name that he wears. It's the I am statements that he made.
- There is no one who rivals Jesus in importance, in position, in status, in power. He alone sits at the right hand of the Majesty on high.
- The evidence is first historical, and the eyewitnesses are credible and abundant.
- No matter how hard it is, I keep coming back to this. I believe in the name of the Son of God. He lives.
- As we ingest it and digest it and live it, we see that it is good, acceptable, and perfect for our lives.

3 Blessed People Who Have Enlisted in His Service

Acts 2:38; 1 John 3:24; Colossians 3:1–4

- We are the blessed people who have enlisted in his service.

- Two amazing things happen when we come to the Lord on His terms. We receive salvation, and we come into relationship with God.
- We believe in the name of his son, Jesus Christ. Be baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins.
- The other marvelous thing that happens is glory.
- Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.
- Then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

THE CHALLENGE

But are you really living of Christ? Let everyone who names the name of Christ abstain from wickedness and receive his help in that pursuit. Is there someone who needs to appeal to him and to his people for help in that great pursuit?

MY NOTES