

January 8, 2017
Sermon Notes
1 John 1:1-4

How do you know God exists? John answers by pointing to Jesus.

John 1:14 ESV

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Philippians 2:8 ESV

8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Jesus (God in the flesh) means:

1. We can know for certain God exists
2. We have a counselor who understands everything we experience in this life

Isaiah 9:6 ESV

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Hebrews 2:18 ESV

18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Jesus came to "dwell" us so that we can now have an unhindered relationship with God.

Genesis 3:8 ESV

8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

Exodus 33:20 ESV

20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live."

Hebrews 1:3 ESV

3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

John saw God's glory in Jesus, and lived and says we can all have fellowship with God in this way.

Meaning:

1. The end of religion
2. The end of fear

2 Corinthians 3:13 ESV

13 not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end.

2 Corinthians 3:16-18 ESV

16 But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Genesis 3:10 ESV

10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

Hebrews 4:16 ESV

16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Joy is the byproduct of fellowship with God.