

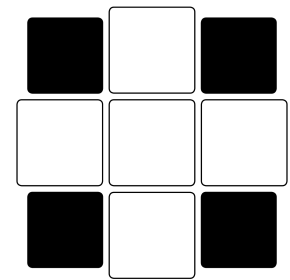
Loving the Church

Scripture: **1 John 2:12–14**

Series: **Doctrine and Devotion: A Study in the First Epistle of John**

Sunday, March 22, 2015

Corroborating Texts:



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Overview

Discouragement comes in many forms and for many reasons in our Christian walk. This is because of our sinfulness. The apostle John takes time out of his pastoral discourse to encourage believers and remind them of all we have and who we are in Jesus.

Discussion Questions

1. What has a tendency to discourage you in your relationship with Christ?
2. How are you applying God's forgiveness of your sins to your discouragement? (See also Psalm 119:41–48 and 1 John 5:1–5)
3. What is the link between forgiveness and obedience? [we obey because we belong to God through Jesus]
4. How does the fact that—as believers—we are forgiven tie into your fellowship with God?
5. What sins seem to be winning your life? What are you doing to overcome them?
6. Define sanctification.
7. What three parts of sanctification were mentioned in the sermon? [**positional**: our standing before God based on Christ's work / **progressive**: being made more and more like Christ (see also Psalm 119:1–2, 1 Peter 5:8, and James 5:16) / **possessive**: we will be free of sin (see also Philippians 1:6 and John 14:1–3)] Why are these categories important? How do we see them in the sermon's passage? How do we see them in our daily lives?