

Sermon Title: Light in the Dark: Stay in the Light

Scripture: 1 John 2:15-27 Date: October 5th, 2025

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- 1. Have you heard the phrase, "Some people are so heavenly minded they are of no earthly good"? What is your response to this phrase?
- 2. Justin shared that C.S. Lewis contrasted, "Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in; aim at earth and you will get neither." How does this quote help us understand the tension between earth and eternity?
- 3. As John continues in 1 John 2:15-17, he shares about "the world." How have you understood "the world" from a biblical perspective? How does John's definition of the world help us understand the implication of these verses?
- 4. John defines "all that is in the world" (1 John 2:16) as the desires of the flesh, the desires of the eyes, and the pride of life. As Christians live in the tension of being separate from the world (in the light instead of darkness) and part of the world in which we live, we are not immune from these desires. Is there one of these that you have struggled with most?
- 5. The desires of the flesh (need), desires of the eyes (want), and pride of life (have) are the same temptations Jesus was presented with and yet resisted (Luke 4:1-13). Do you find that you need to resist need, want, or have most? How are you able to do so in the power of Christ as well?
- 6. Do you have much experience or understanding of the term "antichrist"? If so, how have you understood the term?
- 7. What are your thoughts about the end of the world, the rapture, etc.? Does what John shares in 1 John 2:18-23 provide understanding?
- 8. One of the ways that John encourages the church to be eternally minded and earthly good is to "abide" (1 John 2:24-27). How do you "stay" with Jesus in the regular practices of your life? How is Jesus calling you to "abide" to a greater degree?