

Sermon Reflection:

Proclamation of God's Word

Text: 1 John 1:1-4 (ESV)

Title: This is How We Know: God is Revealed

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Introduction: Greeks from Plato believed the Ideal or ideas were separated from the tangible and problems which has lead to “knowledge is King”. We now have a growing population of Agnostics who believe God can't be known by them or by you.

What can we know?

God must enter our world for us to know Him.

Example: Mom in a crib with distraught baby.

Manifest – to make known,

Example: Julie must speak for Tim to know her.

In the beginning – Greek meaning Arch – Meaning Foundation

John is letting the readers understand he “knows” Jesus, as the Arch Type

1. He touched Him
2. Jesus is the Word, the Logos or The Original Cause
3. God has come for us in Jesus.

Questions:

Do you know Jesus?

When or in what circumstances did God crawl into the crib with you to console you?

Why don't we believe?

We have been told but we refuse to believe.

Example: Race claims denied. Explained in Monopoly game.

Jn 1 the darkness cannot comprehend the light. Can't understand. No reception.

Repentance – Going on record against ourselves

Ex: John testifies against himself by telling how he denied and walked away from Jesus.

Ex: Hit Piece, declaring the wrongs of others vs Autobiography, declaring our wrongness and need

Questions:

What areas of your life are you refusing to believe God?

Fellowship, Joy, Life

Fellowship means Koinania - Partnership, Marriage, Something in common,

Jesus, is the “something in common” God, the Father and all Christians have and then... Everything Else

Being, we

Being loved, we love

Being forgiven, we forgive

Being wrong, we confess

Being transformed, we proclaim

Being made whole, we hope

Being invited, we invite

Being blessed, we bless

Being wronged, we love

Being accused, we understand

Being hated, we pray and serve

Being redeemed, we redeem

How has God treated you? How do see that echoing in how you treat others?