

# Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday January 4<sup>th</sup> 2014

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... 1 John 2:18-27

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

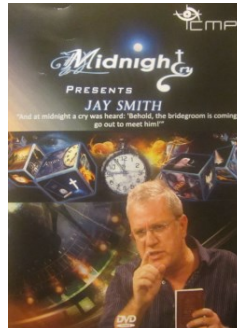
## TRUTH AND ERROR

Lord's Table

Final Song

Benediction

## New in the Rosedale Library:



**Midnight Cry** – A DVD featuring Jay Smith. A unique television program established to educate Muslims about true Christianity, and to encourage Christians to engage with their Muslim neighbours.

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## Families of the Week

Please remember to encourage and pray for the following families this week.

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	Bertin, Jeanne
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	Cerone, Richard & Carole Jeremy, Tiffany, Jonathan
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	Cimato, Stephanie Malyssa, Lauren, David
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	Denis, Gaston & Kim
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	Denis, Esther
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	Denis, David

# ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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## Memory Verses for Junior Church:

### Younger Elementary:

“If you love me, you will obey what I command.” John 14:15

### Middle Elementary:

“And God spoke all these words, saying: ‘I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.’” Exodus 20:1-2

## This Week at Rosedale

- Monday: Youth Group – 6:30 pm  
Tuesday: Men’s Bible Study – 9:00 am  
Wednesday: Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm  
Saturday: Men’s Bible Study – 8:00 am  
Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00 am  
Corporate Worship – 10:30 am

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**New Series for Christian Foundations:** *The Pilgrim’s Progress*, written by John Bunyan over 300 years ago, is one of the most widely-circulated books ever to be published in the English language. In spite of its popularity in the past, many people today are not familiar with this masterpiece. Join respected pastor and theologian Dr. Derek Thomas as he takes readers along this allegorical journey, showing that Christians have as much to gain from this book today as they did hundreds of years ago. Sunday Mornings, 9:00am

**Missions Night:** Tonight at 6:30pm we will be hearing missions reports from Pastor Ron Latulippe (WEC -Chad), Costa & Isabel Sarides/ Danielle Warankie (Dalit Freedom - India), and Aileen John (NCEM - Canada).

**Ordination Service for Pastor John:** Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm. Pastor Bob Parks (retired from Benton Street Baptist Church) will be our guest speaker.

## Truth and Error - 1 John 2:18-27

- The backdrop to 1 John was a group of outspoken false teachers (Gnostics) who had once professed faith in Christ and had commanded respect, but had subsequently left the church. John is writing here to reassure those remaining members of the church whose faith in Christ had been shaken.

### **I. Distinctions – Error vs. Truth (vv. 18-21)**

- 1) The Spirit of Error
  - a. The future coming of ‘Antichrist’
    - i. A ‘lawless one’ who will persecute the Church (cf. 2 Thes 2:1-12; Rev 13)
    - ii. The Bible’s picture of Antichrist is rooted in historical persecutions
  - b. The perennial spirit of ‘antichrist’
    - i. John’s main concern is to alert the Church that many ‘antichrists’ are already in the world!
    - ii. The ‘last hour’ (v. 18) is a reference to the entire time between Jesus’ first and second coming
    - iii. The ‘antichrists’ that John faced were false teachers in Ephesus (vv. 19, 26)
- 2) The Spirit of Truth
  - a. The Spirit of Truth indwells us! (v. 20)
    - i. ‘Anointing’ from the Holy Spirit is the main mark of the New Covenant
    - ii. Every born again believer has the anointing (or ‘baptism’) of the Spirit
      1. The false teachers in Ephesus were claiming to have a special ‘anointing’ from God

2. God’s Spirit enables all believers to discern what is true

### **Application:**

- Don’t be so concerned about the future ‘Antichrist’ that you fail to recognize the spirit of antichrist and the tribulation which has already arrived!
- Don’t be deceived by those who say that truth is just personal opinion – Truth is a Person!
- Don’t be surprised by ‘apostasy’ – the visible church on earth is a mixture of ‘tares’ and ‘wheat’
- Perseverance is a defining mark of saving faith

### **II. Definitions (vv. 22-23)**

- 1) The Spirit of Antichrist
  - a. Denies that ‘Jesus is the Christ’
  - b. Claims that you can have a relationship with God apart from Jesus Christ
- 2) The Spirit of Truth
  - a. Enables us to confess the Son (Jn 16:14)
    - i. His full deity
    - ii. His full humanity
    - iii. His eternal pre-existence
  - b. Enables us to possess the Father

**Application:** It is not enough to say you ‘believe in God’ or that you ‘believe in Jesus’! What ‘Jesus’ and what ‘God’ do you believe in??

### **III. Defenses (vv. 24-27)**

- 1) God’s inspired Word – “what you heard from the beginning” (v. 24)
- 2) God’s indwelling Holy Spirit (v. 27)

**Application:** If the Word of God dwells in your mind and the Spirit of God dwells in your heart you have an impermeable fortress against ‘antichrist’!