

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday January 25th 2015

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... 1 John 4

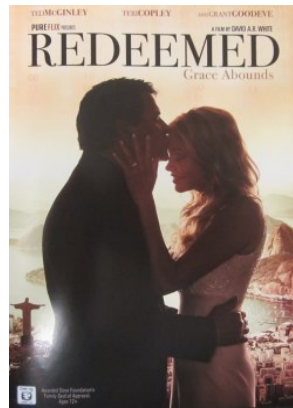
Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

MINISTRY OF THE SPIRIT

Final Song

Benediction

New in the Rosedale Library:



Redeemed: A DVD based on a true story.
“What a terrific move about marriage and the hope to make it work!” - Dove Foundation

Memory Verses for Junior Church:

Younger Elementary:

“He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.” Psalm 23:3

Middle Elementary:

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.” Exodus 20:7

Families of the Week

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

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| <u>Monday</u> | Johnston, Glen & Wil |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | Johnston, Tom |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | Jollymore, Morris |
| <u>Thursday</u> | Jones, Gerry & Mary |
| <u>Friday</u> | Jones, Ronald |
| <u>Saturday</u> | Kaczmarek, Huguette |

ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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This Week at Rosedale

- Monday: Youth Group – 6:30 pm
- Tuesday: Men’s Bible Study – 9:30 am
- Wednesday: Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm
- Friday: Young Adults – 6:30 pm
- Saturday: Ladies’ Bible Study – 8:00 am
Annual General Meeting – 9:30 am
- Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00 am
Lord’s Table – 10:30 am
Burning Questions – 6:30 pm

Annual General Meeting: The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for January 31st at 9:30am

Burning Questions Series: Beginning on Sunday February 1, 6:30pm we are adding a second Christian Foundations class that will be geared toward newer Christians, and those who are still seeking. This seven week video discussion group will address some of our ‘burning questions’ about God, the Christian faith and the Bible. Flyers are available from Costa Sarides.

Coldest Night of the Year: Rosedale will be hosting this event on February 21 as a fundraiser for Open Arms Mission. If you would like to participate in this year’s walk-a-thon or make a special donation to Open Arms, please speak with Melissa Kirkpatrick.

Open Arms Food Collection: For the month of February we will be collecting canned Salmon

Ministry of the Spirit

1 John 4

- Chapter 4 does not so much introduce new material as it does reinforce material that the Apostle John has already introduced in chapters 1-3
- John’s main emphasis here in chapter 4 is on the manifold ministry of the Holy Spirit

I. His Ministry of Discernment (vv. 1-6)

- 1) Command to ‘test the spirits’ (v. 1)
 - a. There is a spiritual reality behind every teaching and prophecy
 - b. No neutral ground – we must discern between what is true and false!
- 2) Distinction between the ‘spirits’
 - a. Holy Spirit tells the truth about Jesus
 - i. His full humanity (v. 2)
 - ii. His full deity (1 Corinthians 12:3)
 - b. spirit of ‘antichrist’ lies about Jesus (v. 3)
- 3) Truth is always defined by the authoritative Apostolic teaching - the Scripture (v. 6)

Application: Test everything you hear, read, see, and think against the inspired Word of God. Satan masquerades as an angel of light, and the most dangerous lies always have an appearance of truth

II. His Ministry of Love (vv. 7-12)

- 1) Receiving God’s Love
 - a. God is love by definition (vv. 8, 16)
 - b. The sending of the Son is the ultimate expression of God’s love
 - i. Jesus is the source of spiritual life

- ii. Jesus is the propitiation for our sins (recall chapter 2:2)
- 2) Demonstrating God’s Love
 - a. God loved us before we loved Him
 - b. The love of Christians for one another makes the invisible God visible to the world! (v. 12)

Application: Underlying John’s entire discussion of love in vv. 7-12 is the ministry of the Holy Spirit who enables us both to receive and to give the love of God

III. His Ministry of Perfection (vv. 13-21)

- 1) Holy Spirit ‘perfects’ God’s love in our lives
 - a. ‘Perfection’ = brought to completion
 - b. The Holy Spirit enables God’s love to have its full, intended effect in our lives
- 2) Perfected love → Assurance of Faith
 - a. ‘Perfected’ love drives out fear of God’s punishment (vv. 17-18)
 - b. God will never punish believers for their sins, because the Son has already been punished on our behalf – no double jeopardy!

Application: Lack of assurance in the life of a Christian doesn’t mean we’re not saved, but it does show that we haven’t fully grasped the depth of God’s love for us – Ephesians 3:14-19