

SERMON OUTLINE for April 8, 2018

Text: 1 John 1:1-2:2

Title: "A Relationship with God"

Introduction

Verse 3 of text talks about "fellowship" with the Father and Jesus. The word "fellowship" in Greek denotes a close personal bond, a close, personal relationship. That kind of relationship is possible only through faith in the sacrificial death and glorious resurrection of Jesus.

- I. We have a relationship with God when we confess our sins.
 - A. Otherwise we deceive ourselves.
 - B. Otherwise we reject God's forgiveness.
 - C. Otherwise we are calling God a liar.
- II. We have a relationship with God only through faith in the death of Jesus.
 - A. Jesus lived a righteous life.
 - B. Jesus died a righteous death.
- III. We have a relationship with God only through faith in the resurrection of Jesus.
 - A. The resurrection was witnessed by the apostles.
 - B. The resurrection was possible because Jesus was God.
 - C. The resurrection makes Jesus an Advocate.

Conclusion

Jesus is the propitiation for our sins which means Jesus satisfied God's demands for perfect obedience to the Law.