

[SG Textbook]

People Who Live the Truth

3 John 1:2-4

What kind of person would Jesus be pleased to see? A life that pleases Jesus will be a most rewarding life, a life that lives up to the purpose for which God created it. What does it mean to get your faith right? Living the life that God expects will be the most desirable way to live your faith. May we realize today what a believer who truly pleases God looks like, and may our life be one that makes Him happy.

As you reflect on the past week, share some of your most memorable life-sharing experiences.

1. First, what kind of person is truly pleasing to God (v. 3-4)? The original meaning of walking in the truth is to walk in the truth or to live in the truth. What does a life lived in truth look like? Share a moment when you personally remember living in truth and how it made you feel. It wasn't easy to live in the truth during the time of the early church when following Jesus meant suffering and persecution. Following Jesus will always be a struggle, but what makes it possible for us to do so?
2. Second, what are the blessings that God gives to those he loves (v. 2)? Which of the three blessings do I need most? God wants to give these blessings to his beloved all the time. What do I need to do to enjoy these blessings?
3. Third, loving Jesus means living the truth, the words of Jesus. In a world that is increasingly rejecting Jesus, living by His teachings and by Jesus Himself requires determination and sacrifice. Pray that we, as a group and as a church, will come to realize that this is the most rewarding and happy way to live.

"Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. (3 John 1:2, ESV)