

December 11, 2016

Series: Illuminate

Sermon Title: *Overcome with the Light*

Key Verse:

John 1:5 (NRSV)

⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

The Key:

Know Hope no darkness

Overcoming DARKNESS

1 John 1:5 (NRSV) ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is *LIGHT* and in him there is No *DARKNESS* at all.

John 1:5 (NRSV) ⁵The *LIGHT SHINES* in the darkness, and the *DARKNESS DID NOT OVERCOME IT*.

Micah 7:8 (NRSV) ⁸Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in *DARKNESS*, the *LORD* will be a *LIGHT* to me.

Overcoming LONELINESS

1 John 1:6-7 (NRSV) ⁶If we say that we have *FELLOWSHIP* with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have *FELLOWSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER*, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

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1 John 1:3-4 (NRSV) ³we declare to you what *WE* have seen and heard so that you also may have *FELLOWSHIP* with *US*; and truly our *FELLOWSHIP* is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴*WE* are writing these things so that *OUR* joy may be complete.

1 Peter 2:9 (NRSV) ⁹But you are a chosen *RACE*, a royal *PRIESTHOOD*, a holy *NATION*, *GOD'S OWN PEOPLE*, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you *OUT OF DARKNESS INTO* his marvelous *LIGHT*.

Overcoming SIN

1 John 1:8-10 (NRSV) ⁸If we say that we have no *SIN*, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we *CONFESS OUR SINS*, he who is faithful and just will *FORGIVE US OUR SINS* and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not *SINNED*, we make *HIM A LIAR*, and his word is *NOT IN US*.

Romans 13:11-14 (NRSV) ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to *WAKE FROM SLEEP*. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became *BELIEVERS*; ¹²the *NIGHT* is far *GONE*, the *DAY* is *NEAR*. Let us then *LAY ASIDE* the *WORKS OF DARKNESS* and *PUT ON* the *ARMOR OF LIGHT*; ¹³let us live honorably as in the *DAY*, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Challenge Questions:

Where is the hope in your life?

How are you connecting with others to experience hope's light and likeness?

Why have you run from the light?

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