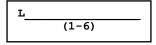
# PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

February 12, 2023

Welcome!	Prayer List		Serving Today
	Kim Waller got a good report after her shoulder surgery		<b>Song Leader:</b> Jeff Baker
When you go through	Sherry Russell's sister <b>Rhonda</b> <b>Savage</b> has returned to the hospital Tim's father <b>Pat Agee</b> is doing well after his back surgery		SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 am)
			Scripture Reading: John Buchanan
deen waters		n's cancer has	<b>Prayer:</b> Johnny Walker
I will be	Lowell Gregory is doing well after cornea surgery		WORSHIP (10:30 am)
with you.	Maria Hunter Harrington has discontinued chemotherapy and will have surgery		Scripture Reading: Ricky Mayo 1 John 4:1-21
Isaiah 43:2	Catherine Pennington is recovering from hernia surgery		<b>Wait On Table</b> : David Billingsley
"Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!"	Elizabeth's grandmother <b>Carol</b> <b>Saling</b> has cancer		<b>Serve:</b> Jearmie Gupton Doug Demonbreun
	Forshia Pennington has cancer.		
Our service this evening will be in song. Charlie Baker will have the reading, and David Billingsley will offer the invitation.	Continue to pray for: Camille Brosky, Diane Singleton, Chelsea Roaden, those in Ukraine; Judy Cook, the Brown family, Kristine Garrett, the Krantz family, John Hayes, Nick Phifer, and Isabel Johnson		<b>Prayer:</b> Eddie Walker
Service Time	es		Follow Us
Sunday Bible Study Sunday AM Worship Sunday PM Worship Wednesday Bible Study	9:30 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	pleasant	pleasantviewcoc

# We Know: Study of I John – 1 John 4:1-21

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(1) Christians have to be equipped to test whether or not these spirits are truly from God. How do we do that?

#### -Phil 1:9-11

into the world.

the world listens to them.

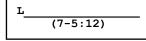
and the spirit of error.

him, and he in God.

love.

(4) The Spirit in believers is greater than the false spirit in the antichrists!

-1Jn 3:24; Acts 2:38



# Love one Another (7)

-1Jn 2:7-11; 3:10-24 -Jn 13:31-35

The love he describes is not naturally within us, because it is from God

### (9) John 3:16

(10) True love can only be given to God after it has first been received from Him through His Son. It exists only as a response to what He has done for us.

#### No one has ever seen God (12)

This is a humbling, terrifying statement because it indicates the ONLY way in which the world will see God is through the love we reflect from God within the community of believers. -Jn 1:14-18

(17-18) God's love is perfected by the love shown within the community of believers. This leads to confidence in eternity (Rom 5:1-5), which replaces fear of judgment.

1Jn 3:24 "the Spirit who he has given us."

whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out

<sup>2</sup>By this you know the **Spirit of God**: every spirit that confesses that

<sup>4</sup>Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for **he** 

<sup>5</sup>They are *from the world*; therefore they *speak from the world*, and

from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth

<sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent

<sup>10</sup>In this is love, *not* that we have loved *God* but that *he* loved *us* and

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, if *God so* loved us, we also *ought to* love *one another*.

<sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if *we love one another*, God abides in

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because **he has** 

<sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be

<sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in

<sup>16</sup>So we have come to *know* and to *believe* the love that God has for

us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God

<sup>17</sup>By this is **love** *perfected with us*, so that *we may have confidence* 

to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in

given us of his Spirit. <- 1Jn 3:24; Acts 2:38; Rom 8:9-11

the Savior of the world. <- We = Apostles - 1Jn 1:1-4

abides in him. <- Have to KNOW before we can BELIEVE

his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every **spirit**, but *test the spirits* to see

Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,

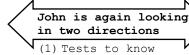
loves has been born of God and knows God.

sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

us and *his* love *is perfected in* us.

<sup>19</sup>We love because *he first* loved us.

who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.



the Spirit of God (2) Tests to know the spirit of the antichrist

> (2-3) The false spirits will deny the Christ came in the flesh. -Mk 13:22-23

(5) The world listens <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is to the false prophets, because the **spirit of the antichrist**, which you heard was coming and now is their message in the world already. <- Parallels 2:18-27 concerning antichrists accommodates the world's beliefs.

(6) Belief of the gospel is the true test of the Holy Spirit's presence and <sup>6</sup>We are *from* God. Whoever knows God *listens to us*; whoever is not work. In order to detect false prophets and evil spirits, we MUST be people who

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever listen to and follow God's word! -Jn 8:39-47 <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does **not love** does *not know God*, because *God is* love.

## <u>God is Love</u> (8, 16)

\*Love is not just one of God's many activities but rather all His activity is loving activity, because that is His nature.

\*Our failure to love can only mean that we have no true knowledge of God, we have not really been born of him, we do not have his nature.

(11) We must be loving because He is loving...God's love is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit whom we have received (Rom 5:5). for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. This love must <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear hasmotivate us to love each other.

> (15) Confesses Jesus as opposed to anything else. (2:24)

-Confession is more His name, but implies faith, belief, obedience, etc.

<sup>20</sup>If anyone says, "*I love God*," and *hates his brother*, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God than just speaking whom he has not seen. <- HORIZONTAL and VERTICAL relationship <sup>21</sup>And this commandment we have from him: *whoever* loves God must also love his brother <- Mt 22:34-40; Mk 12:28-31