

# **SERIES: CHALLENGES**

**DATE:** Saturday - Sunday, October 29-30, 2022

**SERMON:** The Challenge of Loving God and Loving Others

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 John 2:1-11, 15-17

[1] My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

[2] He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

[3] We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands.

[4] Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person.

[5] But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him:

[6] Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

[7] Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard.

[8] Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

[9] Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness.

[10] Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble.

[11] But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has

[15] Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.

[16] For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.

[17] The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever

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## TWO QUESTIONS:

### 1. Who is your \_\_\_\_\_?

- He \_\_\_\_\_ sin.
- He \_\_\_\_\_ obedience.
- He \_\_\_\_\_ lives.
- He is \_\_\_\_\_ – **John 4:24** *God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.*
- He is \_\_\_\_\_ – **John 1:5** *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*
- He is \_\_\_\_\_ – **1 John 4:8** *Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love*
- He is \_\_\_\_\_ – **1 John 2:29** *If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.*

### 2. Who is your \_\_\_\_\_?

- You \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Don't confuse \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Don't confuse what \_\_\_\_\_ wants with what \_\_\_\_\_ want.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ one \_\_\_\_\_.
  - **1 John 4:11** *Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

# Lagniappe

The Bible is clear about our responsibilities. We are to rejoice with those who rejoice - *Romans 12:15*, and we are to honor those who deserve honor - *Romans 13:17*.

This weekend we have the wonderful privilege of giving respect, honor, and appreciation to a family to which honor and appreciation are due. **Glynn Robinson** has served as one of the pastors of First Baptist Church for the **past twenty-five years**. What a blessing it is to honor Glynn, Melinda, and their children and grandchildren this weekend.

Glynn and Melinda have three children: Mollie, Mary Landrum, and Will. Mollie and her husband Chris have two preschoolers, Cooper and Asher. When Glynn and Melinda came to us, they had two preschoolers. How time flies!

We are grateful to have had Glynn and Melinda serve us so faithfully through the years. They came as young family and now have grandchildren!

During the weekend worship services we will make a presentation to Glynn and Melinda. Then, on Sunday at 12:15PM we will meet under the Pavilion for lunch and fellowship provided by the church. Since we will not have a program at the Pavilion, you can stay as briefly or as long as you wish.

***Not many churches ever get to celebrate such an occasion. I hope you will join the church in honoring Glynn and honoring God who calls pastors and who leads the church.***

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Boring". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.