**Sermon Notes for May 24, 2020**

**Westview Baptist Church**

***“Walking In The Light”***

**Q: WHAT SHOULD THE CHURCH LOOK LIKE?**

**Point 1: Why 1st John?
PURPOSE**

***Point 2: The Word of Life (vs. 1-4)***

*1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. 3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 We write this to make our joy complete. 1st John 1:1-4 NIV11*

***For John… EVERYTHING is about Jesus.***

**1. Followers of Jesus must hold to a sound ORTHODOXY**

**2. Followers of Jesus must hold to a sound ORTHOPRAXY**

*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. James 1:22 NIV11*

***“The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians: who acknowledge Jesus with their lips, walk out the door, and deny Him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable.” – Brennan Manning***

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:1-5 NIV11*

**Point 3: The Way of Life (vs. 5-10)**

5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us. 1st John 1:5-10 NIV11

*“so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord” Colossians 1:10a ESV*

***SIN***

**1. We lie to others about it (1st John 1:6)
2. We lie to ourselves about it. (1st John 1:8)
3. We lie to God about. (1st John 1:10)**

**The sentence of sin is always separation.
But genuine repentance restores our relationship.**

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1st John 1:9 NIV11

**“The Foundation on which you build your life is the only thing that will stand when the storms of life ultimately come, and they will come. It’s not a question of if, but when.”
Ravi Zacharias**