



HIGHLIGHTS *from* ONE HOPE CHURCH

February 6, 2025

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Love Like God

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One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, “What commandment is the foremost of all?” Jesus answered, “The foremost is, ‘Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

~Mark 12:28-31

For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

~Galatians 5:14

If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well.

~James 2:8

I have enjoyed preparing and sharing this current sermon series: “Hello God, How Can I Know It’s Really You?” 1 John is packed with so much theology and thought. It takes A LOT of work to unpack this particular text. As we wrap up 1 John 4, I wanted to share a few summarizing thoughts with this article.

First, John repeated a lot of these deeper insights. He said clearly, “God is love (1 John 4:8, 4:16).” This important theological point succinctly tells us about God’s nature, one of God’s most important attributes, and how you can recognize God. No matter what false prophets have said about God, John wants the church to remember that God is love.

Also, John emphasizes that love comes from God and that God loved us first (1 John 4:7, 4:19). In first John, the Greek agape is used for love. Agape is unconditional and sacrificial. Jesus said in the gospel of John, “Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for one’s friends.” Pure love is

exemplified by God, especially through Jesus birth, life, teaching, death, and resurrection.

I used to wonder why Jesus distinguished between the first and greatest commandment, and the second. After all, Paul and James said the law is fulfilled by loving our neighbors as ourselves. Aren’t they therefore of equal value?

I believe the answer is something I’ve learned from 1 John. Our task as Christians is to love one another and love our neighbors. This is not just a “nice” thing to do, it is a command! However, 1 John shows us that we need to love God first, so that we can abide in God and God in us. Only then, do we truly know how to love one another and our neighbors like God.

Humans can naturally love. However, in this broken and fallen world, without God, our love falls short. We need to know and love God and experience God’s love to love fully. Love God, so you can love like God! May we obey God’s commands and love like God!

CERTIFIED LAY MINISTRY COURSE



The Heartland Conference Board of Ministry Sub-committee on Certified Lay Ministry is pleased to announce the launch of its Certified Lay Ministry School with the first course entitled Lay Ministry Foundations.

The course will begin on Monday, March 6 with five required LIVE sessions on Thursdays at 7pm CST.

Live Sessions: March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27, and April 3.

The cost is \$30 plus books. Books are ordered separately and not included in the course fee.

Please see the [Certified Lay Ministry Course Info Flyer](#) for books and other required materials.

For questions please email: clm@heartlandgmc.org

OUTREACH KC



Save the Date

One Hope will serve in Kansas City, Kansas on **Sunday, February 16!** Watch for more information next week!!



JANUARY SERMON SERIES

Hello God...How Can I Know It's Really You?

Are you real? Do you hear us? The world can be confusing. Religion can be confusing. Everyone seems to have an opinion about God. How can we know what is Good News and what is just fake news? How can we recognize God and experience God? Our first series of 2025 will dive right into the heart of the difficulties many have with trusting God today. Join us beginning January 12 as we walk through 1 John 4 and 5 to tackle some difficult questions about knowing God. John helps us filter out the rumors to discover the God who loves us, who is real, and who is present.

Hello God...How Can I Know It's Really You?

- 2/02/2025 – 1 John 4:16-21, Love vs. Fear
- 2/09/2025 – 1 John 5:1-5, Overcome the World
- 2/16/2025 – 1 John 5:6-13, Believing God
- 2/23/2025 – 1 John 5:14-21, What We Can Know



WORSHIP SONGS

[How Great Thou Art](#)
[\(Until That Day\)](#)

[Trust in God](#)

[Overcome](#)



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PRAYER CONCERNS

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” ~ Philippians 4:6

Prayers for:



JOY

Joanna G. & Presley, who welcome Beckham, 8lb, 11oz

Earl S., recovering after hip replacement

Jennifer, cancer, and Charles & Marie, her parents, who are caring for her, friends of David P.

Linda S., second battle with cancer, David P's sister

Sara J's mother, Parkinsons & dementia, David's friend

Becky S., stomach cancer, Sue S. sister-in-law

Ruby, in Hospice care, Sheryl A.'s mom

Rick Hard & family, lost everything in the California fires, David P. family

Healing for all who are struggling with illness, and/or seasonal stress

For those who have lost their hope in Jesus Christ, may their hearts be softened to hear His voice again

One Hope Church, to find its own affordable and spacious worship location

Global Methodist Church Heartland Conference

Global Methodist Church Heartland Annual Conference 5/28-5/31/2025

Peace for Israel, Ukraine & Taiwan

2/9 VOLUNTEERS

Clean Up

Michelle G.

Fellowship Time - Coffee & Treats

Michelle G.

Prayer Group

Randall S.

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Randall S.

Tech - Audio

Lisa S.

Tech - Video

Holly R.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Prayer | 8:30am

Worship | 9:00am

Children | 9:15am

Fellowship | 9:50am

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