



HIGHLIGHTS *from* ONE HOPE CHURCH

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THIS WEEK

LOVE LIKE GOD, BUT DON'T
LOVE THE WORLD! WAIT, WHAT?

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“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.”

John 3:16-17

Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever. 1 John 2:15-17

People may say one thing to one group, and another thing to another group. They may also change their point to enhance an argument.

Contradiction like this can destroy trust. Many people, including those who taught me the Bible in seminary, believe the Bible contradicts itself! In my reading and study, I have NOT found this to be true!

As part of my preparation for our current sermon series out of 1 John 4 and 5, I discovered something that the skeptic would call a contradiction! I read this over several times, prayed about it, and researched what others say.

Let's look at the scripture in the left column. John 3:16 comes with a lot of familiarity. “For God so loved the world...” This is comforting as we can say, “That includes me!” 1 John 2:15 begins with a command for the people NOT to love the world!

At first glance, I see this as why churches become self-focused and fail to reach out. It's safer to love other Christians and the church. One also could read here that although God loves the world, we are not as strong as God,

so we should NOT love like God. What a minute! Wasn't the last sermon called, “Love Like God”?

This is a situation where we need to read and understand the context to understand what John means. God loved the world so much that he came to save people from the world. In other words, He loved the people of the world and didn't want people to be trapped in the world and face judgment.

In 1 John it says not to love the world, or the “things in the world.” Don't love the fallen and corrupt state of the world. Let Jesus save you from this! Love the people, but not the things they do that are not of God. 1 John contrasts loving the world over God vs. loving God over the world. One is “passing away,” while the other leads to eternal life!

We should love people so much, we want to offer Jesus to save them. However, if we love them more than God, we are susceptible to temptation. Love like God. Love God first. Love others. Share Jesus. This is how we are to love the world!

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.



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- 1/26/2025 – 1 John 4:12-15, *Presence of God*
- 2/09/2025 – 1 John 4:16-21, *Love vs. Fear*
- 2/16/2025 – 1 John 5:1-5, *Overcome the World*
- 2/23/2025 – 1 John 5:6-13, *Believing God*
- 3/02/2025 – 1 John 5:14-21, *What We Can Know*

OUTREACH KC

On Sunday, January 19, the temperature outside was brutally cold. The “feels like” temperature was around 3° Fahrenheit. The arctic blast was chilling to the bone. Yet, One Hope Church saw 12 volunteers show up at 7th and Kansas in Kansas City to serve those in desperate need. In Philippians 1:29 Paul says, “*For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him but also to suffer for him.*” Around 20 people from the community came and got hot food or warm clothing to help them make it through what they were experiencing. They felt blessed and not forgotten by the Holy Spirit moving One Hope to care for them. Hopefully, the weather will improve for next month's effort.





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1/26 VOLUNTEERS

Clean Up

Earl S.

Fellowship Time - Coffee & Treats

Randall & Lisa S.

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Randall S.

Prayer Group

Sue & Earl S., Randall S.

Tech - Audio

Lisa S.

Tech - Video

Michelle G.

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:

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

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 and dementia, David's friend

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

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

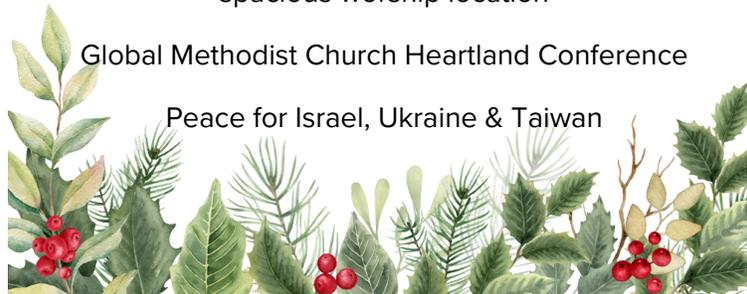
Healing for all who are struggling with illness, and/or seasonal stress

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

Peace for Israel, Ukraine & Taiwan



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Prayer | 8:30am

Worship | 9:00am

Children | 9:15am

Fellowship | 9:50am

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