

First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Cambridge, Massachusetts
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1John 5:20-21 The True God

- I. We know that...the Son of God has come into the world.
 - A. The witness of John in chapter 1.
 - B. The evidence of his works.
Matthew 11:4-5; John 10:37-38.
 - C. The evidence of converted people.
Friends transformed, John, Peter. Matthew 27:54; Acts 9:4-6.
 - D. John writes: "the Son of God "has come..." = perfect, enduring consequences.
1John 4:16; 5:20a.

- II. The Son of God has given us revelation and redemption.
 - A. "has given us..."
Enduring consequences; 2:27, the Holy Spirit.
 - B. An understanding that ...
"that we may know him who is true" Purposeful: personal relation. Authentic.
 - C. And we are in...
1 John 5:11; 1 John 4:15; John 17:22-23.
True spiritual unity in God is unity such that sin cannot get in to cause it all to break down. It is assured. It is sealed by the promise of God in the blood of the Son of God.

- III. This is the true God and eternal life.
 - A. Him who is true...
Not "truthful" but "true" = authentic, veritable.
 - B. This is the true God: there are impostors.
1John 2:18, 22; 4:3.
 - C. This is eternal life: knowing him and being in him.
Eternal union with God brings eternal life. 1 John 1:3-4; 1John 4:14-15.

- IV. John's message is about true, authentic, Christianity.
 - A. It is living in union with the true, authentic, God, Creator and ruler of the world.
 - B. It is about living a true, authentic, Christian life.
 1. True, authentic Christian faith: 1John 5:1.
 2. True, authentic Christian obedience: 1John 5:3; 1:6-7.
 3. True, authentic Christian community: 1John 5:2; 4:7-11..
 - C. What should your life now look like?
 - D. John ends with a warning to keep away from fakes (next time).