

My Heart, Christ's Home | making room

The Hall Closet

1 John 1:5-2:2

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Introduction: The Bible tells us Jesus wants to make his home in your life. He knocks on the door (Revelations 3:20). He moves his stuff in (John 14:23). And before you know it, the guest becomes the host, and our lives are transformed (Ephesians 3:16-17). In 1954 - just a few years before he became pastor at University Presbyterian Church - Robert Boyd Munger preached a sermon called, "My Heart, Christ's Home." The sermon became a little book that sold over 10 million copies and helped countless people make a home for Jesus in the many everyday rooms in which they live their own lives - the library, the dining room, the workroom... Is Jesus at home in your heart? How would you offer a king hospitality? Didn't there used to be a toaster there? And what will he change next?

Review: Was your understanding of enjoyment enlarged by pastor Aaron's sermon?

Read: 1 John 1:5-2:2

Prayer: Father, we are thankful for this text which is so important for our lives. Amen.

Discussion:

1. What are the advantages of walking in the light?
2. Our claim to be without sin has what result? Why should we confess our sins? How important is such confession?
3. How does John express his concern for the readers of this letter? Does this concern increase the impact of John's message? Explain.
4. Who defends us to the Father? What does he do?
5. What is the "atoning sacrifice" of v2? How complete is this sacrifice? Do you believe it?

Application: Live this week in the light, acknowledging that we sin, knowing that we are forgiven.

Prayer: Father, thank you for this text, its encouragement and its warning. Amen.