



COVENANT

Presbyterian Church (OPC)

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Morning Worship

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“A Joy That We Can Touch”

Pastor Montgomery | 1 John 1

I. What Did the Early Christians Experience?

1. The Author of history wrote himself into the _____.
2. For a man like John, _____ could have been harder to believe.
3. God entered our story in order to _____ his life and joy with us.

II. How Can This Become Our Experience

4. It takes *gospel meditation*: we must think upon the gospel _____.
5. It takes *visible community*: we need the fellowship of the _____.
6. It takes *spiritual honesty*: we must regularly _____ our sins.
7. It takes *hold by faith*: we cannot yet touch Jesus with our hands, but we touch him with our _____ when we believe his promises.

“The revelation of God is gospel, promise, the promise of forgiveness and salvation; but on our part nothing can match a promise except believing it: faith. Only by faith does a promise become our possession.” (Herman Bavinck)