

Questions

1. What are some of the ways that sin affects your assurance that you have fellowship with God?
2. When you sin, what do you think God's attitude is towards you and your sin?
3. How does the atoning death of Jesus and his advocacy before the father give us assurance that we have fellowship with God?
4. How does a life of obedience to God give us assurance that we have fellowship with God?
5. How might you use this passage to help or encourage a fellow believer who is struggling with sin in his or her life?
6. In what specific ways does your life show that you love Jesus? in what was doesn't it?
7. How would you explain what John means when he writes that Jesus is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world?

*After each service, if you need prayer,
someone will be available up front to pray with or for you.*

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ASSURANCE

Assurance of Fellowship with God

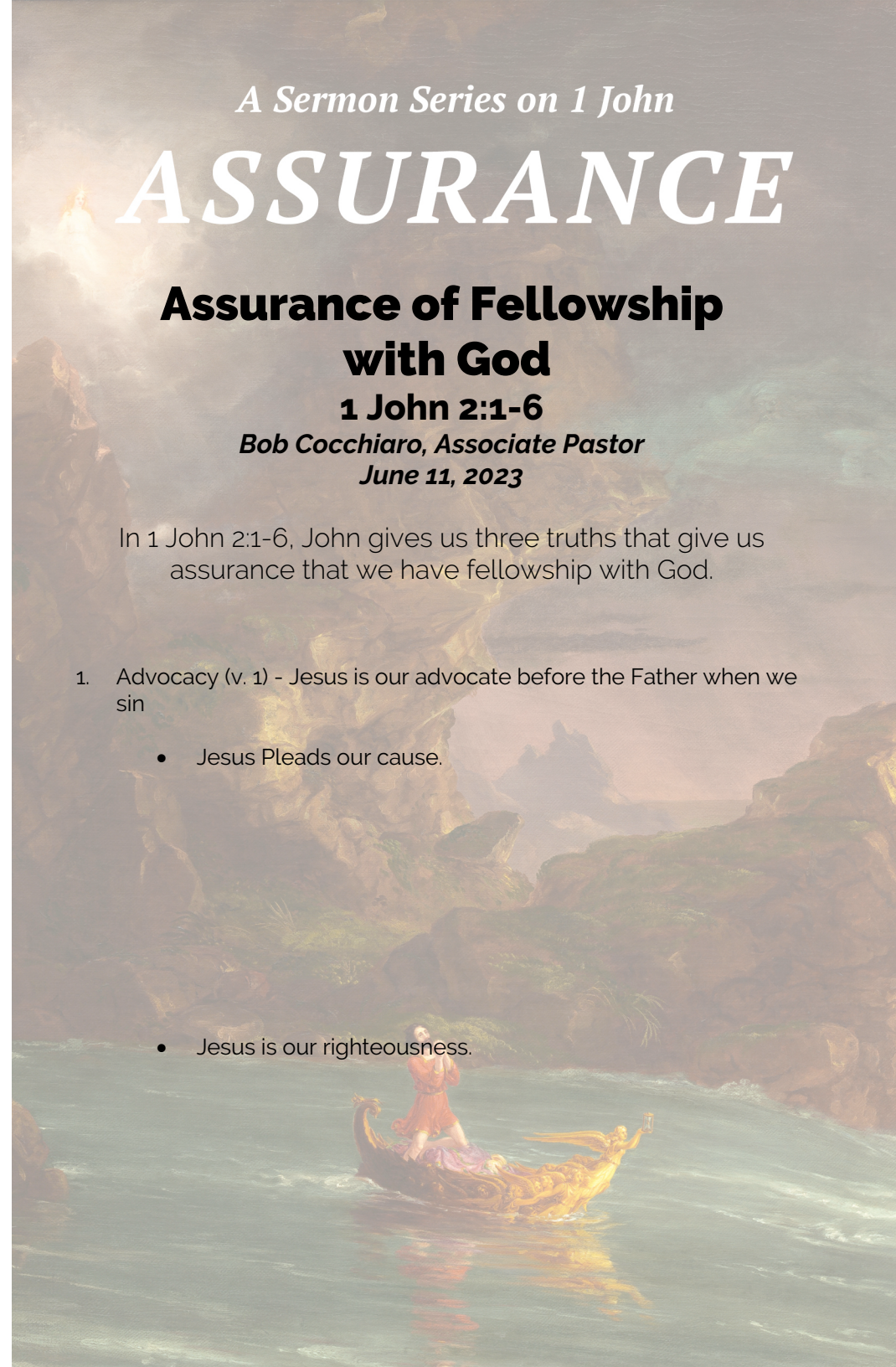
1 John 2:1-6

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In 1 John 2:1-6, John gives us three truths that give us assurance that we have fellowship with God.

1. Advocacy (v. 1) - Jesus is our advocate before the Father when we sin
 - Jesus Pleads our cause.
 - Jesus is our righteousness.



2. Atonement (v. 2) - Jesus is our atoning sacrifice

- God's wrath must be satisfied to have fellowship with God.
- Jesus' sacrifice satisfied God's wrath on our behalf.
- Jesus is the only means of atonement for the sins of the world.

3. Allegiance (vv. 3-6) - faithful obedience to God is evidence of knowing him

- (vv3-4) The person who knows Jesus keeps his commandments.
- (v. 5a) The person who keeps Jesus' commandments shows he loves him.
- (v5b-6) The person who loves Jesus walks as he walked.