

TODAY'S MESSAGE: Christianity Unmasked!

TEXTS: 2 Corinthians 3:16-4:7

MESSAGE LEAD-IN: 'Tis the season—for _____!

Last Sunday, we considered the importance of having an open heart that both _____ and _____. Today, we'll talk about having an "open _____"—getting "_____!"

1. WHAT IT MEANS TO "GET REAL"

2 Cor 2:17; 3:17-18; 4:2; 5:11; 6:6; Rom 12:9

➤ WYSIWYG = _____

➤ *To be truthful, honest, open, _____, sincere, transparent—un_____, un_____.*

2. WHY IT'S HARD TO "GET REAL"

John 3:19-21

➤ *We don't like what we see inside!*

➤ *We are afraid that if we are _____ we will not be approved, accepted, _____.*

➤ _____ to be open and honest that didn't turn out well.

3. WHY WE NEED TO "GET REAL"

1 Tim 1:5; John 13:34-35; Mat 5:14-16; 2 Cor 4:1-7; 6:6

➤ *So we can give and receive "real _____"!
Have _____ relationships.*

➤ *So we can be a "real _____" to others!*

4. QUESTIONS ABOUT "GETTING REAL"

Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thes 5:11; Eph 4:29,32

➤ Does it give me a license to _____ the way I _____?
_____!

➤ Does it give me a license to _____, argue or be _____? _____!

➤ Does it give me a license to be _____ honest, _____-critical or _____-spirited? _____!

5. HOW TO "GET REAL"

2 Cor 4:2; 6:11-13; 7:2; James 5:16; Prov 28:13; 1 John 1:5-9; 2 Cor 5:11,17; Eph 4:22-24

➤ DECIDE to renounce "_____ and shameful ways"

➤ DECIDE to _____ your _____ to others

➤ DECIDE to confess your _____ & _____

➤ DECIDE to be _____ self – your _____ self; your _____ self!

MESSAGE TAKE-AWAY: Let's "get real," church!

In this season of masks, let's show each other and the world what it means to be "real"—_____ Jesus Christ!