

The Son Shall Make you Free

John 8:31-59



CEREMONY OF WATER

Isaiah 12:3

Therefore you will
joyously draw water
from the springs of
salvation.



John 7:37-38

Now on the last day, the great day of the feast,
Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is
thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who
believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his
innermost being will flow rivers of living water.' "

CEREMONY OF LIGHTS

Isaiah 9:2

The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them.



John 8:12

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

Theme of John 8:31-59

After claiming to have living water and to be the light of the world, Jesus Christ, the Son of God explains the evidence of true salvation, the need for salvation and the way of salvation.



John 8:30

As He spoke these things, many came to believe in Him.

John 8:31

So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him

Views of the Audience

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| 1. True Believers - v. 30
Boice | Unbelievers - v. 31f |
| 2. True Believers - v. 30-32 | Unbelievers - v. 33f |
| 3. True Believers - v. 30-36 | Unbelievers - v. 37f |
| 4. Professors
MacArthur, Hendriksen | Unbelievers - v. 30f |

The Evidence of True Salvation

John 8:31-32

I. The true believer continues both in faith and in obedience to the Word of God - v. 31b

I John 2:4-6

The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him:

the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

We believe that this eternal salvation is a gift from God out of His grace, not in any sense a result of man's works, and that it can only be received by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Apart from the command to believe, no act of obedience, preceding or following faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (such as baptism, confession, prayer, faithful service, commitment to obey, or sorrow for or turning from one's sins) may be added to or considered a part of faith as a condition for receiving eternal salvation. Such things may and in some cases normally do accompany the believers "salvation experience" but they are not essential to his eternal salvation.

We believe that all those whom God has genuinely saved by grace through faith alone are new creatures in Christ and will demonstrate that new life by submission to Christ and obedience to God's Word. All Christians still sin, sometimes horribly, and sometimes for extended periods without repentance. But a decreasing pattern of sin and an increasing pattern of holiness will characterize every Christian's life.

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2. The true believer comes to understand the truth - v. 32a

John 16:13-15

“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.

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3. The true believer is no longer in bondage to sin - v. 32b

Romans 6:17-18, 22

But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life.

The Need for Salvation

John 8:33-47

I. Unbelieving Jews are slaves of sin in the physical household of Abraham - v. 33-38

Hebrews 3:1-6

Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession; He was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was in all His house. For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house. For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God. Now Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later; but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house—whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end.

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1. Unbelieving Jews are slaves of sin in the physical household of Abraham - v. 33-38
2. Unbelieving Jews are not of spiritual Abraham - v. 39-41a
3. Unbelieving Jews are not of God for three reasons - v. 41b-47
 - 1) They don't love Jesus
 - 2) They can't hear His Word
 - 3) They won't believe Jesus

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John 8:48-59

I. Jesus gives eternal life - v. 48-51

Genesis 12:1-3

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you; And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse.

And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

Hebrews 11:17-19

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son;

it was he to whom it was said, "In Isaac your descendants shall be called."

He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type.

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John 20:31

Implications

1. We need to review the evidences of salvation in our own lives
2. If you are an unbeliever, you have a desperate need for salvation from your sin
3. These have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.