

John #13

2:23-3:7

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“You Must Be Born Again” Pt. I

I. While Jesus was in Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover, He worked many signs which many beheld, and as a result “_____ in His name.”

A. Even though many believed in His name because of the signs He was doing, _____ entrust Himself to them, for He knew what was truly in their heart. Despite their outward appearance, _____ their deepest thoughts, their true desires, their motivations and intentions.

1. Their faith was _____ true _____ faith. Faith that is unto salvation is granted from God alone. They believed so far as their fallen state would allow, but far short of what our Holy God requires. Therefore, their _____ was unacceptable to Christ Jesus.

a. F.F. Bruce writes, “Jesus made a clear distinction between those who were superficially impressed because they saw the bare signs and those who penetrated beneath the surface and grasped the truth that was signified by the signs. ... There are two _____ of _____ in Jesus’ name - that spoken of John 1:12, which carries with it the authority to become God’s children, and that spoken here (2:23-24). The former level involves unreserved personal _____, the practical acknowledgment of Jesus as Lord, but it will not be attained so long as ‘we see the signs but see not him’.” And it is this that they whom Jesus did not entrust Himself to were guilty of - a _____ spurious human faith that saw His signs but did not see Him to be the Christ.

B. _____ does not need a man’s confession to know what is in that man, nor what the man is thinking, nor what his intentions are, for He Himself already _____ what is in _____ of every man.

1. Among the truths that John the Beloved exposed in this text is the truth that Jesus is omniscient (_____ - _____)! This doubly emphasized truth that Jesus needs no one to tell Him what is in a man, but He Himself knows all men, points again to _____. Because the Jesus of Nazareth is omniscient we know that He is the Christ, the only begotten Son of God, the one and only unique God-man who at once is fully God and fully man!

Closing: Beloved, what is in _____? I do not ask you what kind of a show do you put on or store-front have you put up, but what is in your heart - what lies within you? _____ Jesus _____!

A. The faith that acts as self-preservation, that loves to receive God's blessings but is unwilling to sacrifice of self to Him, is a conjured up self-serving human faith that is dead and saves not. But, the faith that grants, that leads us to commitment to Christ, that is followed by obedience is the only faith that _____!

B. And, if we _____ our _____, and we find that our faith is a poor shadow of the faith God grants, what can we do about it? We have this promise written in the Word of God as spoken of by Christ Jesus.

Luke 11:9-13, "And I say to you, _____, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; _____, and it shall be opened to you. 10 "For everyone who asks, receives; and he who _____, finds; and to him who knocks, it shall be opened. 11 "Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? 12 "Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? 13 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who _____?"

And so, may we take the Prophet Isaiah's advice! Isa 55:6, "_____ the LORD while He may be found; Call upon Him while _____."

Cry out to God, dear precious soul, and you will find that He is gracious and ready to give the good gift of saving faith to those who _____!

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