

John #48

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**“If God Were Your Father, You Would Love Me”**

Intro: In our previous teachings we read of \_\_\_\_\_ of people.

A. The first group is found in John 8:30 which says, “As He [Jesus] spoke these things, *many came to* \_\_\_\_\_.”

B. In the very next verse (v. 31), we find a different group of people. The verse says, “Jesus therefore was saying to *those Jews who had* \_\_\_\_\_ ...”

C. In making this distinction we noted that the “many” of verse 30 “came to believe \_\_\_\_\_ Him”, while “those Jews” of verse 31 “had” merely “believed Him”. The preposition makes all the difference. In fact, it is the \_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_ faith and a \_\_\_\_\_ faith that does not save.

1. To \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus is to \_\_\_\_\_ submit to His teachings. True belief in Jesus demands that the believer be a \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus, not merely one who believes some of what He said!

D. We must be sure that we truly \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus, for it is possible for one to think they are right before God when they are not. The Scripture says, “\_\_\_\_\_ yourselves to see if you are in the faith; \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves!” (2 Cor 13:5).

E. In our teaching this morning, we will continue to learn how we can assuredly \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ Christians.

I. “Those Jews” \_\_\_\_\_ that by virtue of being Abraham’s offspring that they were free from sin and right before God.

A. Our Lord \_\_\_\_\_, in all grace, patiently and lovingly began to \_\_\_\_\_ to them by \_\_\_\_\_ them that they were not saved by their relationship to Abraham, but were in fact \_\_\_\_\_ and truly needed to be set free from their sin through a relationship with Christ whereby they believed in Him.

1. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ that lay deep within their heart by saying, “yet you seek to kill Me.”

2. The reason they sought to kill Jesus was because His \_\_\_\_\_ had \_\_\_\_\_ in them.

a. A.W. Pink writes of this saying, “They \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_. They were merely wayside hearers. It is this which distinguishes, essentially, a saved man from a \_\_\_\_\_ one.”

3. Just as Jesus’ words proved that He truly was born of the Heavenly Father, so too did their \_\_\_\_\_ truly \_\_\_\_\_ who their father was.

a. Despite the fact that they were born of the bloodline of Abraham, they were \_\_\_\_\_ descendants \_\_\_\_\_. Spiritually speaking, they were \_\_\_\_\_ of Abraham.

4. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ them to be more than the physical seed of Abraham, but to \_\_\_\_\_ true spiritual children of Abraham who follow Him \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Again, Jesus plainly revealed the \_\_\_\_\_ that lay \_\_\_\_\_ them, and irrefutably showed them how they were not of the same spiritual seed as was Abraham.

II. "Those Jews" went on to \_\_\_\_\_ to have \_\_\_\_\_ as their Father and insinuated that Jesus did not know who His Father was.

A. In \_\_\_\_\_ kindness \_\_\_\_\_ did not retaliate to their insult, but began to \_\_\_\_\_ with them to show them that God was not their Father.

1. To get them thinking Jesus asked them this rhetorical question, "\_\_\_\_\_ do you \_\_\_\_\_ understand what I am saying?" And knowing they would not have a proper answer, He answered the question for them, "It is because \_\_\_\_\_ hear My word."

a. Jesus was teaching them that something prevented them from hearing for He said, "You *cannot* hear!" Indeed, contrary to what they said, they \_\_\_\_\_ for sin had them bound!

B. Jesus rightly identified that \_\_\_\_\_ were children \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, and the proof of that was that they desired to do what the devil does.

1. If a man is to be saved, he must be shown that he is lost and that is what \_\_\_\_\_ was doing for those who sought to kill Him, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ to their need. What manner of \_\_\_\_\_ is this!? See how the Lord loves!

C. Using heavenly \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus challenged them to think through their unbelief. If they could not convict Him of sin, then they would have to admit that what He said was true. And, if what He said was true, why would they not believe Him? The Lord presented good and logical \_\_\_\_\_ that they might examine the facts and come to \_\_\_\_\_ in Him, that \_\_\_\_\_ the very Son of God - the \_\_\_\_\_!

D. Jesus plainly and logically expressed that the reason those Jews did \_\_\_\_\_ His Word was because they were \_\_\_\_\_.

In Closing: We need to ask ourselves this question: \_\_\_\_\_ of God? Am I \_\_\_\_\_? And to properly answer this question, let us consider these truths:

1) To be saved, one must \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus. And, all who are saved will \_\_\_\_\_ His Word and become His disciple.

2) We can be assured that we are \_\_\_\_\_ (children of God) if His Word has place in us and is bearing His \_\_\_\_\_ in and through us.

3) We can know that we \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_ if His Word has no place in us, for one only believes in Jesus receiving His Word as they are born of God.

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever \_\_\_\_\_ should not perish, but have eternal life. It is as Paul and Silas said, Acts 16:31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you \_\_\_\_\_."