

I Am The Light Of The World

John 8:1-20

The Light Of Christ Is An Everlasting Light

A. A Pattern Seen (8:1-2)

1. A different place than man (8:1)

2. A distinct purpose (8:2)

a. God's Word kept

Leviticus 23:39

b. God's Word taught

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B. A Problem Of Sin Revealed (8:3-11)

1. The Problem Presented (8:3-6)

a. An intriguing event (vv3-4)

b. An inciting request (vv 5-6)

2. Their problem neglected (8:7-9)

a. They were violating the law themselves

Leviticus 20:10

b. They were facing the law's judgment themselves

Matthew 7:1-3

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B. A Problem Of Sin Revealed (8:3-11) - continued

3. The Point Made (8:10-11)

a. God will have mercy

b. God's mercy should be heeded

Matthew 9:13

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C. The Proclamation of The Savior (8:12-20)

1. The Declaration Of Christ (8:12)

2. The Denial By The Pharisees (8:13)

3. The Defense By Christ (8:14-18)

**a. You deny my origin because it is beyond you
(vv 14-15)**

b. You deny my truth and my Father (v 16)

c. You deny the law of God (vv 17-18)

d. The determination of Christ (8:19-20)

The God Of The Living
John 8:21-59

Christ Is The Eternal God ... Regardless

I. The Refusal To Understand Christ (8:21-30)

A. Christ's condemnation (8:21-24)

John 8:21-24

21 Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.

22 Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come.

23 And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world.

24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

I. The Refusal To Understand Christ (8:21-30)

B. Christ's confession (8:25-27)

John 8:25-27

25 Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even the same that I said unto you from the beginning.

26 I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.

27 They understood not that he spake to them of the Father.

I. The Refusal To Understand Christ (8:21-30)

C. Christ's coming crucifixion (8:28)

John 8:28

Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

Daniel 7:13-14

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed

I. The Refusal To Understand Christ (8:21-30)

D. Christ's commitment (8:29)

John 8:29

And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

I. The Refusal To Understand Christ (8:21-30)

E. Christ's call (8:30)

John 8:30

As he spake these words, many believed on him.

II. The Requirements To Follow Christ's Word (8:31-38)

A. To be spiritual disciples (8:31)

John 8:31

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

II. The Requirements To Follow Christ's Word (8:31-38)

B. To be spiritually free (8:32-36)

1. The method – Know the truth (v 32)

John 8:32

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

II. The Requirements To Follow Christ's Word (8:31-38)

B. To be spiritually free (8:32-36) - continued

2. The meaning – No longer a servant of sin (vv 33-34)

John 8:33-34

33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

II. The Requirements To Follow Christ's Word (8:31-38)

B. To be spiritually free (8:32-36) - continued

3. The manner – Forever free (vv 35-36)

John 8:35-36

35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.

36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

II. The Requirements To Follow Christ's Word (8:31-38)

C. Their spiritual blindness (8:37-38)

1. No surprise to Christ (v 37)

John 8:37

I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

2. No surprise to you (v 38)

John 8:38

I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

III. The Reasons You Are Who You Are (8:39-50)

**A. You are not of Abraham because of your actions
(8:39-40)**

John 8:39-40

39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.

40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.

James 2:23

And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

III. The Reasons You Are Who You Are (8:39-50)

B. You are not part of God's family (8:41-42)

John 8:41-42

41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.

42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

III. The Reasons You Are Who You Are (8:39-50)

C. You do not want to hear God (8:43)

John 8:43

Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

III. The Reasons You Are Who You Are (8:39-50)

D. Your father is Satan because of your actions give your heritage away (8:44)

John 8:44

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

III. The Reasons You Are Who You Are (8:39-50)

**E. You will not believe the truth because you are
Satan's children (8:45-47)**

John 8:45-47

45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

**46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the
truth, why do ye not believe me?**

**47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore
hear them not, because ye are not of God.**

III. The Reasons You Are Who You Are (8:39-50)

**F. You are convinced that you are right and I am wrong
(8:48-50)**

John 8:48-50

48 Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil?

49 Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me.

50 And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth.

IV. The Rejection Of Christ's Words (8:51-59)

A. You reject the promise of eternal life (8:51)

John 8:51

Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

IV. The Rejection Of Christ's Words (8:51-59)

B. You realize the problems of unbelief (8:32-58)

1. You make and believe a lie (v 52)

John 8:52

Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death.

IV. The Rejection Of Christ's Words (8:51-59)

B. You realize the problems of unbelief (8:32-58) –cont'd

2. You will not see beyond the physical (v 53)

John 8:53

Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself?

IV. The Rejection Of Christ's Words (8:51-59)

B. You realize the problems of unbelief (8:32-58) –cont'd

3. You know of God but you do not know God

(vv 54-55)

John 8:54-55

54 Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God:

55 Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.

IV. The Rejection Of Christ's Words (8:51-59)

B. You realize the problems of unbelief (8:32-58) –cont'd

4. You do not know scripture (vv 56-58)

John 8:56-58

56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.

57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?

58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

IV. The Rejection Of Christ's Words (8:51-59)

B. You realize the problems of unbelief (8:32-58) –cont'd

4. You do not know scripture (vv 56-58)

Mark 12:26-27

26 And as touching the dead, that they rise: have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?

27 He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err.

IV. The Rejection Of Christ's Words (8:51-59)

C. You run to eliminate truth (8:59)

John 8:59

Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

Do You Need A Change?