

John 8:12-27

12. Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "**I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.** He who follows Me shall **NOT walk in DARKNESS**, but have the LIGHT of life."

- **Colossians 1:12-14** "Giving thanks unto the Father, who has _____ us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in _____; he has delivered us from the power of _____, and has _____ us into the kingdom of the Son of His love; in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins."
- **John 1:9-10** "That was the true _____ which gives _____ to every man who comes into the world. He (Jesus) was in the world, and the _____ was _____ through Him, and the world did not know Him."
- **Read Acts 26:13-18** (Verse 18) "To _____ their _____, and to turn them from _____ to _____, and from the _____ of _____ to God, that they may receive _____ of sins, and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by _____ in Me (Jesus)."
- **I John 1:5-7** "This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is _____ and in Him is no _____ at all. If we say that we have _____ with Him, and walk in _____, we _____ and do not practice the _____. But if we _____ in the _____ as He is in the _____, we have fellowship with one another, and the _____ of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

Definition: "Shall NOT walk in DARKNESS" - The Unbeliever belongs to Satan's kingdom and is in DARKNESS, but the **Believer in Christ is NOT in darkness.** Jesus is the Light, and when we believe in Him as Lord and Savior, the Bible says **we are IN CHRIST**, therefore it says **WE are ALSO LIGHT** (see Matthew 5:14). However, we still have our old nature ("the flesh") with us, and **we must make a CONSCIOUS DECISION to WALK in the LIGHT of Christ** (Romans 13:14 calls it PUTTING ON the Lord Jesus Christ).

- **John 12:46** "I have come as a _____ into the world, that whoever _____ in Me should _____ abide (remain) in _____."
- **Ephesians 5:8** "For you were once _____, but now you are _____ in the Lord. _____ as children of _____."
- **Romans 13:12-14** "The _____ is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of _____, and let us put on the armor of _____. Let us WALK (conduct our lives) properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in licentiousness and lewdness, not in strife and envy, but _____ the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts."
- **I Thessalonians 5:4-5** "But you, brethren, are not in _____, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of _____ and sons of the _____. We are not of the _____ nor of _____."

13-16. The Pharisees therefore said to Him, "**You bear witness of Yourself**; Your witness is not true." Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I bear witness of Myself, **My WITNESS is TRUE, for I know WHERE I came FROM and WHERE I am GOING**; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going. You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. And yet if I do judge, My judgment is **TRUE**; for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me."

- **John 18:36-37** "Jesus answered, 'My _____ is not of this _____. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My _____ is _____ from here (on earth)". Pilate therefore said to Him, 'Are You a king then?' Jesus answered, 'You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I have _____ into the _____, that I should bear _____ to the _____. Everyone who is of the _____ hears My voice.'"

17-19. It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true. I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me." Then they said to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "**You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had KNOWN Me, you would have KNOWN My Father also.**"

- **I John 2:22-23** "Who is a liar but he who _____ that Jesus is the Christ? He is anti-Christ who denies the _____ and the _____. Whoever denies the _____ does _____ have the _____ either; he who acknowledges the _____ has the _____ also."
- **2 John 9** "Whoever transgresses and does _____ abide in the doctrine (teaching) of _____ does _____ have _____. He who abides in the doctrine of _____ has _____ the _____ and the _____."

Definition: "He who DENIES that JESUS is THE CHRIST" - There are **many ways that people DENY that Jesus is the Christ**, the Son of God. Many religions and cults try to tell you that they "believe in Jesus" or "teach about Jesus", but the truth is, they only acknowledge Jesus as **ONE OF MANY Christs** or prophets of God. For instance, the Muslims say Allah is the only God, but the Koran says "Allah has no son." Therefore, Allah CANNOT be the same as the God of the Bible - Allah is a FALSE GOD. The Mormons say Jesus is the Son of God, but they teach that all good Mormons can become gods, JUST LIKE JESUS! Therefore, Mormonism is a CULT, and they are teaching FALSE DOCTRINE. The New Age movement teaches that there are MANY CHRISTS - that many men have had the "Christ Spirit," not just Jesus of Nazareth. Therefore, they are **DENYING** that **Jesus is THE one and only Christ**.

- **I Timothy 4:1-2** "Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times (in the "last days" - before Jesus returns) some will depart from the [true] faith, giving heed to _____ spirits and _____ of _____; speaking _____ in hypocrisy, having their own _____ seared with a hot iron."

20-24. These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one laid hands on Him, for His hour had not yet come. Then Jesus said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek Me, and will **DIE in your SIN**. Where I go you cannot come." So the Jews said, "Will He kill Himself, because He says, 'Where I go you cannot come?'" And He said to them, "You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am NOT of this world. Therefore I said to **you that you will DIE in your SINS**; for **if you do not believe that I am He, you will DIE in your SINS.**"

- **I John 2:12** "I write to you, little children, because your _____ are _____ you for His _____ sake."
- **Ephesians 1:7** "In Him we have _____ through His _____, the _____ of _____, according to the riches of His grace."
- **II Corinthians 5:19** "That is, that God was in _____ reconciling the world to Himself, not _____ their _____ to them, and has committed to us the word of _____."

- **I Peter 2:24** "Who Himself bore (took away) our _____ in His own _____ on the tree (cross), that we, having died to sins, might live for _____ - by whose stripes (wounds) you were healed."
- **I John 3:5** "And you know that He (Christ) was manifested to _____ our _____, and in Him there is no _____."

Definition: "You will DIE IN YOUR SINS" - If you do NOT take advantage of the FORGIVENESS through the NAME of JESUS, you must PAY for your own sins. If you do not believe in **the death of Jesus on the cross (the BLOOD of Jesus)** to cleanse you from all your sins, then you have NO WAY to be cleansed or forgiven, and **you will go to your DEATH still in your filthy, SINFUL CONDITION**. Hebrews 10:26 says "there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins" for anyone who REJECTS the SACRIFICE of JESUS on the CROSS! The Jewish leaders of Jesus' day would NOT be able to go to the temple and perform animal sacrifices anymore (that would be accepted by God), because the animal sacrifices of the Old Testament were only "a picture" and a temporary "covering" of sin UNTIL **MESSIAH CAME to TAKE OUR SINS AWAY**.

- **I John 1:7** "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the _____ of _____ cleanses us from all _____."
- **Hebrews 10:29** "Of how much worse _____, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the _____ of _____ underfoot (treated Christ without respect), counted the _____ of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing (unholy), and _____ the _____ of grace?"

Definition: "If you do not believe that I am He" - You will notice that the word "He" is in ITALICS (this kind of lettering is "Italics"). That means that the word "He" was NOT in the original. The sentence should actually read, "**If you do not believe that 'I AM'** you will die in your sins. Who is the One who is called the "I AM"? In Exodus 3:14, **God**, speaking to Moses from the burning bush says, "I AM WHO I AM - thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, '**I AM has sent me to you.**'" Therefore, Jesus is saying, "If you do not **believe that I am God**, you **will DIE in your SINS.**" This leaves out any option for people to believe that Jesus was "just a good man and a prophet," doesn't it?

25-27. Then they said to Him, "**Who are You?**" And Jesus said to them, "**Just what I have been SAYING to you from the BEGINNING.** I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him." They did **not understand** that He spoke to them of **the Father**.

- **I John 1:1-3** "That which was from the _____, which we have _____, which we have _____ with our _____, which we have looked upon, and our _____ have handled, concerning the _____ of life - the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was _____ the _____ and was manifested to us - that which we have _____ and _____ we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son _____."

Definition: "Just what I have been SAYING to you from the BEGINNING" - Jesus **NEVER** answers the Pharisees and Jewish leaders with a DIRECT ANSWER of **who He is**. He could have just come out and said, "I am the Messiah" or "I am the Son of God," but He didn't, because **they wouldn't believe anyway**. Instead, He says that **ALL the INFORMATION anyone needs to know** in order to believe in Him is ALREADY THERE - it is readily available. As it says in I John 1:1-3, Jesus was here

on earth, and could be SEEN and HEARD and TOUCHED **by anyone who WANTED TO BELIEVE**. Today, we have the **WRITTEN word about Jesus**, written by the very men who SAW and HEARD and TOUCHED Jesus when He was on earth. Even better than an eye-witness account, we are also assured that **the WRITTEN WORD** that we have about Jesus **is INSPIRED by the Holy Spirit**, and therefore without error.

- **Luke 1:1-4** "Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to _____ in _____ a narrative of those things which are most surely believed among us, just as those who from the _____ were _____ and ministers of the _____ delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to _____ to you an orderly _____, most excellent Theophilus, that you may _____ the certainty of those things in which you were instructed."
- **II Peter 1:20-21** "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of _____ is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the _____ of _____, but holy men of God _____ as they were _____ by the Holy Spirit."
- **John 20:30-31** "And truly Jesus did many other signs in the _____ of His _____, which are not _____ in this _____; but these are _____ that you may _____ that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that _____ you may have life in His name."

Definition: "They did NOT UNDERSTAND" - God's word says that **"UNDERSTANDING" comes from the FEAR (reverence) of the Lord**. These Pharisees did not really **"fear God"** nor were they seeking to know God. They had their own religious system and power structure, and nothing outside of their own thinking could reach them. Again, this is why Jesus said, **"No one can come to Me unless the FATHER who sent Me DRAWS HIM."** It takes a work of God to change a person's heart, break down all their pride, and produce faith in their heart.

- **Psalms 111:10** "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of _____; a good _____ have all those who _____ His _____."
- **Proverbs 9:10** "The _____ of the _____ is the _____ of _____, and the _____ of the Holy One is _____."
- **Romans 3:10-12** "As it is written, 'There is _____ righteous, no not one: There is _____ who _____, there is _____ who _____ after God. They are _____ gone out of the way, they have together become unprofitable (worthless). There is _____ who does _____, no not one.'"
- **Acts 7:51** "You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in _____ and _____! You always _____ the _____; as your fathers did, so do you."

Definition: "He spoke to them of the FATHER" - The Pharisees were very religious, but they did not know God as their heavenly Father. Only through Jesus can we know Him as our Father.

- **John 14:6** "Jesus said to him, 'I am the _____, the _____ and the _____. No one comes to the _____ except through _____.'"