

## John 8:45-59 & 9:1-5

**45-47.** But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. **Which of you convicts Me of sin?** And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me.? He who is of God **hears God's words**; therefore **you do not hear, because you are not of God.**

- **I John 4:5-6** "They are of the \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the \_\_\_\_\_ hears them. We are of \_\_\_\_\_. He who knows God \_\_\_\_\_ us; he who is \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ does not \_\_\_\_\_ us. By this we know the spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ and the spirit of error."

**Definition: "You do NOT HEAR, because you are NOT of God"** - This is just another way of saying that the Pharisees and Jewish leaders belonged to Satan's kingdom, rather than God's kingdom. If they had been **"in tune with God"** they would have HEARD God's voice and understood His word, and they would have believed in Jesus.

**Definition: "Which of you convicts Me of sin?"** - Jesus was completely **WITHOUT SIN**. He was born of a virgin, because **the sin nature is passed down from Adam through the man**, so Jesus had to be born without a human father ("the Seed of the woman" - Genesis 3:15). Because Jesus was sinless, Satan also had no "hold" on Him. Satan TEMPTED Jesus, but Jesus **NEVER GAVE IN to the temptation** - He never sinned.

- **John 14:30** "I will no longer talk much with you, for the \_\_\_\_\_ of this \_\_\_\_\_ is coming, and he has \_\_\_\_\_ in (no hold on) Me."
- **Hebrews 4:15** "For we do not have a High Priest (Jesus) who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but [He] was in all points \_\_\_\_\_ as we are, yet \_\_\_\_\_ sin."
- **Hebrews 7:26** "For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is \_\_\_\_\_, harmless, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_, and has become higher than the heavens."
- **II Corinthians 5:21** "For He (God the Father) made Him (Jesus) who \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_ to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

**48-51.** Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that **You are a Samaritan and have a demon?**" Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges. Most assuredly, I say to you, **if anyone KEEPS MY WORD** he shall **NEVER see DEATH.**"

- **Revelation 20:6** "\_\_\_\_\_ and holy is he who has part in the first \_\_\_\_\_. Over such the second \_\_\_\_\_ has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of \_\_\_\_\_, and shall reign with Him a \_\_\_\_\_ years."

**Definition: "You are a Samaritan and have a demon"** - These are two of the worst things they could say about Jesus. A Samaritan was the **LOWEST** kind of person to the Jews, and to say, "You have a demon" was saying, "You're crazy, you're out of your mind!"

**Definition: "If anyone KEEPS MY WORD"** - What does it mean to "keep" the words of Jesus? It means to obey His commandments - to honor and keep them as HOLY.

- **John 15:7** "If you abide in Me, and My \_\_\_\_\_ abide in you; you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."
- **John 14:21** "He who has My \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ them, it is he who \_\_\_\_\_ Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My \_\_\_\_\_, and I will \_\_\_\_\_ him and manifest (show, reveal) Myself to him."
- **John 14:15** "If you \_\_\_\_\_ Me, \_\_\_\_\_ My \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "He shall NEVER see DEATH"** - Jesus is referring to ETERNAL death (called "the second death" in Rev. 20:6), not physical death. The majority of believers in Jesus have already died, or will in the future experience PHYSICAL death. Only those Christians who are **ALIVE at the time of Jesus' return in the clouds** (also called the "Rapture") will go to heaven without ever experiencing physical death. ALL BELIEVERS in Jesus **will ESCAPE "the Second Death"**, which is eternity in the lake of fire and eternal separation from God.

- **Hebrews 2:9** "But we see \_\_\_\_\_, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might \_\_\_\_\_ death for \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Read I Thessalonians 4:13-18** (Verse 14) "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will **bring** [the souls from heaven] with Him [of] those who \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus." (Verses 16-17) "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and the trumpet of God. And the \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ first. Then \_\_\_\_\_ who are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_ up together with them in the \_\_\_\_\_ to meet the \_\_\_\_\_ in the air. And thus we shall \_\_\_\_\_ be with the Lord."

**52-56.** Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.' **Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead?** And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?" Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. **Your father Abraham REJOICED to SEE My day, and he SAW it** and was glad."

- **Read Genesis 18:1-33 & 9:1** (Verse s 1-2) "Now the \_\_\_\_\_ appeared to him (Abraham) by the oaks of Mamre, while he was sitting at the tent door in the heat of the day. And when he lifted up his eyes and looked, behold, \_\_\_\_\_ men were standing opposite him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and \_\_\_\_\_ himself to the earth." (Verses 33 & 9:1) "And as soon as He had finished speaking to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ departed; and Abraham returned to his place. Now the two \_\_\_\_\_ came to Sodom in the evening as Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground."

**Definition: "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day"** - In Genesis 18, we see an occasion where **the Lord appeared to Abraham in human form** (also two angels with Him), and even ATE A MEAL with him. Whenever the Lord appeared to people like this in the Old Testament, it was always the Second Person of the Godhead, Jesus, before He actually was born into the world as a man (this is called the "Pre-Incarnate Christ"). The Bible tells us that "No one has seen God at any time," so we know that God the Father is not the One appearing to people. **Abraham saw and**

**spoke with Jesus**, and "rejoiced" as the Lord revealed His plan of salvation to him (see also Genesis 22:1-14).

**57-59.** Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and **have You seen Abraham?** " Jesus said to them, "Most Assuredly, I say to you, **before Abraham was, I AM.**" Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

- **Exodus 3:14** "And \_\_\_\_\_ said to Moses, "I \_\_\_\_\_ WHO I AM; and He said, Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I \_\_\_\_\_ has sent me to you.'"

**Definition: "BEFORE Abraham was, I AM" - "I AM" was the name of God given to those under the Old Covenant** (Old Testament). It simply means He has no beginning or end, but has ALWAYS EXISTED. When God appeared to Moses in the burning bush (Exodus 3:14) He said, "Tell them '**I AM**' has sent you." When the Jews heard Jesus use this term for Himself, THEY KNEW EXACTLY WHAT HE MEANT BY IT, and they picked up stones to stone Him to death, because **He was saying He was God!** In trying to translate into English, this name is sometimes referred to as "Jehovah" or "Yahweh." We don't really know how it was pronounced by the Hebrews, because they thought God's name was too holy to speak or write, but **IT IS NOT NECESSARY for us to know it.** The **NAME that is GIVEN TO US** is the **NAME OF JESUS** (see Acts 4:12), and Jesus revealed God to us **in the New Covenant** (New Testament) as **"the Father"**.

- **Read Acts 4:10-12** (Verse 10) "Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole." (Verse 12) "Nor is there \_\_\_\_\_ in any other, for there is \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_ under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."
- **Philippians 2:9-11** "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the \_\_\_\_\_ which is \_\_\_\_\_ every \_\_\_\_\_, that at the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ every knee should \_\_\_\_\_, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every \_\_\_\_\_ should \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_, to the glory of God the Father."

**9:1-2.** Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, **who sinned, this man or his parents**, that he was born blind?"

- **Mark 10:51** "And Jesus answered and said to him, 'What do you \_\_\_\_\_ Me to do for you?' The \_\_\_\_\_ man said to Him, 'Rabboni, that I may receive my \_\_\_\_\_.'"

**Definition: "WHO SINNED, this man or his parents"** - How this man became blind is not important to Jesus, because He is going to use this man as a demonstration of His power again. The disciples were interested in the trivial kind of questions, such as whose fault it was that the man was blind. Actually, it was Adam's fault. There would be no sickness, disease, birth defects, genetic or otherwise, **if Adam had not sinned.** The earth became CURSED because of Adam's disobedience to God, and **sickness and disease began to develop** in the earth - **God's perfect creation began to mutate and degenerate.**

- **Genesis 3:17-19** "Then to \_\_\_\_\_ He said, 'Because you have heeded (listened to) the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you saying, 'You shall \_\_\_\_\_ eat of it': '\_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ for your sake (because of what you have done); in toil you shall

eat of it all the days of your life. Both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field."

- **Romans 8:20-23** "For the \_\_\_\_\_ was subjected to \_\_\_\_\_, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope. Because the \_\_\_\_\_ itself also will be \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole \_\_\_\_\_ groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. And not only they, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves \_\_\_\_\_ within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "REDEMPTION of our BODY"** - This means when we will receive our RESURRECTION BODY. Our SPIRIT within us is BORN AGAIN and made NEW, but we still have our old bodies, and they are still subject to sickness, defects, disease, pain, etc. There will be **no more sickness or death when we get our new, resurrection bodies.**

- **Read Revelation 21:1-8** "And I saw a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_, for the first heaven and the first \_\_\_\_\_ had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the \_\_\_\_\_ New Jerusalem, coming \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ from God, prepared as a \_\_\_\_\_ adorned for her \_\_\_\_\_." (Verses 4-5) "And God will \_\_\_\_\_ away every \_\_\_\_\_ from their eyes; there shall be \_\_\_\_\_ more \_\_\_\_\_, nor sorrow, nor \_\_\_\_\_; and there shall be \_\_\_\_\_ more \_\_\_\_\_, for the former things have passed away. Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make ALL \_\_\_\_\_ new.' And He said to me, 'Write, for these words are \_\_\_\_\_ and faithful.'"

**Definition: "FIRSTFRUITS of the SPIRIT"** - The Holy Spirit is given to us as a DOWN PAYMENT or GUARANTEE of the resurrection which is to come. In the Old Testament, the "FIRSTFRUITS" was the FIRST PART of the HARVEST, which was given to God as an offering, in FAITH that the REST OF THE HARVEST would be plentiful and good.

- **I Corinthians 15:20-22 & 26** "But now Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (in death). For since by \_\_\_\_\_ came \_\_\_\_\_, by Man came also the \_\_\_\_\_ of the dead. For as in \_\_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_, even so in \_\_\_\_\_ all shall be made \_\_\_\_\_." (Verse 26) "The last \_\_\_\_\_ that will be destroyed is \_\_\_\_\_."

**3-5.** Jesus answered, "**Neither this man nor his parents sinned**, but that **the works of God should be revealed in him**. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

- **John 11:4** "When Jesus heard that, He said, 'This \_\_\_\_\_ is not unto \_\_\_\_\_, but for the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, that the Son of God may be \_\_\_\_\_ through it.'"

**Definition: "Neither this man nor his parents SINNED"** - Does this mean Jesus was saying that the man and his parents were entirely without sin? No, Jesus is only referring to the disciples' question about **the man's blindness being CAUSED** by someone's sin. We all live in this world that is under the CURSE of sin, sickness and death, and we suffer from the EFFECTS of the curse.

**Definition: "The WORKS of GOD should be REVEALED in him"** - Jesus revealed to us the HEART of God the Father. God is not HAPPY because of the pain and suffering of His creation, but He had to work out the PLAN of salvation, which would begin with Jesus going to the cross, and which will be FINALIZED when Jesus returns to this earth, when there will finally be a NEW HEAVENS and a NEW EARTH with no more sickness or death (see Rev. 21:1-8).