

BIBLE STUDY: LESSON 17

Scripture of Lesson: John 8: 21~59

1. God and the Son: identity through harmony

- a. V. 28 “I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me.”
 - i. Phil 2:8 “Being found in the appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross.”
 - ii. Christ is willing to be taught; set the example of learning from God the Father before men.
- b. God as the progenitor and master planner, the Son as the implementer of the Father’s plan, and the Spirit as the helper, the Triune God working in harmony

2. Truth sets us free from sin

- a. V. 31-32 “If you continue in my word, then you are my disciples indeed: And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” V. 36 “If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.” Acts 12:6~8 An angel of the Lord came by night and freed Peter from the chains.
- b. Col 3:16 “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom: teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”
- c. Gal 5:1 “Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.”
- d. Let us value our freedom in Christ and not let anything enslave us again.

3. Christians as Abraham’s children

- a. Jews prided in being children of Abraham. [v. 33 “We are Abraham’s seed.”]
 - i. Were all Jews saved just because they were Abraham’s seed?
- b. Jesus demanded that they bear fruits that meet their claim. [v. 39 “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham.”]
- c. Christians are also Abraham’s children although we are not a substitute of the Jews as God’s people. [Gal 3:29 “If you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”] This was the mystery of the gospel proclaimed by Apostle Paul and hidden to the Jews through generations. [Eph 3: 1~6]

4. Devil and his nature: father of the lie

- a. V. 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 speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”
- b. Much of Israel had been won over by Satan and therefore were lost from God’s grace.
- c. I Pet 5:8 “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour.”

5. “Before Abraham was born, I am” -- Christ as God

- a. Fresh affirmation of salvation extended in spite of the Jews’ spitefulness: V. 51 “Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.”

- b. Definite proclamation of His divinity before the unbelieving Jews: V. 58 “Jesus said unto them, verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.”
- c. Let us honor and glorify Jesus, God the Son, who revealed Himself so clearly in spite of the utter hardness of people’s hearts.