John Lesson 40

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INTRODUCTION

- The word if is only spelled with two letters. But Jesus said that it makes the difference between whether or not we may have eternal life or hell.
- We believe it is important that we get the Bible out and that we open it, that we study it word for word, the verse by verse, and simply let it speak the truth.

1 Ye Are My Friends If Ye Do

John 15:14; Luke 6:46; Matthew 15:7–9

- There are those who claim to be the friends of Christ, but they have never obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Now, they are religious, but he said their worship is in vain. They're not the friends of Christ.
- Jesus had said, If you love me, keep my commandments. It's that simple. Don't just say you love him, prove it.
- If you fail to do what he said in the way that he said, do it, then you don't really love the Lord.

2 Not Servants, but Friends

John 15:15; Ephesians 3:3–5

- A servant is required to obey his master without any explanation being given.
- The apostles were not just blindly led to do his word, they were given some information.
- We're doing what God says, and we have some understanding as to why.

3 I Have Chosen You and Ordained You

John 15:16; 2 Corinthians 5:20; Revelation 22:17

- But really in the context, Jesus is talking to his apostles.
- They were specifically chosen to be the ambassadors for Christ.
- It is true that we are all called. We are all called by the gospel.

4 If Ye Were of the World

John 15:18–21; 1 John 2:15–17; Philippians 2:15–16

- In our own words, if you will just conform to the world, the world will love you.
- But on the other hand, if you want to be loved by the Lord, if you want to really bring glory unto the Father, then you'll have to be unlike the world.
- Now that may be a test of true discipleship. What does the world think of you?
- And so if you're really trying to be a Christian, don't try to blend in with those who want to go out and do wickedly.

- Would you rather have the world love you or have God love you?

5 If I Had Not Come and Spoken unto Them

John 15:22–25; Luke 12:42–48; Hebrews 10:26–31

- If Christ had not come, you would not be required to obey him.
- They have no cover for their sin. They have no excuse for it.
- And opportunity increases their responsibility.
- For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required.
- Jesus did come, and we shall be judged by our response unto Jesus Christ.
- It is a fearful thing to reject Jesus Christ.

6 The Comforter Shall Testify of Me

John 15:26–27; John 14:16; John 16:13

- He shall testify of me. And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.
- In John 15 and verse 26, our passage here, the comforter will testify Jesus Christ. He's going to bear witness of him.
- It's important to know what is the work of the Spirit.

THE CHALLENGE

Don't just let there be lip service and saying you love the Lord and saying that you believe, but rather respond in obedience.

MY NOTES