

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE AND HAVE LIFE: A Study in John

Lesson Four – The Light of the World John 7 & 8

John 1:6 – 14 “There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John.

7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. 9 The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth”

John 7:14 – 18 But when it was now the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and *began to teach*. 15 The Jews therefore were marveling, saying, "How has this man become learned, having never been educated?" 16 Jesus therefore answered them, and said, "My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me.

17 "If any man is willing to do His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or *whether* I speak from Myself.

18 "He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

John 7:37 – 38 “On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.

38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

Q A. What kind of thirst is He talking about? What other conversation does this bring to mind?

Q B. When we become believers, in what ways can we then become a fountain of blessings to others?

John 8:12 *Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life."*

Q C. What does it mean to follow the light of Christ?

- 1) On a heart level
- 2) In our behavior

John 8:31 – 36 “Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine;

32 and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

33 They answered Him, "We are Abraham's offspring, and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, 'You shall become free '?"

34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.

35 "And the slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever.

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

Romans 6:16 – 18 “ Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey-- whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

17 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted.

18 You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

Q D. Thinking about what is in these chapters, what would you say are results or evidences of lack of the light of the world?

Q E. What does it look like when people have the light of the world? What are some of the markers of faith?

“Christ is the only hope. He has risen like the sun, to diffuse life and light, salvation and peace, in the midst of a dark world.” A. W. Pink