

That You May Believe and Have Life: A Study In John

Lesson Two – The Witnesses

John 4 & 5

John 4:7 – 10 “There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, ‘Give Me a drink.’ 8 For His disciples had gone away... to buy food. 9 The Samaritan woman therefore said to Him, ‘How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?’ (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)10 Jesus answered and said to her, ‘If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.’”

John 4:13 & 14 “Jesus answered and said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks of this water shall thirst again; 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.’”

4:15 – 19 – “ The woman said to Him, ‘Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty, nor come all the way here to draw.’ 16 He said to her, ‘Go, call your husband...’ 17 The woman answered and said, ‘I have no husband.’ Jesus said to her, ‘You have well said, ‘I have no husband’; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; ...’ 19 The woman said to Him, ‘Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.’”

Q A. What is the basic difference between the nature of the woman’s question in verse 15 and the nature of her statement in verse 19?

4:20 – 24 “Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.’ 21 Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, shall you worship the Father. 22 You worship that which you do not know; we worship that which we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. **24 God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.**”

Q B. Worshipers must worship the Father in spirit and in truth – think about each of these things. How can people go in the right or wrong direction on each point?

1. Worship the Father (where is our worship directed?)
2. In spirit –
3. In truth -

25 & 26 – “The woman said to Him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us.’ 26 Jesus said to her, ‘I who speak to you am He.’”

John 4:39 – 42 And from that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified... 41 And many more believed because of His word; 42 and they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world."

John 5:24 – 26 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. 25 "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear shall live. 26 "For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself;

John 5:31 – 39 "If I alone bear witness of Myself, My testimony is not true.

32 There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the testimony which He bears of Me is true. 33 You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. ... 35 "He was the lamp that was burning and was shining and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. 36 "But the witness which I have is greater than that of John; for the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish, the very works that I do, bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. 37 "And the Father who sent Me, He has borne witness of Me. ... 38 "And you do not have His word abiding in you, for you do not believe Him whom He sent. 39 "You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that bear witness of Me;"

Q C. What 5 witnesses to the truth about Christ are given here?

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“That which the Samaritan woman here did, all Christians ought to do...everyone who has received the grace of God and who has tasted that Christ is gracious, ought to find words to testify of Christ to others. ..Where is our charity if we can see others going down to hell and yet say nothing to them about Christ and salvation?” J.C. Ryle