

John 10:30-33

Your Eternal Security is a Father and Son Joint-Operation!

Serious warning from God about adding to or taking away from His Holy Word (note Deut. 4:2; Rev. 22:18-19). Do not put words in Jesus' mouth or eliminate what you don't like. "Who are you, O man, to talk back to God?" What kind of Messiah is Jesus? John's answer is that He's exactly the kind of Savior-Messiah, Shepherd-King we need! He is the prophesied Christ! Emmanuel!

For Further Reflection/Application: Lord help us to be effectually doers of the Word!

How were you comforted/encouraged/admonished as you listened to the word of Christ this morning? Did you receive God's message in trusting faith? What do you want to study further?

An All-wise God provides an unerring revelation/perfect word in the sacred Scriptures! Naturally, there are serious warnings given against adding to or taking away from God's Holy Word (note Deut. 4:2; Rev. 22:18-19). In view of this, what are some "counterfeit Christs" that you've personally "encountered" when interacting with unbelievers? More specifically, what words and/or deeds of Christ (as preserved in the Bible) were eliminated, ignored, or edited to create a Pseudo Messiah/Savior figure? In John 9-10 what sayings and/or actions of Jesus were "fact checked" and/or deemed untrue/dangerous/false, etc.? In John 8 and John 10 those who listened to Jesus were filled with anger and wanted to kill him. Why did these uber religious unbelievers believe this action was warranted (even biblically sanctioned; Lev. 24:16)? Where in the World today is it illegal to worship, love, and follow the Lord Jesus Christ?

Read about those who are suffering for believing in the biblical Jesus at opendoorsusa.org and persecution.com. In what ways have you suffered (might you suffer) in America because of your faith in Christ? Is He worth it? Why or why not?

Remember what we saw last week in John 10:22-29: 1) *True Sheep Listen to Jesus' Voice and Believe the Gospel.* 2) *True Sheep have a personal, saving relationship with Jesus (the Good Shepherd par excellence).* 3) *True Sheep Actively Follow the Lord Jesus Wherever He Leads.*

The Gospel of John has been labeled "the Gospel of Believing" (John 20:30-31). Genuine Faith in the biblical Christ is the heart and soul of Christianity. Our sanctification (Christian growth) also requires ongoing faith in Christ. The Devil (the Great Deceiver) wants people to believe lies and half truths and to reject the biblical gospel and true Savior, Jesus Christ.

Read 2 Corinthians 11:1-4. If someone reads Dan Brown's book, "The DaVinci Code," (or watches the Hollywood movie) they'd encounter a pseudo-Jesus, Mary Magdalene, Emperor Constantine, etc. Dan Brown's "fact pages" are filled with historical inaccuracies, false conspiracy theories, and Scriptural misrepresentations. Brown for example, deceptively says Jesus and Mary Magdalene were married. He blatantly lies when he says prior to AD 325 no one believed Jesus was Divine. Brown tries to revise biblical history and rewrite church history when he suggests that Emperor Constantine basically invented the doctrine of Christ's Deity. The best way to protect yourself and your children against idols and counterfeit Christs is to know the real, biblical, historical Jesus. Read God's Word. Study the Bible. Memorize the Scriptures. Join a church that faithfully preaches the complete Word of God. Bring your Bible with you to church. Ultimately, place your faith in the true Christ of Scripture (Acts 16:31) and reject every Satanic substitute (2 Cor. 11:1-4)! Only the real Jesus saves!

Highlight what some of the blessings are as it relates to Eternal Life and Eternal Security (twin privileges of belonging to the Good Shepherd). Talk about some of the practical ways these twin privileges ought to impact a believer's daily walk?

What point was the preacher trying to convey when he talked about “Eternal Security” being “a Joint-Operation” of the Holy Father and the Divine Son of God? (note John 10:28-30). At the end of the sermon he mentioned the related ministry of the Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:30). Such reflections should lead us to praise: “God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!” What a wondrous mystery!

Talk about some of the parallels between Psalm 23 and John 10. Think back to the sermon from John 10 where we traced the Scriptural motif of “God as the Ultimate Shepherd of His People.”

Briefly define the Deity of Christ? Why is it an essential doctrine/belief? (1 John 2:18-4:6) What is the biblical doctrine of Trinity? How are these two great truths related to one another? Why do some people assume (wrongly) that you cannot embrace Monotheistic Trinitarianism? Many unbelieving religious Jews and Muslims for example, believe Christians are pagan “polytheists.” “You Christians worship many gods” they assume. Muslims teach, “There is no God but Allah, and Muhammed is His Messenger.” This is one of the core tenants of Islam. In many countries to “blaspheme Allah or the Prophet” is a capital offense! Keep in mind we agree with Muslims on certain points: Allah is not Yahweh/Jehovah. The Koran is certainly not the Holy Bible. Muslims do believe in a historical Jesus figure. They emphatically reject the Jesus of Scripture. Muslims believe Judaism and Christianity corrupted true religion and that our Scriptures have not been faithfully preserved by God. This is how they justify the fact that Islam is a relatively new religion, created in the 7th Century. Never forget that Satan is a master Deceiver! (2 Cor. 11:14) He is the father of lies. The prince of darkness. The god of this unbelieving age. The diabolic devil.

What does the ancient heresy known as Sabellian Modalism (Sabellianism) teach? What does the ancient heresy known as Tritheism teach? Why were they rightly condemned as heresies? Pastor Kent has been talking about many biblical doctrines that were defended and attacked throughout church history during his class on Wednesday nights (6:30 PM). Feel free to join the study this week!

THE LIGONIER STATEMENT ON CHRISTOLOGY: THE WORD MADE FLESH

We confess the mystery and wonder of God made flesh and rejoice in our great salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. With the Father and the Holy Spirit, the Son created all things, sustains all things, and makes all things new. Truly God, He became truly man, two natures in one person. He was born of the virgin Mary and lived among us. Crucified, dead, and buried, He rose on the third day, ascended to heaven, and will come again in glory and judgment. For us, He kept the Law, atoned for sin, and satisfied God’s wrath. He took our filthy rags and gave us His righteous robe. He is our Prophet, Priest, and King, building His church, interceding for us, and reigning over all things.

Jesus Christ is Lord; we praise His holy Name forever.

Amen.

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