

Sermon Notes - May 28, 2023 - "Whoever believes in Jesus..."

John 7:37-39

I. "Whoever believes in me..."

- The defining point of Christian, to be a Christian, means to have faith in Jesus as the \_\_\_\_\_, (the Messiah), who is true \_\_\_\_\_ and true \_\_\_\_\_
- Many things in this life people might think or say, that looks like a \_\_\_\_\_ but, \_\_\_\_\_ is only faith in Christ as the Bible teaches.

II. "As the Scripture has said..."

- The guide and " \_\_\_\_\_ " for Christians is the Bible.
- What is \_\_\_\_\_ and bad. What is of God, what is not of God, all teaching needed is given in the Bible.
- Jesus constantly pointed to and taught the \_\_\_\_\_, and so do His followers.

Matthew 5:17-20 - "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

III. "Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were about to receive..."

- The promise from Jesus (as the Scripture has said) is that His people's lives will flow with the Holy Spirit.
- What does that look like? There are gifts from the Holy Spirit, but not everyone has the same gift. (1 Corinthians 12)
- However, in all of Jesus' people the Holy Spirit produces fruit:

Matthew 5:22-25 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

IV. Holy Spirit is given only by the fact that Jesus is glorified. ("for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.")

- Holy Spirit comes because of what Jesus has done and does.
- Holy Spirit points Jesus' followers to look to \_\_\_\_\_, not themselves.
- It is the Father, in the name of Jesus, who is charge of sending the Holy Spirit.

John 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

- So having the Holy Spirit, we Christians continue to look to Jesus and witness about Him.

Jesus, true Son of God, has become incarnate, taught, suffered, died, rose, ascended, rules at the right hand of the Father, and will return again in glory.