**John**

*Who is Your Father?*

*John 8:25-47*

Outline

* Jesus Always Highlighted the Father (v 25-30)
* Most Critical Need for a New Believer – Continue in His Word (v 31-32)
* Contrast of a Lost Man (v 33-37)
* We Will Follow Our Father (v 38-47)

Focus – Jesus Always Highlighted the Father

* When asked about Himself, Jesus always diverted the conversation to talk about the Father.
* Note the result – souls are saved (v 30)

Most Critical Need for a New Believer – Continue in His Word

* James 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.
* 1 John 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.
* 1 John 2:24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.
* Psalm 119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed *thereto* according to thy word. 10 ¶ With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. 11 ¶ Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. (Psalms 119:9-11)
* Psalm 1:1 ¶ Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. (Psalms 1:1-2)
* Psalm 19:7 ¶ The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple. 8 The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes. (Psalms 19:7-8)
* 2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Contrast of a Lost Man

* Continue in Sin (v 34)
* Servant of Sin (v 34)
  + In other words, they are in bondage to sin (i.e. not free)
* Won’t abide in the Lord’s House Forever (v 35)
* Hatred for the Words of Christ (v 37)

We Will Follow Our Father

* God’s Children
  + DO the Works of the Father (v 39)
  + Love Jesus (v 42)
  + Hears God’s Words (v 47)
* The Devil’s Children
  + Seek to Kill the Real Jesus (v 40)
  + Cannot Hear His Word (v 43)
  + Pursue the Lusts of the Devil (v 44)
  + Reject the Truth (v 45)