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## ***The Word of God is the Final Judge***

John 12:44-50

### **I. Whoever Believes in the Son Must Also Believe in the Father (vv. 44-45, 49-50)**

- A. Jesus makes Himself \_\_\_\_\_ with God (Jn. 5:16-18)
- B. Jesus makes His \_\_\_\_\_ the same thing as the teaching of the Father (Jn: 7:16)
- C. Jesus makes \_\_\_\_\_ Him the same thing as knowing the Father (Jn. 8:19; 14:7)
- D. Jesus makes \_\_\_\_\_ Him the same thing as loving the Father (Jn. 8:42; 1 Jn. 5:1)
- E. Jesus makes \_\_\_\_\_ Him the same thing as receiving the Father (Jn. 13:20; Matt. 10:40)
- F. Jesus makes doing His \_\_\_\_\_ the same thing as doing the works of the Father (Jn. 5:19; 10:37-38)
- G. Jesus makes \_\_\_\_\_ Him the same thing as seeing the Father (Jn. 10:30; 12:45; 14:9; Col. 1:15; 2:9; Heb. 1:3)
- H. Jesus makes \_\_\_\_\_ His Words the same thing as speaking the words of the Father (Jn. 8:26, 28, 38; 14:10)

### **II. Whoever Believes in Jesus Must Walk in the Light (v. 46)**

- A. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn. 1:4, 5, 9; 8:12; 9:5)
- B. Jesus-followers do not remain in \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn. 12:35; Rev. 3:16; Eph. 5:8; 1 Jn. 1:6-7; Jn. 11:10; 1 Jn. 2:11)

### **III. Whoever Believes in Christ Must Keep His Word or be Judged (vv. 47-48)**

- A. Jesus did not come to judge the world but to \_\_\_\_\_ the world (Jn. 3:17; 15:10)
- B. Jesus does \_\_\_\_\_ in accordance with the Father's will (Jn. 5:22-30; 2 Cor. 2:15-16)
- C. Jesus judges according to obeying or disobeying the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Son and the Father (Jn. 3:36; 8:15-16; Heb. 4:12; Psa. 25:14)

### **TAKE HOME**

- Why do you think so many people say they believe in God but they don't believe in **Jesus**?
- If you do believe in Jesus, have you remained in the darkness or are you **following** Jesus into the light?
- What **responsibilities** do you have as a Christian to point out the truths of this sermon to others in our culture?

## STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 12:44-45. Is it possible to believe in God but not believe in Jesus? Is it possible to believe in Jesus but not believe in God? How does the parable of the Vineyard Owner help us understand this?

2. Read John 12:49-50. On whose authority is Jesus speaking? What is this commandment that Jesus is talking about in these two verses? Why do you think that?

3. Review the eight different ways that Jesus demonstrates how He is equal with God. Which one of those stuck out to you the most? Why?

4. Read John 12:46. How do we know that Jesus is the light? (Jn. 1:4, 5, 9; 8:12; 9:5) How should the light of Christ affect how we live? (Eph. 5:8; 1 Jn. 1:6-7; 2:11) Discuss some struggles you have with walking in the light verses the darkness.

5. Read John 12:47-48. What was the primary intention for which Jesus came into the world? (Jn. 3:17) How do we reconcile John 5:22-30 with this?

6. Read John 12:48 again. Who or what is the final judge? How does this work? (Jn. 3:36; 8:15-16; Heb. 4:12) What are the implications this truth should cause us to think about as we interact with our culture?

7. Read the take home questions. Which one encourages you or challenges you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week based on what we have learned from this passage?

*“There is a last day! The world shall not always go on as it does now. Buying and selling, sowing and reaping, planting and building, marrying and giving in marriage--all this shall come to an end at last. There is a time appointed by the Father when the whole machinery of creation shall stop, and the present dispensation shall be changed for another. It had a beginning, and it shall also have an end. Banks shall at length close their doors forever. Stock exchanges shall be shut. Parliaments shall be dissolved. The very sun, which since Noah's flood has done his daily work so faithfully, shall rise and set no more. Well would it be if we thought more of this day! Pay-days, birth-days, wedding-days, are often regarded as days of absorbing interest; but they are nothing compared to the last day.”*

- J.C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on John*