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Without Christ You Will Die in Your Sins

John 8:21-30

I. The Great Divide (vv. 21-24)

A. Not all who _____ Jesus will find Him (v. 21)
[Jn. 7:33-34; Matt. 25:10-12]

B. Not everyone can _____ (vv. 22-23)
[Jn. 10:17-18; 1 Jn. 2:15-17]

C. Not unless you _____ (v. 24) [Jn. 3:16; Rom. 10:9]

II. The Mass Confusion (vv. 25-27)

A. Many are _____ questions that have already been
answered (v. 25) [Lk. 10:21; 1 Cor. 1:18]

B. Many will be _____ for not heeding Christ's
words (v. 26) [Jn. 5:30; 7:16; 8:16]

C. Many will not _____ what Jesus is saying (v. 27)
[Matt. 13:14-15]

III. The Only Answer (vv. 28-30)

A. Only through the cross can you know that Jesus is the
_____ (v. 28a) [Jn. 3:14; 12:32-33; Mk. 15:39;
Acts 2:36-38]

B. Only through the cross can you know that Jesus is
_____ the Father's will (v. 28b)
[Jn. 5:19, 30]

C. Only through the cross can you experience God's _____
(v. 29a) [Heb. 4:14, 16; Matt. 28:20]

D. Only through the cross can you do the things that are
_____ to Him (v. 29b) [Lk. 22:42-44; 9:23]

E. Only through the cross can you truly _____ in Him
(v. 30) [1 Cor. 1:23; 2:2; Gal. 6:14]

TAKE HOME

- Unless you _____ in Christ, you will die in your sins
- Unless you _____ to Christ, you will be judged
- Unless you _____ to Christ, you cannot do the things
that are pleasing to Him

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 8:21. Where is Jesus going away to? Why does Jesus say that even if they seek Him they cannot find Him or go where He is going? How does Matt. 25:10-12 illustrate this?

2. Read John 8:22-23. What does Jesus want His listeners to understand in verse 23? How does 1 John 2:15-17 help us see the difference between being of this world and not being of this world? What are the blessings? The consequences?

3. Read John 8:24. What hope do we see in this verse? What does it mean to believe? (Jn. 3:16; Rom. 10:9)

4. Read John 8:25-27. What is the mass confusion going on in these verses? How are we to understand Luke 10:21? How about Matthew 13:14-15?

5. Read John 8:28. What does it mean for the Son of Man to be lifted up? (Jn. 3:14; 12:32-33; Mk. 15:39; Acts 2:36-38) Why is it the cross that makes all the difference?

6. Read John 8:29. How does the cross establish Christians in the presence of God and make us capable of practicing the things that are truly pleasing to Him? (Heb. 4:14, 16; Lk. 9:23)

7. Read John 8:30. How does this verse encourage you? How can you focus more on the cross in your life and ministry? (1 Cor. 1:23; 2:2; Gal. 6:14)

8. Read the take home points. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week in light of this passage?

“To shrink from telling men, that except they believe they will ‘die in their sins,’ may please the devil, but surely it cannot please God.”

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