

From Hanging out  
with Jesus to Belief  
John 8:12-30



## **John 8:12 (English Standard Version)**

<sup>12</sup> Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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- ◆ 7 "I am" statements in John
- ◆ Light and its importance at Feast of Tabernacles
- ◆ 4 huge bowls burned with fire all night
- ◆ Candelabras in the courtyard burned all night
- ◆ Symbolized:
- ◆ Light in the wilderness
- ◆ God's presence in the Temple
- ◆ The "great light"

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- ◆ In OT, God is characterized with light
- ◆ Pure and holy
- ◆ God's revelation
- ◆ God's salvation

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- ◆ For us today:
- ◆ Jesus is THE light because He's God
- ◆ We need light
- ◆ The world needs light
- ◆ Jesus is our light in so many ways!

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- ◆ How does this life and light come to us?
- ◆ Follow Him!
- ◆ Not hanging out with Jesus
- ◆ Imagery of bread and water
- ◆ I am so consumed with Jesus that I take Him into myself
- ◆ A soldier obeying orders; obeying laws; slave with master; submitting to teacher
- ◆ Christ never called us to anything less than an intensely devoted following

## John 8:13-18 (English Standard Version)

<sup>13</sup>So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true."

<sup>14</sup>Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. <sup>15</sup>

You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one.

<sup>16</sup>Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who

sent me. <sup>17</sup> In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. <sup>18</sup>I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me."

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- Christ is saying My authority comes from Myself because of where I come from
- He appeals to the Father 7 times
- I speak God's words as God
- Important because it places miracles and forgiveness in proper perspective; gives them their value



## **John 8:18-19 (English Standard Version)**

<sup>18</sup>I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me." <sup>19</sup>They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also."

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- ◆ There's a huge difference between knowing all of these things and KNOWING Christ
- ◆ Is this same gulf between you and Christ?

## **John 8:20 (English Standard Version)**

<sup>20</sup>These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

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- ◆ Who's in the treasury?
- ◆ The sincerely fake or the sincerely worshipful
- ◆ Either way, they knew their Scripture
- ◆ It's here at this time with this group that Jesus says, "I am the light of the world."

## John 8:21-25 (English Standard Version)

<sup>21</sup>So he said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." <sup>22</sup>So the Jews said, "Will he kill himself, since he says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?" <sup>23</sup>He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. <sup>24</sup>I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins." <sup>25</sup>So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning.

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- ◆ We're connected to heaven or hell based on where our identity comes from
- ◆ 1) Identity from the world
- ◆ 2) Identity from the Father
- ◆ Part of our radical change is a new origin/identity

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- ◆ 3 times He says you will die in your sins; how can He say that? Why will they die like that?
- ◆ "*He*" is in italics because it's not in the Greek
- ◆ Unless you believe I am THE I AM and follow Me with your soul, you will die in your sins
- ◆ Beyond knowledge; it's belief!

## John 8:26-30 (English Standard Version)

<sup>26</sup>I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." <sup>27</sup>They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. <sup>28</sup>So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. <sup>29</sup>And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." <sup>30</sup>As he was saying these things, many believed in him.



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- ◆ Verse 29 - Not so my Father will accept Me; so that I will be pleasing to Him
- ◆ Emphasis is on making Him happy; is this *my* motivation?
- ◆ Stay away from making Him happy with me

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- ◆ Verse 30 - For John, people don't go to hell because they sin
- ◆ They go to hell because they reject Christ; it's the sin of unbelief

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- ◆ Do you walk in light?
- ◆ Are you following Christ or hanging out with Him?
- ◆ Have you accepted Him or rejected Him? Do it now!
- ◆ Do you know Him? Do others know Him because of you?

# **Baptisms: Sunday, August 28**

**Do you want to be baptized?**

**Email us and join us for a meeting  
*Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>,*  
after morning worship**

# Ladies Bunco Night

When: Monday, August 8, 7 pm

Where: Natalie Garcia's Home

Details: Bring a snack, a friend and be ready for a great time!



Sign up at the resource center

# Clothing Drive

Help us continue our ministry to the families of VBS!

- ⦿ We are collecting clothing for all ages, genders, and sizes!
- ⦿ Bring your donations through **July 31<sup>st</sup> – ONE WEEK LEFT!**
- ⦿ Help us deliver on **August 4th at 6:30 PM**



# School Supply Drive: Bowie Elementary

- ✓ Fall is coming...it's that time of year again!
- ✓ See the insert in your bulletin for all the details!

