FALSE ASSURANCE OF THE RELIGIOUS

JOHN 8:37-47

OPEN YOUR BIBLES TO THE GOSPEL OF JOHN CHAPTER 8. IT IS TAKING US A WHILE TO GET THROUGH THIS CHAPTER BECAUSE THERE IS SO MUCH RICH TRUTH IN IT. JESUS IS HOLDING HIS GROUND SPEAKING ONLY THE TRUTH OF GOD TO A HATEFUL SELF-RIGHTEOUS CROWD OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS. THEY SAY THAT THEY BELIEVE JESUS IS FROM GOD YET THEIR BELIEF IS SHALLOW. THEY CANNOT HEAR IN THE SENSE OF UNDERSTANDING WHAT JESUS IS SAYING. THIS IS THE SAME FOR EVERY UNREGENERATE HEART; THE WORD OF GOD HAS NO MEANING OR NO VALUE. ONE MUST BE BORN AGAIN AND FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD TO UNDERTSTAND AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD. SALVATION HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HUMAN LINEAGE, SOCIAL, OR ECONOMIC STATUS. SALVATION COMES TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD. IN THE TEXT WE WILL STUDY TODAY, JESUS TALKS ABOUT 2 KINDS OF FAMILIES; GOD'S FAMILY AND THE DEVIL'S FAMILY. EVERY SINGLE PERSON FALLS INTO ONE OR THE OTHER. THERE IS NO MIDDLE FAMILY. YOU ARE EITHER A CHILD OF GOD, OR A CHILD OF SATAN. AS JESUS WILL SHOW US, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORSHIP SATAN TO BE INFLUENCED BY HIM. THE DEVIL DOESN'T CARE IF YOU GO TO CHURCH AS LONG AS YOU DON'T KNOW JESUS PERSONALLY. SATAN IS ONLY

RENDERED POWERLESS WHEN A PERSON HEARS THE WORD OF GOD, SURRENDERS TO THE TRUTH, AND IS FILLED WITH HIS HOLY SPIRIT. LET US ALL HAVE OPEN HEARTS TODAY AND EARS TO HEAR AND RECEIVE TRUTH. IN THE NAME OF JESUS

John 8:37-47 NIV

37 I know that you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are looking for a way to kill me, because you have no room for my word. 38 I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you are doing what you have heard from your father." 39 "Abraham is our father," they answered.

"If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do what Abraham did. 40 As it is, you are looking for a way to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. 41 You are doing the works of your own father. "We are not illegitimate children," they protested. "The only Father we have is God himself."

42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me. 43 Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. 44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45 Yet

because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! **46** Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? **47** Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

2 TYPES OF CHILDREN; 1. CHILDREN OF GOD; IN CHRIST THROUGH FAITH. 2. CHILDREN OF SATAN; IN ADAM SUBJECT TO THE RULE OF SATAN AND SIN, INFLUENCED BY THE WORLD SYSTEM THAT IS CONTROLLED BY SATAN

EXPLAIN

John 8:37 NIV

37 I know that you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are looking for a way to kill me, because you have no room for my word.

JESUS CALLS THEM OUT. YOUR LINEAGE IS FROM ABRAHAM BUT YOU ARE NOT SPIRITUAL DESCENDANTS OF HIS. ABRAHAM BELIEVED THE LORD WHEN HE SPOKE TO HIM AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS. (OBEDIENCE)

THEY WANT TO KILL THE SON OF GOD WHO SPEAKS TRUTH. WHY? BECAUSE THEY WENT TO CHURCH WHILE REJECTING GOD'S WORD.

John 8:38 NIV

38 I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you are doing what you have heard from your father."

JESUS RE-AFIRMS HIS DIETY AND ONENESS WITH THE FATHER. HE ONLY SAYS AND DOES THE PERFECT WILL OF GOD

THE RELIGIOUS JEWS WERE EMPTY SPIRITUALLY, SO THEY WERE HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY SATAN. THIS IS SOMETHING FOR US TO CONSIDER. ARE WE FILLING OUR MINDS AND SPIRIT WITH THE WORD, OR ARE WE GOING THROUGH LIFE ON EMPTY?

ONE WHO IS RIGHT WITH GOD DESIRES AND LISTENS TO GOD

John 8:39-40 NIV

39 "Abraham is our father," they answered.

"If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do what Abraham did. 40 As it is, you are looking for a way to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things.

ABRAHAM BELIEVED, OBEYED, AND WALKED WITH GOD. JESUS IS TELLING THEM, "YOU ARE DECIEVED BECAUSE YOU HAVE MURDER, SELF RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND A FALSE ASSURANCE ON YOUR MIND"

John 8:41 NIV

41 You are doing the works of your own father."

“We are not illegitimate children,” they protested. “The only Father we have is God himself.”

JESUS TELLS THEM, “YOUR ACTIONS LINE UP WITH SATAN”

WE ARE NOT LIKE THE IDOLATROUS GENTILES!!! WE ARE JEWS!

HERE WE HAVE A PROFFESSION OF FAITH WITHOUT POSSESSION OF FAITH. BIG DIFFERENCE CHURCH

John 8:42-43 NIV

42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me. **43** Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say.

JESUS GIVES TWO CLEAR MARKERS OF A TRUE BELIEVER

1. IF YOU LOVE GOD, YOU LOVE JESUS. IF YOU LOVE JESUS, YOU LOVE GOD
2. YOU WILL BELIEVE HIS WORD AND OBEY IT

YOU ARE UNABLE/OU DYNAMAI/ABSOLUTELY NOT, IN NO WAY

IF ANYONE HAS A RIGHT IDEA OF GOD AND LOVES HIM, IT CAME FROM THE WORD OF GOD. PEOPLE FORM THEIR OWN IDEAS OF GOD. THIS IS VERY DANGEROUS. JESUS IS THE LIGHT, LOVE, AND GLORY OF GOD. HE IS THE WORD MADE FLESH. IN HIM DWELLS THE FULLNESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY. HE IS THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD.

John 8:44 NIV

44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

YOU SAY YOU'RE A CHILD OF GOD, BUT YOUR ACTIONS DO NOT LINE UP WITH THAT STATEMENT. YOU'RE ACTIONS, CONTINUALLY LINE UP WITH SATAN AND HIS DESIRES

SATAN MURDERED ADAM AND EVE IN THE GARDEN WITH HIS LIE. "SURELY YOU WILL NOT DIE". AND BY DOING SO IN ESSENCE, MURDERED THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE.

THE DEVIL WORKS THROUGH PEOPLE TO KILL, STEAL, AND DESTROY. GOD WORKS THROUGH PEOPLE TO DRAW OTHERS TO HIMSELF. (PLANT AND WATER)

SATAN WILL MIX TRUTH WITH LIES. DECEPTION IS HIS CLASSIC MOVE. PEOPLE THAT ARE DECIEVED DON'T KNOW THEY ARE DECIEVED.

THIS IS WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO RENEW OUR MINDS WITH THE WORD OF GOD ON A REGULAR BASIS

John 8:45-47 NIV

45 Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! 46 Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't

you believe me? [47] Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

CAN JESUS BE ANY CLEARER? ONLY THOSE WHO BELONG TO GOD CAN HEAR AND UNDERSTAND WHAT HE SAYS

1 Corinthians 2:8-12 NIV

[8] None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. [9] However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived"— the things God has prepared for those who love him— [10] these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. [11] For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. [12] What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

ASK YOURSELF TODAY, "DO MY ACTIONS MATCH MY PROFFESSION OF FAITH?" "DOES MY LIFE LOOK LIKE I LOVE JESUS?"

RECEIVE JESUS AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR, BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND WALK WITH GOD!!!