

The Word is the Basis for Salvation

Scripture Text: John 1:1-5

This is the final lesson in a series about seeing Jesus as John depicts Him:

1. The Word is in the Beginning
2. The Word is God
3. The Word is the Messiah and the Son of God
4. The Word is the "I AM"

This lesson will look at how the Word is the basis for Salvation to us.

Sometimes we dig a hole with our words. Will Rogers once said, "If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging." If only people would heed this.

How responsible are you for your words?

1. Your Words

- a. Eph. 4:29 – let no corrupt communication ...
- b. Matthew 12:33-37
 - i. How can the evil speak good things?
 - ii. Must give account for every word spoken.
- c. Psalm 119:105 – "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."
- d. Phil. 2:14 – without murmuring and disputing

2. My Words

- a. Col. 2:1-8
 - i. V.8 – imperative "you"
 - ii. We are responsible for the words that we say.
 - iii. We are responsible for the words that we also take in and keep.
- b. Ephesians 4:15-16 – Speaking the truth in love.
- c. I John 4:1-6 – waring of the anti-Christ
 - i. Spirit of error or truth?
 - ii. You have to know Jesus Christ and His Word.
- d. My words – must take full ownership of them.

3. Our Words

- a. Ephesians 5:19
 - i. Singing
 - ii. Also, just speaking the words.
- b. John 4:24 – In Spirit and Truth
 - i. How?
 - ii. Spirit – right mindset
 - iii. Truth – In accordance to God's Word
- c. John 15:1-7
 - i. V.7 – If = conditional.
 - ii. Ask and you'll receive.
 - iii. Also, have the ability to bear great fruit.
- d. Our words are important.

- i. They are what we say.
 - ii. They have no basis for salvation.
 - iii. We cannot merit our own salvation.
- 4. His Words
 - a. Who is He?
 - i. Jesus, John 1:1-5
 - ii. Isa. 7:14
 - b. Matthew 4:4, 7, 10
 - i. Fending off Satan using God's Word
 - ii. His Word always applies
 - iii. Still true today.
 - c. John 14:6
 - i. When Thomas doubted, c.f. Ch. 20, Jesus said He is the only way.
 - ii. He is still the only way!
 - d. John 1:1
 - i. Word = God in the Flesh
 - ii. Capitalized -> it is referring to Jesus Christ
 - e. Genesis 1:1-5, 26-27
 - i. God spoke, literally spoke, words and great things happened.
 - ii. God sent Jesus [the Word] and great things happened.
 - f. Luke 21:33
 - i. Jesus' Words will not pass away
 - ii. People have tried for year to remove God and His Word
 - iii. Tornado Bible
 - g. John 11:24-26
 - i. Jesus is the resurrection and the life
 - ii. Do you believe this?

You say words, I Say words, and even we say words. That is great.

Jesus spoke words that lead to and pertain to eternal life. We cannot top that and people need to stop trying to do so.

Summing it up, what did Jesus say as a basis for salvation?

- Believe John 8:24
- Repent Luke 13:3, 5
- Confess Matthew 10:32-33
- Be Baptized Mark 16:16
- Remain faithful Rev. 2:10

Have you listened to His Words? Have you obeyed them? If not, why not?

Only Christ's Words are our basis for Salvation. Why not listen to and obey them today?

If you have listened but fallen away, why not come back?

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