



John: The Great "I AM" Gospel  
John 8:21-30  
From Sermon 2.4.24

Read *John 8:21-30*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: Following His powerful I AM claim of being the Light of life, Jesus now responds in rebuttal to the religious leader's accusations. His warning is clear. They (most of mankind) will die in their sins. The road to salvation is narrow and exclusive: full surrender to Jesus Christ alone as He is revealed in Scripture. The road to destruction in hell is wide and has an infinite number of paths.

1. Who are the hardest people to reach with the Gospel and why? Those who are convinced they are already saved but are not. False religions/false Christianity. This was consistently Jesus' indictment of the Scribes and Pharisees. The people who think God will judge with scales—weighing their good deeds next to their bad. See also *Proverbs 14:12, Isaiah 64:6 & Titus 3:5*

2. How much do our good works, righteous deeds, and obedience to the Law of God contribute to our salvation? None whatsoever. It's only the righteousness of Christ, His perfect obedience to the Law of God, and His completed work on the cross and resurrection that secure our salvation.

2a. Then where do they (good works) fit in? They are evidence that we've been genuinely saved. See also *Ephesians 2:8-10, Galatians 5:22-23 & James 2:18*

3. One path to hell is willful ignorance. Will anyone be able to plead ignorance on the Day of Judgment? No. God has made Himself know even through that which is created. For 2000 years the world has had Jesus, the Bible, and the Church.

4. What percentage of churches today do you suppose are preaching "...you will die in your sins."? Various answers. But the percentage must be very small. It is never ever preached in the largest, most influential churches that are on TV and radio. They believe preaching the bad news will turn people away.

5. What were the five categories of worldly living covered on Sunday? List and Discuss each.

- Materialism—Money as your god. Accumulation of stuff. Serving status.
- Humanism—Trusting in manmade solutions, laws, government, Man is good philosophy.
- Immorality—Sin, sexual sin. Satisfying the flesh. Redefining sin and God's standard. Lie. cheat.
- Pride—Self-promotion. Looking down on and judging others. Fear of the world
- Selfishness—Me first, me only, no concern for others, entitlement culture.

6. The Jews implied Jesus was going to kill Himself. How is their unbelief and hatred of Christ their own form of suicide? They would rather die than see Jesus as their King. The Gospel is offered and, therefore, life is offered. They (representing the world) choose a self-destructing death.

See *Deuteronomy 30:19 & Romans 2:5*