

John 8:45-59 & 9:1-5

45-47. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. **Which of you convicts Me of sin?** And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me.? He who is of God **hears God's words**; therefore **you do not hear, because you are not of God.**

- **I John 4:5-6** "They are of the _____. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the _____ hears them. We are of _____. He who knows God _____ us; he who is _____ of _____ does not _____ us. By this we know the spirit of _____ and the spirit of error."

Definition: "You do NOT HEAR, because you are NOT of God" - This is just another way of saying that the Pharisees and Jewish leaders belonged to Satan's kingdom, rather than God's kingdom. If they had been **"in tune with God"** they would have HEARD God's voice and understood His word, and they would have believed in Jesus.

Definition: "Which of you convicts Me of sin?" - Jesus was completely **WITHOUT SIN**. He was born of a virgin, because **the sin nature is passed down from Adam through the man**, so Jesus had to be born without a human father ("the Seed of the woman" - Genesis 3:15). Because Jesus was sinless, Satan also had no "hold" on Him. Satan TEMPTED Jesus, but Jesus **NEVER GAVE IN to the temptation** - He never sinned.

- **John 14:30** "I will no longer talk much with you, for the _____ of this _____ is coming, and he has _____ in (no hold on) Me."
- **Hebrews 4:15** "For we do not have a High Priest (Jesus) who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but [He] was in all points _____ as we are, yet _____ sin."
- **Hebrews 7:26** "For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is _____, harmless, _____, _____ from _____, and has become higher than the heavens."
- **II Corinthians 5:21** "For He (God the Father) made Him (Jesus) who _____ no _____ to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

48-51. Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that **You are a Samaritan and have a demon?**" Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges. Most assuredly, I say to you, **if anyone KEEPS MY WORD** he shall **NEVER see DEATH.**"

- **Revelation 20:6** "_____ and holy is he who has part in the first _____. Over such the second _____ has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of _____, and shall reign with Him a _____ years."

Definition: "You are a Samaritan and have a demon" - These are two of the worst things they could say about Jesus. A Samaritan was the **LOWEST** kind of person to the Jews, and to say, "You have a demon" was saying, "You're crazy, you're out of your mind!"

Definition: "If anyone KEEPS MY WORD" - What does it mean to "keep" the words of Jesus? It means to obey His commandments - to honor and keep them as HOLY.

- **John 15:7** "If you abide in Me, and My _____ abide in you; you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."
- **John 14:21** "He who has My _____ and _____ them, it is he who _____ Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My _____, and I will _____ him and manifest (show, reveal) Myself to him."
- **John 14:15** "If you _____ Me, _____ My _____."

Definition: "He shall NEVER see DEATH" - Jesus is referring to ETERNAL death (called "the second death" in Rev. 20:6), not physical death. The majority of believers in Jesus have already died, or will in the future experience PHYSICAL death. Only those Christians who are **ALIVE at the time of Jesus' return in the clouds** (also called the "Rapture") will go to heaven without ever experiencing physical death. ALL BELIEVERS in Jesus **will ESCAPE "the Second Death"**, which is eternity in the lake of fire and eternal separation from God.

- **Hebrews 2:9** "But we see _____, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the _____ of _____ crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might _____ death for _____."
- **Read I Thessalonians 4:13-18** (Verse 14) "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will **bring** [the souls from heaven] with Him [of] those who _____ in Jesus." (Verses 16-17) "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and the trumpet of God. And the _____ in _____ will _____ first. Then _____ who are _____ and _____ shall be _____ up together with them in the _____ to meet the _____ in the air. And thus we shall _____ be with the Lord."

52-56. Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.' **Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead?** And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?" Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. **Your father Abraham REJOICED to SEE My day, and he SAW it** and was glad."

- **Read Genesis 18:1-33 & 9:1** (Verse s 1-2) "Now the _____ appeared to him (Abraham) by the oaks of Mamre, while he was sitting at the tent door in the heat of the day. And when he lifted up his eyes and looked, behold, _____ men were standing opposite him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and _____ himself to the earth." (Verses 33 & 9:1) "And as soon as He had finished speaking to _____ the _____ departed; and Abraham returned to his place. Now the two _____ came to Sodom in the evening as Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground."

Definition: "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day" - In Genesis 18, we see an occasion where **the Lord appeared to Abraham in human form** (also two angels with Him), and even ATE A MEAL with him. Whenever the Lord appeared to people like this in the Old Testament, it was always the Second Person of the Godhead, Jesus, before He actually was born into the world as a man (this is called the "Pre-Incarnate Christ"). The Bible tells us that "No one has seen God at any time," so we know that God the Father is not the One appearing to people. **Abraham saw and**

spoke with Jesus, and "rejoiced" as the Lord revealed His plan of salvation to him (see also Genesis 22:1-14).

57-59. Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and **have You seen Abraham?** " Jesus said to them, "Most Assuredly, I say to you, **before Abraham was, I AM.**" Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

- **Exodus 3:14** "And _____ said to Moses, "I _____ WHO I AM; and He said, Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I _____ has sent me to you.'"

Definition: "BEFORE Abraham was, I AM" - "I AM" was the name of God given to those under the Old Covenant (Old Testament). It simply means He has no beginning or end, but has ALWAYS EXISTED. When God appeared to Moses in the burning bush (Exodus 3:14) He said, "Tell them '**I AM**' has sent you." When the Jews heard Jesus use this term for Himself, THEY KNEW EXACTLY WHAT HE MEANT BY IT, and they picked up stones to stone Him to death, because **He was saying He was God!** In trying to translate into English, this name is sometimes referred to as "Jehovah" or "Yahweh." We don't really know how it was pronounced by the Hebrews, because they thought God's name was too holy to speak or write, but **IT IS NOT NECESSARY for us to know it.** The **NAME that is GIVEN TO US** is the **NAME OF JESUS** (see Acts 4:12), and Jesus revealed God to us **in the New Covenant** (New Testament) as **"the Father"**.

- **Read Acts 4:10-12** (Verse 10) "Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the _____ of _____ Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole." (Verse 12) "Nor is there _____ in any other, for there is _____ other _____ under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."
- **Philippians 2:9-11** "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the _____ which is _____ every _____, that at the _____ of _____ every knee should _____, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every _____ should _____ that _____ is _____, to the glory of God the Father."

9:1-2. Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, **who sinned, this man or his parents**, that he was born blind?"

- **Mark 10:51** "And Jesus answered and said to him, 'What do you _____ Me to do for you?' The _____ man said to Him, 'Rabboni, that I may receive my _____.'"

Definition: "WHO SINNED, this man or his parents" - How this man became blind is not important to Jesus, because He is going to use this man as a demonstration of His power again. The disciples were interested in the trivial kind of questions, such as whose fault it was that the man was blind. Actually, it was Adam's fault. There would be no sickness, disease, birth defects, genetic or otherwise, **if Adam had not sinned.** The earth became CURSED because of Adam's disobedience to God, and **sickness and disease began to develop** in the earth - **God's perfect creation began to mutate and degenerate.**

- **Genesis 3:17-19** "Then to _____ He said, 'Because you have heeded (listened to) the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you saying, 'You shall _____ eat of it': '_____ is the _____ for your sake (because of what you have done); in toil you shall

eat of it all the days of your life. Both _____ and _____ it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field."

- **Romans 8:20-23** "For the _____ was subjected to _____, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope. Because the _____ itself also will be _____ from the _____ of _____ into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole _____ groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. And not only they, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves _____ within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the _____ of our _____."

Definition: "REDEMPTION of our BODY" - This means when we will receive our RESURRECTION BODY. Our SPIRIT within us is BORN AGAIN and made NEW, but we still have our old bodies, and they are still subject to sickness, defects, disease, pain, etc. There will be **no more sickness or death when we get our new, resurrection bodies.**

- **Read Revelation 21:1-8** "And I saw a _____ and a _____, for the first heaven and the first _____ had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the _____ New Jerusalem, coming _____ out of _____ from God, prepared as a _____ adorned for her _____." (Verses 4-5) "And God will _____ away every _____ from their eyes; there shall be _____ more _____, nor sorrow, nor _____; and there shall be _____ more _____, for the former things have passed away. Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make ALL _____ new.' And He said to me, 'Write, for these words are _____ and faithful.'"

Definition: "FIRSTFRUITS of the SPIRIT" - The Holy Spirit is given to us as a DOWN PAYMENT or GUARANTEE of the resurrection which is to come. In the Old Testament, the "FIRSTFRUITS" was the FIRST PART of the HARVEST, which was given to God as an offering, in FAITH that the REST OF THE HARVEST would be plentiful and good.

- **I Corinthians 15:20-22 & 26** "But now Christ is _____ from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (in death). For since by _____ came _____, by Man came also the _____ of the dead. For as in _____ all _____, even so in _____ all shall be made _____." (Verse 26) "The last _____ that will be destroyed is _____."

3-5. Jesus answered, "**Neither this man nor his parents sinned**, but that **the works of God should be revealed in him**. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

- **John 11:4** "When Jesus heard that, He said, 'This _____ is not unto _____, but for the _____ of _____, that the Son of God may be _____ through it.'"

Definition: "Neither this man nor his parents SINNED" - Does this mean Jesus was saying that the man and his parents were entirely without sin? No, Jesus is only referring to the disciples' question about **the man's blindness being CAUSED** by someone's sin. We all live in this world that is under the CURSE of sin, sickness and death, and we suffer from the EFFECTS of the curse.

Definition: "The WORKS of GOD should be REVEALED in him" - Jesus revealed to us the HEART of God the Father. God is not HAPPY because of the pain and suffering of His creation, but He had to work out the PLAN of salvation, which would begin with Jesus going to the cross, and which will be FINALIZED when Jesus returns to this earth, when there will finally be a NEW HEAVENS and a NEW EARTH with no more sickness or death (see Rev. 21:1-8).