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Monthly Bible Study



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Bible Study—Gospel of John—Chapter 5

John 5:1

After this there was a feast of the Jews: and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

After staying with the Samaritans for two days and teaching them, He goes to Galilee and heals a nobleman's son. Now He is journeying to Jerusalem to attend the feast of the Jews.

After all that Jesus had done, the Jews didn't understand that Jesus was the Son of God or His Deity.

The Deity of Christ, He is the second person of the Trinity, is equal to the Father in nature, separate in person, yet submissive in duties; as such, He is God.

John 5:2

Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

Bethesda means "House of Mercy". The Jews knew where to go to get healing and deliverance.

Many professing Christians, have stopped attending church and they watch the ministry online. God knew COVID would hit the world. It was no surprise to Him. Many use the excuse of COVID for not attending church, but they

go out to dinner, and other places but they can't attend church because of COVID. The Bible admonishing Christians not to forsake the assembling of the church (***Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another, and so much the more, as you see the day approaching—Hebrews 10:25***).

The church is where you will receive your healing and deliverance. The church is where you can worship with other Christians.

John 5:3

In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

Those that were sick and needed healing went to the place where they knew they could be healed. They had experience seeing others healed.

God heals today just as He did then. He does not change. Some receive healing and others don't. No one has the mind of God and we can't explain why He heals some and others He don't. One thing we know for sure, it's not because they didn't have enough faith or God love those He healed more. He loves everyone.

John 5:4

For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

At different seasons an angel would stir up the water and whoever stepped in first would be healed whatever disease they had. This is not a folklore, but this actually happened according to the Gospel of John.

John 5:5

And a certain man was there which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

A lame man who was lamed for thirty eight years had been waiting to get in the pool when the angel stirred the water.

Thirty eight years indicates the man had this infirmity before Jesus was born.

John 5:6

When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, He saith unto him **Wilt thou be made whole?**

Noticed before Jesus healed the man, He asked him if he wanted to be healed. He didn't override the man's choice. This is also an example with

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with salvation, Jesus doesn't make anyone receive salvation. He gives them a choice if they want to accept salvation or not.

John 5:7

The impotent man answered Him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled to put me into the pool, but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

Sadly, to say, the man had been trying for years to enter the pool, but no one would assist him to accessing the pool. It also could have been his appointed time to receive healing. No one receive healing or death before the appointed time.

John 5:8

*Jesus saith unto him, **Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.***

Jesus healed the man of his infirmity. Jesus became the man's healer.

John 5:9

And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the Sabbath.

Immediately the man received his healing. He followed the instructions Jesus gave Him. If we follow the instructions of the Word of God, we will be healed spiritually. Sometimes physical healing doesn't occur. Being healed spiritually, is better than physical healing.

John records this miracle because it was a witness to Jesus' deity. Jesus Himself told John the Baptist that the proof of His messiahship was that the lame would walk.

John 5:10

The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured. It is the Sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.

The Jews probably refers to Jewish leaders who were members of the council. The Law of Moses taught that the Sabbath must be different from other days.

The Pharisees had added many oral traditions to the written law. First, no burden-bearing was allowed. People could not carry a needle in their clothing, write anything, or put out a lamp. Nor could they carry their own beds. Secondly, no medical practices were permitted on the Sabbath, except to prevent death.

John 5:11

*He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, **Take up thy bed, and walk.***

The healed man told them it was Jesus who healed him and also instructed him to take his bed and walk.

John 5:12

*Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, **Take up thy bed, and walk?***

The Jews wanted to know who was the man that gave him the instructions to carry his bed. According to Jewish law it was prohibited to carry his bed. So who had the authority to tell him to carry his bed.

John 5:13

And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed Himself away, a multitude being in that place.

Many people were at the pool and Jesus had withdrawn Himself from the crowd. The man didn't know it was Jesus that healed him.

John 5:14

*Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, **Behold, thou art made whole, sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.***

Jesus finds the man in the temple and gave him the instructions not to practice sin, if so, something worse will come upon him.

Sometimes sickness and diseases are caused by holding on to unforgiveness and offenses. But mind you, all sickness and diseases is not because a person has sinned.

As we can see, the man was not born with the infirmity, it was brought about by sin. If he continued in the sin, he could not use the excuse he didn't know; Jesus warned him. This is why the gospel is taught so that God's people would know how to live a godly lifestyle.

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John 5:15

The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.

After the man's departure from Jesus, he then knew who Jesus was and he told the Jews it was Jesus who healed him. Just like the man with the infirmity, one can never come into the presence of Jesus and stay the same spiritually. Sin is an infirmity, and it carries other ailments with it.

John 5:16

And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath day.

This is the first recorded declaration of open hostility toward Jesus in the Gospel of John. The Jews followed the Mosaic Law and they were also jealous of Jesus.

John 5:17

*But Jesus answered them **My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.***

Jesus is "the only begotten Son", that is, the unique Son of God. Here He claims not only a unique relationship with God the Father, but also equality with God in nature. Since God continually does good works without allowing Himself to stop on the Sabbath, the Son does likewise, since He is equal with God.

To the Jews, Jesus' reply was blasphemy because He was equating Himself with God. He's also saying that God is His Father.

John 5:18

Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill Him, because He not only had broken the Sabbath, but said also that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

The Jews wanted to kill Jesus because He made Himself equal with God. He healed a man on the Sabbath which was against their laws. Now He's saying God is His Father which would make Him equal with God.

Christ, the second person of the Trinity, is equal to the Father in nature, separated in person, yet submissive in duties; as such, He is God.

God made a statement that Jesus is God in Hebrews 1:8 (*But unto the Son, He saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: A Scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom*).

John 5:19

*Then answered Jesus and said unto them, **Verily, verily I say unto you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He seeth the Father do: for what things soever He doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.***

"The Son can do nothing of Himself" means that action by the Son apart from the Father is impossible because of the unity of the Father.

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Those who have been born-again or regenerated in their hearts, don't do or say something without first acknowledging Father and receiving His approval for saying or doing an action.

True Christians have become one with the Father and Son. They aren't divine, but they have the same nature, this is when the Fruit of the Spirit is active in their lifestyle. God's Spirit that lives within them is on display for others to see and feel.

John 5:20

For the Father loveth the Son and showeth Him all things that Himself doeth: and He will show Him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

The Son does what the Father does because the Father loves the Son. God reveals all to Him. The Father would show the Son greater works than the healing of the sick man. Jesus would raise the dead, and eventually judge humanity.

John 5:21

For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom He will.

As God raises people from the dead and gives them life, so Jesus gives people spiritual life. Jesus claimed the same power as God, thus claiming that He

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John 5:21—Continued

is equal with God. The Father and the Son operates in unity and oneness.

John 5:22

For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son.

The Jews recognized that God alone had the right to judge humanity. In claiming that the Father committed all judgment to Him. Jesus again claimed equality to God.

John 5:23

That all men should honor the Son, even as thy honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father which hath sent Him.

Jesus is instructing them as they honor the Father they are to honor Him as the Son. This is also to let them know they can't accept or honor the Father without honoring and accepting the Son.

In some denominations they accept God, but don't accept the Son. And there are those who accept the Son, but don't accept God. One can't be accepted without the other.

It's the Father that draws people to Him and the Son, and it's the Son who died for the sins of the world and reconciles humanity to God for those who accept His salvation through the Son of God.

Those who think they can honor God and not the Son has been indoctrinated wrongly.

John 5:24

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation: but is passed from death unto life.

All who believe in the One who sent Jesus will believe in Jesus. Jesus was with God from the beginning in the book of Genesis when God said "Let us make man in our image", He was not talking to the angels. Angels are not in the image of God, but the Son is the image of God.

John 5:25

Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

Jesus is speaking about the spiritually dead will hear His words, accept them and receive the pardon of their sins and be reconciled with God. Every believer was once dead in trespasses, but heard the gospel of Jesus and was reconciled to God.

John 5:26

For as the Father hath life in Himself, so hath He given the Son to have life in Himself.

God is self-existing, and He has given that same power to His Son, Jesus.

In the Book of Hebrews, God called Jesus God, indicating that He was equal with God, but yet subject to the Father (*But unto the Son, He saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom—Hebrews 1:8*).

John 5:27

And hath given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of man.

God has given Jesus the authority to judge. When He return, He will return with vengeance upon those that rejected God, the Father, and the salvation by Jesus Christ. There will be no excuse, the Word of God has been given in written form, the gospel has went by television, internet, radio and in churches. The carnal Christian will be in the wrath of God alone with the non-believer.

John 5:28

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that in the graves shall hear His voice.

When Jesus returns, those that have died shall hear His voice and come forth from out their graves. It will be like when Jesus called Lazarus forth, he came forth in his grave clothes.

John 5:29

And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto

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unto the resurrection of damnation.

There will be two separate resurrections, the resurrection of life and the resurrection of condemnation. Anything good that is done without belief and acceptance of Jesus means nothing to God and will result in the resurrection of condemnation. We can't work ourselves into heaven.

John 5:30

I can of Mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and My judgment is just; because I seek not Mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent Me.

Jesus' judgment is righteous because it is in accordance with God's divine will. The Son can do nothing of Himself independent of the Father. Actions by the Son apart from the Father is impossible because of the unity of the Father and the Son.

John 5:31

If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true.

If Jesus were the only one bearing witness of what He was claiming, His witness would not be accepted. According to Jewish legal practice, a person's testimony about himself was not accepted in court. Jesus never bared witness to Himself. He knew who He was and who He belonged to; He didn't need people to authenticate Him.

John 5:32

There is another that beareth witness of Me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of Me is true.

Jesus offered another witness, John the Baptist. John heard the voice of God saying "This is My Beloved Son."

John 5:33

Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth.

To bear witness according to Jewish law, a testimony to oneself is no testimony at all. Truth or validity had to be established by two or three witnesses, the other witness was not John the Baptist, but Jesus' Father.

Just as God validated Jesus as His Son, He also validates those that has become His sons and daughters by their accepting Jesus as their Savior (*The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God—Romans 8:16*).

When you're a child of someone, you will have some of their characteristics, it's the same spiritually. If you're not showing God's DNA in you, you need to make sure you're His child by comparing yourself with His Word. You don't compare yourself to someone else that professes to be a Christian.

John 5:34

But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved.

Jesus did not need to authenticate Himself, God, the Father had authenticated Him, John the Baptist was just a witness to what the Father had said about Him.

John 5:35

He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.

Some of the Jews excepted John's teaching on repentance, but when it instructed them to abandoned their religious beliefs, they no longer wanted to hear what John had to say.

John was a shining light in the midst of a religious people. They believed in God, but they were not saved because they didn't want to accept Jesus as the Son of God although they read it in Scripture that a Savior was coming; born by a virgin.

John 5:36

But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given Me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of Me, that the Father hath sent Me.

God, the Father commissioned Jesus to come to earth to reconcile mankind back to Him. With this commission He was

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given authority to heal the sick, cast out demons, and raised the dead.

The Finish work would be Him dying on the Cross and being resurrected on the third day.

John 5:37

And the Father, Himself, hath sent Me, hath borne witness of Me. Ye have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His shape.

This is not a reference to the voice from heaven at Jesus' baptism, but to Scripture. Jesus was informing that He didn't send Himself, but the Father sent Him, and the Father bear witness of who Jesus was.

He was letting them know although they confess in God, they didn't know Him. They had not heard His voice other than the baptism, they had not seen His form.

Many people confess in God, but they have never heard His voice, they aren't sensitive to His Spirit. This comes by having a relationship with Him.

Building a relationship with God consists of diligently seeking Him in prayer, fasting, reading and studying His Word and applying the instructions to our lives daily.

John 5:38

And ye have not His Word abiding in you: for whom He hath sent, Him ye believe not.

Here Jesus is calling Himself the Word of God.

John 5:38 Continued

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

In the beginning with God signifies the perfect fellowship between God the Father, and God the Son in eternity.

If the Word of God is not abiding in a person, he or she can't obey the Word because it has not been placed in their hearts nor their wills.

John 5:39

Search the Scriptures: for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me.

The Jewish leaders of Jesus' day diligently searched the Old Testament Scriptures, but did not see Jesus as the Messiah and did not believe in Him.

Throughout the Old Testament Scriptures speaks of Jesus, although they were leaders they were serving religiously, but not in their hearts.

Many professing Christians, acknowledge God the Father, and God the Son, but they will not try to build their relationship with Him. They will not hold the Word of God in their hearts so that they will not sin against Him.

Christianity is more than accepting salvation. It's getting to know the Father and Son.

John 5:40

And ye will not come to Me, that ye might have life.

Jesus is the God of the Old Testament and New Testament due to He was with the Father from the beginning.

John testified of Jesus being the Son of God, but they would not come to Jesus to receive life for eternity with Him and the Father.

There is eternity in heaven and in hell. God has given every one a choice where they want to spend eternity.

John 5:41

I receive not honor from men.

Jesus didn't need honor from men neither was He seeking it. He sought honor from God and Him alone and as Christians, we should be the same way.

We should desire to have the attention of God, the honor of God. When we seek honor from people, we have made them our god.

John 5:42

But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.

Jesus knew what was in the heart of the Jews, and He knew the love of the Father was not in their hearts.

Just as He knew what was in the heart of the Jews, He knows what's in our heart even though we have religious attributes.

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John 5:43

I come in My Father's name, and ye receive Me not; if another shall come in his name, him ye will receive.

The reason they didn't receive Him is because they did not know the Father, despite their claim.

Jesus came in the Father's name revealing God to the people, but they rejected Him. If someone else would have come in his own name, giving his own ideas in harmony with the people's ideas, the people would have received him.

Ironically, this is what people are doing now. They will except any other person and their theology rather than excepting the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Sadly, to say, many will miss heaven because they have placed their faith in man and religion rather than God, the Father, God the Son.

John 5:44

How can ye believe which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that cometh from God only?

Jesus question to them, how can you believe in those that are seeking honor from one another, pleasing and saying what makes them comfortable? He's informing them honor only comes by God, honor from man is not acceptable to God.

John 5:45

Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust.

John 5:45—Continued

Satan is accusing them before the Father, Satan is also the accuser of the brethren.

Jesus will not have to accuse them on Judgment Day because the one in whom they placed their hope, Moses, will.

John 5:46

For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed Me: for he wrote of Me.

Moses wrote about Jesus in the promises to the patriarchs, in the history of the deliverance from Egypt, in the symbolic institutions of the Law, and in the prediction of a Prophet like himself.

The problem was that the people did not believe the Word of God written through Moses.

John 5:47

But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe My words?

Because they didn't believe Moses writing, neither did they believe in God's Word so they would not believe in Jesus or His Words.

Many are believing in different doctrine made of man and demons. Rejecting the only Word that can set them free. God's Word is true and trustworthy.

His Word alone will bring

peace to a trouble mind. Heal a broken heart. Remove hatred to love. No other book or religion can do that.

Take time to read and study the Word of God. It can and will set you free in your mind, heart and spirit.

This is why Satan influences people they don't have time to read the Bible, or he will have them busy (busy under Satan yoke) making them to tired to read and study the book that will give them life and clarity of the One they say they worship.

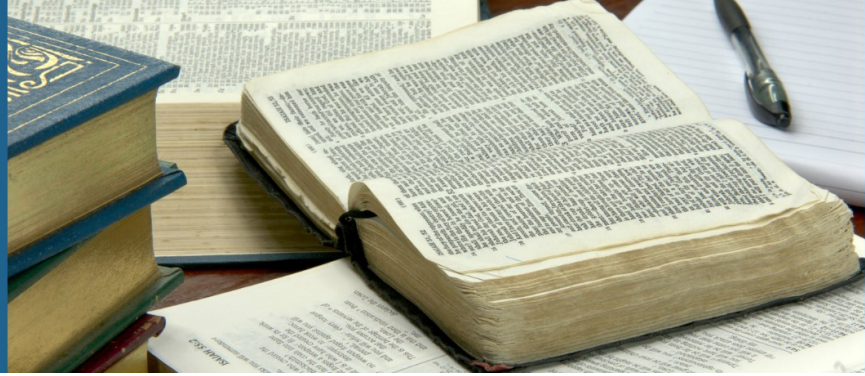
God holds every professing Christian responsible for reading and studying His Word, there will be no excuse saying I didn't know.

If you want to grow spiritually, spend time with God in prayer and His written Word, the Bible.



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Hopefully this Bible commentary will help you to understand the Bible and assist you with your walk with the Lord.

If you have not received Jesus as your Lord and Savior, all you have to do is ask God to forgive you of your sins. Let Him know that you are aware that you have not submitted yourself to the Lord or His doctrine. Ask God to forgive you of your sins. Ask Him to save you, tell Him you accept His salvation by His Son.

If you believe that Jesus is the Son of God, if you believe that Jesus died for your sins. If you believe that He was risen from the grave. Then you are saved.

Confess with your mouth that you're saved.

Romans 10:9-11

That if thou shall confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

For the Scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed.

If you have truly accepted salvation, your heart and spirit has been changed. You will feel the cleanliness within your spirit and heart. Now it's your responsibility to read the Word of God, pray, fast and submit yourself to the Word of God. If you can attend worship service at church or at your facility, you should attend to be strengthen spiritually. As you submit yourself to the doctrine of the Bible you will see a change in your character and attributes.

You can't receive salvation and stay the same. That was the reason Jesus died so that you would be free from the bondage of sin. You can't change yourself, He will change you, if you allow Him.

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