

“The Paternity Test Results Are In” *John 8:38-39 Romans 1:18-32 Luke 12:1-9 John 5:16-31*

The hearts and lives of mankind are self-serving until they hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and His love and humbly respond with acceptance of His substitutionary sacrifice on their behalf.

Romans 1:18-32 accurately describes the Pharisees Jesus is dealing with but it also describes us prior to entering into relationship with our Lord.

It's a true picture of the moral condition of the world in which the hearts and consciences of man are being polluted by a combination of their sin natures within and the devil's world system all around them.

For this very reason, the Son of God came into this world to speak the truth of His Father and conquer sin, death, darkness, despair and the author of all of them, Satan, himself.

We can only know the Fatherhood of God through the teaching of His Son, Jesus and we can only know the Lord Jesus Christ through the ministry of God the Holy Spirit, Who makes Him real to us.

Sadly, many Christians do not know God as benevolent Father, only no-nonsense Judge presiding over the Supreme Court of Heaven but they're neglecting to consider Jesus' words in John 17:6 *“I have revealed You to those whom You gave Me out of the world. They were Yours; You gave them to Me and they have obeyed Your Word.”*

Jesus Christ had an intense desire to show the Father to the world and it was through Him that the awesome glory of God was manifest in human flesh.

In His life as well as in His death, the Lord Jesus showed Who the Father is and what He stands for.

If your Father is the devil, you'll follow in his footsteps of subjective preoccupation with self which is sure to lead to unrealistic expectation with its frustration from prolonged unhappiness in which you constantly blame others for NOT being treated or loved the way you want to be treated or loved.

If your Father is the devil, you'll have an unrealistic self-image where you actually become a role model for yourself like your father Lucifer, setting your own standards like he did and does through his self-driven arrogance.

A person with such an unrealistic self-image never recognizes its limits; he cannot look into the mirror

of biblical truth and see himself as he really is, so he cannot evaluate himself objectively and fairly.

In this condition, someone else might challenge you for your stance and you will react and cling to your false image, you'll have a persistent tragic flaw for life and permanently divorce yourself from reality and this tragic flaw will most likely result in severe mental illness.

When you have an arrogant false image of yourself, you expect everyone around you to recognize that image and treat you with the utmost love, respect, adoration and admiration but the problem is that when you have an unrealistic self-image, you're a constant pain to others.

As children of our Father God, our role model is the humanity of Jesus Christ, the God-man during His Incarnation on earth when He resided in His experiential plan of God under the ministry of the Holy Spirit

And for all who choose to remain children of the devil, they will develop a life of misery in rebellion and then they'll self-destruct and blame it on others causing them to remain miserable for life.

You cannot change yourself as long as you cherish your prideful false self-image and you'll always resent others who try to help you to get out of it.

The Lord Jesus emphasized learning biblical truth to appreciate God while the religious always focused on doing something to please God.

The greatest virtue in the Christian life is knowledge of biblical truth, the mind of Christ. *The religious Jews work on the basis of Satan's doctrinal principles; 1st Timothy 4:1.*

Satan's plan is outlined in his doctrine of demons which is the basis for his strategy.

Racial pride destroys a nation while pride of independent achievement lifts a nation.

Abraham's relationship with God had nothing to do with physical birth or race but everything to do with faith alone in Christ alone.