

John #156 "Are We Blind Too?" John 9:35-38

John 14:1-4; Psalm 33

John 14:1-41 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in Me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

And this place does not depend on Peter's success nor does it disappear with Peter's failure; it depends entirely upon the plan of God the Father and the work of His Son. Therefore in operation grace, Peter has eternal security; so no matter what he does in time, he can't lose his salvation because he did and does nothing to gain it, other than express non-meritorious faith alone in Jesus Christ alone by God's grace alone. *By His death on the cross, Jesus Christ has propitiated the Father, reconciled man and guaranteed a right for every believer to live with Him in Heaven forever!*

Thomas is not stupid; he is simply immature in the faith because he is ignorant of biblical truth when he should know better.

Once someone becomes a believer in Jesus Christ and then chooses to neglect, reject or become negative toward the mind of Christ, he appears to be immature because he is steeped in rebellion.

*No matter how intelligent a person is from the standpoint of human IQ, rebellion puts him in the category of being just plain foolish.*

Disorientation to the plan of God results in disorientation to everything else in life.

Because everyone enters the plan of God at exactly the same place, this sets up a principle: In the Church Age, there is no excuse for anyone not becoming a spiritually mature invisible hero.

Everyone has the same chance and the same opportunity and the Lord Jesus Christ is the only entrance into the plan of God.

*This is a plan which has already been outlined, a plan for which everything is provided, a plan which is categorized by one word 'Grace' where everything depends on Who and what God is, He does it all!*

What gives the Lord Jesus Christ the right to say "Do not let your hearts be troubled?"

Our Test Questions:

1. Do we have personal love for God the Father?
2. Are we consistently occupied with Jesus Christ?
3. *Can we concentrate on the Person and work*

*of the Lord Jesus Christ long enough to remember Him in obedience to His command?  
Occupation with Christ is the ultimate function of worship!  
“Keep on doing this in memory of Me.”*

**The bread represents our Lord’s body, His Person**

**1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:24.**

The cup represents our Lord’s blood, His work, His sacrificial substitutionary spiritual death

for us Romans 5:8.

*1. I believe in Jesus Christ, the God-man.*

*2. I believe Jesus Christ died for me.*

The results of eating and drinking (digestion and assimilation leading to metabolism) reflect an involuntary, non-meritorious, grace action.

**Our meditation should be on the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**John 1:9-11 “The true Light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. He came to that which was His own but His own did not receive Him.”**

The Pharisees were spiritually blind, hopeless and helpless to do anything about it.

*The Light of the world shines in darkness and darkness cannot extinguish it but darkness keeps on rejecting it.*

**The religion of our Lord’s day during His Incarnation was actually responsible for what happened to Jerusalem in A.D. 70.**

**Without a word or a sentence of biblical truth, the healed man rejects the validity of religion.**

If an unbeliever without biblical truth can shoot holes in religion, those who have the Word of God ought to be able to see right through it.

*This unbeliever with common sense rejected the most powerful force of man (religion); something many believers fail to do even with the availability of the Word of God.*

There is no such thing as only one way to witness to people.

**With genuine logic, we are never impressed with ourselves.**

Grace is God doing the work and man receiving the benefits of His work in a non-meritorious way.

*Salvation is a matter of free-will and no one has the right to force or victimize anyone into believing.*

All of the faith in the world will not save anyone.

If God is perfect and His plan is perfect and imperfect man can enter His plan, our success in the plan doesn’t depend on our imperfection but His perfection and that’s GRACE!

**Faith must have an object and that object of faith has all the merit and therefore, there is no merit or credit in simply believing alone.**

**One doesn't have to physically see Jesus or the plan of salvation to be saved.**

***Those who are positive at God-consciousness remain on alert looking for their object of faith.***