
There and Then: Here and Now

Answer the questions below as you reflect on your own life and this part of our study*: *my LOG vs others SPECK*

S — Is there a *sin* for me to avoid or confess?

P — Is there a *promise* from God for me to claim?

E — is there an *example* for me to follow?

C — Is there a *command* for me to obey?

K — How can this passage increase my *knowledge* about God / Jesus Christ / Holy Spirit?

Are there *principles* to guide?

Are there *warnings* to heed?

Are there *attitudes* to adopt?

Are there *actions* to take?

Use this area to write down any thoughts you may have and to develop an action plan for implementing them into your life.

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Who is Jesus? – The Gospel of John

Chapter 8

8:1-11 – The Woman Caught in Adultery

- Jesus teaches in the Temple – Luk 21:37-38
- The Pharisees bring a woman caught in the act of adultery
 - Where is the man? – Num 5:11-31
 - **Lev 20:10** 'If *there is* a man who commits adultery with another man's wife, one who commits adultery with his friend's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.
 - **Deu 22:22** "If a man is found lying with a married woman, then both of them shall die, the man who lay with the woman, and the woman; thus you shall purge the evil from Israel.
 - **Deu 19:15** "A single witness shall not rise up against a man on account of any iniquity or any sin which he has committed; on the evidence of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed.
 - **Deu 17:2-7** "If there is found in your midst, in any of your towns, which the LORD your God is giving you, a man or a woman who does what is evil in the sight of the LORD your God, by transgressing His covenant, **3** and has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, or the sun or the moon or any of the heavenly host, which I have not commanded, **4** and if it is told you and you have heard of it, then you shall inquire thoroughly. Behold, if it is true and the thing certain that this detestable thing has been done in Israel, **5** then you shall bring out that man or that woman who has done this evil deed to your gates, *that is*, the man or the woman, and you shall stone them to death. **6** "On the evidence of two witnesses or three witnesses, he who is to die shall be put to death; he shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness. **7** "The hand of the witnesses shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.
- *Believer's Bible Commentary*¹ on v7 – "Dissatisfied, the Jews kept insisting that He make some reply. So Jesus simply stated that the penalty of the law should be carried out, but that it should be done by those who had committed no sin. Thus the Lord upheld the Law of Moses. He did not say that the woman should be free from the penalty of the law. But what He did do was to accuse every one of these men of having sinned themselves. Those who wish to judge others should be pure themselves. This verse is often used to excuse sin. The attitude is that we are free from blame because everyone else has done things that are wrong. But this verse does not excuse sin. Rather, it condemns those who are guilty even though they have never been caught."

¹ (MacDonald and Farstad) on John 8.

- Jesus exhibited the grace and truth that He was to reveal as described in Joh 1:17; grace in that He didn't condemn her, truth in that He told her to go and sin no more.

8:12-20 – Jesus the Light of the world

- "I am the Light of the world."
 - **Isa 9:2** The people who walk in darkness Will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, The light will shine on them.
 - **Joh 1:4-5** In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. **5** The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.
 - **Joh 1:9** There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.
 - **Joh 3:17-21** "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. **18** "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. **19** "This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. **20** "For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. **21** "But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."
 - **Joh 9:5** "While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world."
 - **Joh 12:46** "I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness."
 - **1Jn 2:8-11** On the other hand, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true Light is already shining. **9** The one who says he is in the Light and yet hates his brother is in the darkness until now. **10** The one who loves his brother abides in the Light and there is no cause for stumbling in him. **11** But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

8:21-30 – Jesus' Relationship with Father

- v24 is one of the key verses regarding salvation.
- Other references where Jesus clearly identifies Himself
 - Warning of False Messiahs – Mat 24:5; Mar 13:6; Luk 21:8
 - Jesus' True Identity – Joh 4:26; 8:24, 28, 58; 13:19

8:31-59 – Jesus & Abraham

- Jesus invites the Pharisees to follow Him and receive eternal life, v31-32 & 51
 - Gal 3:6-14 addresses this connection to Abraham
- "the devil" – see note²

² (Zhodiatas, Baker, and Carpenter; Strong) on G1228 – δiáβολος,

- v57-59 show the refusal of the Pharisees to believe Jesus

Chapter 9

9:1-12 – Jesus Heals a man born blind

- Bible Knowledge Commentary³ – "These words do not contradict the universal sinfulness of man (cf. Rom 3:9-20, Rom 3:23). Instead Jesus meant that this man's blindness was not caused by some *specific* sin. Instead the problem existed **so that... God** could display His glory in the midst of seeming tragedy (cf. Exo 4:11; 2Co 12:19)."
- Wiersbe⁴ – Four times people asked how the miracle was performed (v10, 15, 19, 26). ... "They were all asking the wrong question! They should not have asked "How?" but "Who?" (Simply rearrange the letters!) But we are so prone to ask "How?" We want to understand the mechanics of a miracle instead of simply trusting the Savior, who alone can perform the miracle."

9:13-34 – The Jewish Leaders Question the man & his parents

- The Jewish Leaders kept looking for a none miraculous answer to the healing so that they could find a reason to accuse Jesus of blasphemy instead of accepting that He was the Messiah/Christ.

9:35-41 – Jesus Affirms His Deity

- v37 is another verse where Jesus clearly declares who He is.
- Wiersbe⁵ – "John 9:39 does not contradict John 3:16-17. The reason for our Lord's coming was salvation, but the result of His coming was condemnation of those who would not believe."
- v41, The refusal to accept Jesus as the Son of God left the Jewish Leaders dead in their sins.
 - **Pro 26:12** Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.
 - The Pharisees saw many things that should have pointed them to Jesus as the Messiah but they refused to see the truth.

diabolos, dee-ab'-ol-os & H7854 – 𐤃𐤁𐤏𐤍, śâtân, saw-tawn' meaning false accuser, adversary, slanderer.

3 (Walvoord and Zuck) on John 9.

4 (Wiersbe) on John 9.

5 (Wiersbe) on John 9.