

THE BOOK OF JOHN

Living A Whole Life

John 5:10-12, "The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed. He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk. Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?"

4 Decisions Assure A Lifestyle Of Change In Our Lives

1. Decide to reject legalism

Legalism blinds us to the miraculous works of God.

Legalism binds us to the meticulous rules of man.

We are acting like Pharisee when we:

Hold on to traditions above the purpose of God.

Keep spiritual laws without recognizing the spiritual meaning behind them.

Find our spiritual comfort in a "list."

The real danger of legalism: Legalism is false holiness

How do we combat legalism?

Truth must emerge

Conviction must be employed

Grace must be embraced

John 5:13-15

2. Decide to worship

3. Decide to stop sinning

Jesus deals differently with us according to our need.

He talks to the nobleman about his spiritual condition before he would promise to heal his son's physical condition.

He heals a man's physical condition before he talks to him later that day or the next day about his spiritual condition.

4. Decide to openly confess Jesus

John 5:16-18

Jesus is the Son of God.

When we say Jesus is the "Son of God" what does that mean?

1. The Son Is Equal To The Father

For the Pharisee the Sabbath meant idleness, for Christ it meant work; and yet for the Pharisees the Sabbath meant hardship and for Christ it meant rest.

As believers, we have rested from our works so that we can be free to do His work!

John 5:19-21

2. The Son Does What He Sees The Father Doing

I can do nothing by myself.

I will only do what I see the Father doing.

3. The Son Has The Power To Give Life

John 5:22-23

4. The Son Has All Judgment Entrusted To Him

John 5:24-27

Judgment **NOW**

Those without Christ are spiritually dead.

The moment we trust Christ we “cross over” from death to life!

John 5:28-30

Judgment **THEN**

Some will rise out of their graves to live.

Some will rise out of their graves to be condemned.

2 important questions!

Why will we all still be in our graves?

How can he say those who will be condemned will also be resurrected?

The issue of our eternal judgment is decided when we hear His voice!

John 5:31-35

5 Witnesses To The Fact That Jesus Is The Son Of God

1. John The Baptist

John 5:36-38

2. The Work That I Do

3. The Father

John 5:39-44

4. The Scriptures

John 5:45-47

5. Moses

The books of Moses point to Jesus in three specify ways:

History, Typology and Prophecy

Deuteronomy 18:18