

JOHN 2:23-25

23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. 24 But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people 25 and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

John 2:23-25 ESV

BELIEVING UNBELIEVERS

"To all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God"

John 1:12 ESV

The whole point of John's book, found in **John 20:31**, is *"that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."* So, what is wrong with the crowd's faith?

1) IT WAS A SIGN BASED FAITH (vs. 23)

9 The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and lying signs and wonders, 10 and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 ESV

2) JESUS DID NOT ENTRUST HIMSELF TO THEM (vs. 24)

26 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you...29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ... 35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out... 44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.

John 6:26-44 ESV abridged

You see the commitment that Jesus makes for those who come to him for the right reasons? He says, "I will raise him up on the last day. I will lose none and I will not reject anyone who comes to me" for the right motive. The question remains, Is it possible for somebody to come to Jesus, for salvation and eternal life, and in turn have Jesus not commit himself to them? The answer is no! You can come to Jesus for 1000 reasons that will all result in your damnation but it is impossible that you can come to Christ for forgiveness, for salvation, for deliverance from your sin, for eternal life and have him cast you away. It will never happen. It cannot happen.

SCRIPTURE SPEAKS OF 2 DIFFERENT "TYPES OF FAITH"

1) "DEMON-LIKE FAITH" 2) "DIVINE FAITH"

There is the faith of demons, which demons have and they tremble. They believe and acknowledge certain intellectual facts about Jesus. They know the truth, they affirm the truth, they understand the truth they ought to believe. They believe those things sentimentally to the point where they tremble at the sound of Jesus' name.

The saving faith comes to Jesus for one thing and one thing only... The only thing we truly, desperately need... forgiveness and redemption.

1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." 3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.

John 3:1-3 ESV

GLORY OF GOD IN FACE OF CHRIST'S OMNISCIENCE

14 The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. . . . 16 And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

John 1:14-16 ESV abridged

Jesus knows all people and not only that; he knows everything about all people. No one is excluded from his omniscience. That means there is no part of your life that is excluded from him. He knows everybody and everything about everybody. He knows all of your thoughts, all of your struggles, every bad thought you have had about another, every bad thought you have had about him. He knows exactly the strings of your heart to pull that makes himself completely irresistible. If you have ever been impressed by a man or woman's knowledge. Jesus is infinitely more impressive.



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WE MUST ASK OURSELVES "ARE WE IN THE FAITH?"

2 Corinthians 13 says, "Examine yourself to see if you are in the faith."

THE Five Solas

- Sola Fide*, by faith alone.
- Sola Scriptura*, by Scripture alone.
- Solus Christus*, through Christ alone.
- Sola Gratia*, by grace alone.
- Soli Deo Gloria*, glory to God alone.

21 Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' 23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.' 24 **Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.**

Matthew 7:21-27 ESV

How can I know if I am among the ones that the Jesus knows?

How can I know that I have been given to Jesus, and that he will keep me and raise me?

The answer is very simple: "Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst'" (John 6:35).

If you come to him like this, you have been given to the Son. And if you have been given by the Father to the Son, you will be kept, and if you are kept, you will be raised on the last day.

MEMBERSHIP INTEREST MEETING

DAY/TIME	LEADERS	LOCATION	CONTACT INFO
Sunday November 13 th 3:30-7:30PM	Joel Webbon Stacy Craft Rony Renfrow	3240 Lowell St. San Diego, CA 92106	469-487-6298 joel@theresponsechurch.com

FIRST RESPONSE - COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS

DAY/TIME	LEADERS	LOCATION	CONTACT INFO
The First Sunday of Every Month at 7PM	Joel Webbon Rony Renfrow Stacy Craft	3240 Lowell St San Diego, CA 92106	469-487-6298 joel@theresponsechurch.com

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Thursday at 7PM	Rony & Danielle Renfrow	1676 Chatsworth Blvd San Diego, CA 92107	925-348-0128 rony@theresponsechurch.com
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