

ARE YOU A SPIRITUAL DESCENDANT OF ABRAHAM?

(John 8:33-47)

I. AN INTRODUCTION TO JOHN'S GOSPEL

II. THE PROLOGUE: INTRODUCING JESUS CHRIST (1:1-18)

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A. Christ's Conversation with the Pharisees (8:12-47)

1. From verses 30-31 there is no room for doubt that _____ of these people truly _____ in Jesus for salvation.
2. In response to Christ's statement "*And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free,*" the religious leaders actually claimed that as the privileged descendants of Abraham they had _____ been in _____! (vv. 32-33)

* Is every believer a disciple of Jesus Christ?

3. Speaking on a _____ level, the Lord corrected these "blind guides" and stated authoritatively, "*Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever _____ sin is a _____ of sin.*" (v. 34)

* How does this revelation harmonize with Paul's teaching in Romans 6 with what he wrote about the believer's relationship to sin?

4. Jesus used a common household illustration; a servant may live in the house, but he really is _____ of the _____; and he has _____ inheritance, he can be sold at any time. (vv. 35-36, cf. Gal. 4:1-7)

5. True _____ sons of Abraham would _____ try to _____ the Messiah/Savior. (vv. 37-38, cf. Rom. 2:28-29; 9:6, 8; Gal. 3:29)
6. Yes these Jews were Abraham's seed (*sperma*), his physical descendants, but they were _____, i.e., they were _____ Abraham's children (*teknon*), his "spiritual" descendants. (vv. 39-40, cf. Rom. 4:11-12; Gal. 3:6-14)
7. In verse 41 this phrase, "*born of fornication*" is a _____ on Jesus and His earthly mother Mary pertaining to the _____ that surrounded her supernatural _____. (Ps. 69:7-12)
8. If Abraham was their "spiritual" father (v. 39), and if God were their Father (v. 42), they would _____ Jesus and they would _____ to His Word (v. 43).
9. Christ identified their real father, the devil...
- a. These religious leaders wanted to _____ Jesus (vv. 37a, 40); likewise, Satan "*was a _____ from the beginning.*" (v. 44)
- b. These Pharisees had abandoned the truth and were currently _____ to themselves and to the nation (vv. 37b, 43); likewise, Satan, "*is a _____ and the father of it.*" (v. 44)
10. Because they _____ to hear the _____ that Jesus taught, in His omniscience He identified them as _____. (vv. 45-47)

* How can you personally apply this passage in your own life?