

John 12:27-43 | God Glorified

Advent 3 Reading.

Responsive Reading.

Q1: How did Jesus Christ, being the Son of God become a man?

A1: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, became a man, by taking to Himself a true body and a soul. Jesus Christ was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the womb of His mother, the virgin Mary, and was born by her without any sin.

Q2: How do we become partakers of the redemption that was purchased by Christ's work on the cross?

A2: We become partakers in the redemption that was purchased by Christ on the cross by the effectual application of His Holy Spirit indwelling us, giving us new life, and demonstrating this by repentance from sin and faith in Him.

Q3: How does the Holy Spirit apply to us the redemption that was purchased by Christ on the cross?

A3: The Holy Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working in us a desire to turn away from sin and building our faith in Christ. We continue to build assurance of salvation in our life as the Holy Spirit continues to mold our character into the character of Christ, bearing more and more fruit.

John 12:27-36 'Now **my soul has become troubled**; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from **this hour**'? but for this purpose I came to **this hour**. Father, **glorify** You name." Then **a voice** came out of heaven: "I have both **glorified it**, and will **glorify it** again." So the crowd of people who stood by and heard it were saying that it had thundered; others were saying, "An angel has spoken to Him." Jesus answered and said, "**This voice** has not come for My sake, but for **your sakes**."

Now **judgment** is upon this world; now **the ruler of this world** will be cast out.

And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, **will draw all men to Myself**."

But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die. The crowd then answered Him, "We **have heard** out of the Law that the Christ is to **remain forever**; and how can You say, '**The Son of Man** must be lifted up'? Who is this **Son of Man**?"

So Jesus said to them, "For a little while longer **the Light** is among you. Walk while you have the **Light**, so that **darkness will not overtake you**; he who walks in **the darkness** does not know where he goes. While you have **the Light**, **believe in the Light**, so that you may become **sons of Light**."

In this passage Jesus has become greatly troubled. In last chapter at the death of Lazarus, Jesus wept at the arrival of the crowd and the family, just prior to raising Lazarus from the dead.

Jesus is troubled here in this passage. **Q:** Is He troubled because of His crucifixion? Is He wrestling internally that He knows He is going to die?

In this Jesus is still communicating to this combination of Greek seekers and surrounding Jewish attenders to the Passover events.

Jesus communicates His coming crucifixion. God confirms this truth with a voice from Heaven. The people hear the voice. Their response is amazement from the voice, but confusion with Christ.

As per normal, they take delight in Divine Work but reject the revelation of God's Divine Work in Christ. We've seen that these people marvel at miracles but reject the Miracle Worker.

These people have come to anticipate and hope for Supernatural work but actively rejected the Savior that performs that work.

I. v. 27-28 'Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name.'" Then a voice came out of heaven: "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again."

a. My soul has become troubled

ταρασσω – I am troubled, terrified, stirred in my soul, I am disturbed

Troubled souls in the NT.

Matt. 2:3 'Herod the king heard this, he was troubled'

Luke 1:12 'Zechariah was troubled when he saw him/the angel of the Lord'

Luke 24:38 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?'

John 11:33 'Jesus was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled'

John 13:21 'Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me."

Gal. 1:7 'there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.'

Gal. 5:10 'I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is.'

Jesus' commands over a troubled heart.

John 14:1 'Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.'

John 14:27 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'

In this scene, Jesus publically confessed that He is troubled over the upcoming events.

It is naïve to think that Jesus is merely apprehensive about die. Of course He is. Jesus is both fully God and fully man.

Jesus' Divine Nature causes Him to only obey God. 'I and the Father are one' John 5

But Jesus' human nature does cause Him to relate to suffering and troubling circumstances in a way that we would be able to fathom. In a limited capacity, we can understand to a small degree how Christ would be so troubled.

Heb. 4:14-16 'we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weakness, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.'

The upcoming crucifixion has caused internal turmoil in Christ.

b. 'save Me from this hour'?

Jesus is offering a rhetorical question. Jesus is not doubting His death. Jesus is not pondering the potential of not going to the cross.

c. 'this hour...for this purpose I came to this hour'

-this hour, this purpose

d. 'Glorify Your name – have glorified it, and will glorify it again'

e. 'A voice came out of heaven'

How does God speak?

God speaks through what He has created and to what He has created.

There is an old saying of 'If you want to hear God speak read the Bible and if you want to hear Him speak out loud read the Bible out loud.'

You need to hear God's voice, so you need to be confident in how God is speaking.

You need to be able to be certain. You need clarity. You need direction. Q: How can we hear this voice from heaven?

Cessationism vs. Continuationism. Q: God has spoken but how does God continue to speak?

A Question of the Work of the Holy Spirit.

Q: Is there a continuation of Divine Revelation or Is God's Divine Revelation, His mode of continual Divine Illumination?

Q: Why did the voice come? What was the purpose of the voice? It was for our sakes.

It was evidence. It was reason. It was pre-supposition. It was Divine Authorization.

This passage is **steeped in God's Sovereign Will**. We see it in a few ways

1. Glory
2. Past Recognition of Glory
3. Continued Recognition of Glory
4. Christ's obedience to God's Glory
5. The Judgement of the World and Satan
6. The Son of Man being lifted up.

Mark 12:1-10 The Parable of the Tenants.

This voice was seen in this greater story in John 11 'Lazarus come forth

The hour, The voice, and Living in Christ.

The voice of God, In Unison with Christ.

Jn 1:23 John the Baptist is 'the voice of one crying out in the wilderness.'

Jn 3:29 'the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice'

Jn 5:25 'an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.' (the hour, the voice, and living in Christ are all connected in John's Gospel)

Jn 5:28 'an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice'

Jn 10:3 'the sheep hear His voice, and He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out'

Jn 10:4 'the sheep follow Him, for they know His voice'

Jn 10:5 'A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.'

Jn 10:16 'I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd'

Jn 11:43 'Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus come forth'

Jn 18:37 'Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice'

John has another experience with this audible voice of God.

It's nearly too much to cover in a single setting, but what I want you to see is how you can just take John's writing for example, and step from concept to concept on the foundation of God's voice.

Divine voices, God the Father, Christ the Son, Holy Angels ruling now and in the future.

Rev. 1:10 'I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands...his voice was like the roar of many waters' (the seven lampstands represent seven churches and the voice communicating to them is Christ and it is like a roar of water/thunder)

Rev. 3:20 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.'

Rev. 4:1 'I/John looked and a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." (God never leaves us without instruction.)

Rev. 5:2 'John saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?"

Rev. 5:11 'John looked, and heard around the throne and living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads and myriads and thousands of thousands

Rev. 5:12 the angels 'saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Rev. 6:1 John 'watched the Lamb open one of the seven seals, and I/John heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, "Come!" (voice like thunder/Jn 12, Come/ερχομαι – an imperative invitation)

Rev. 6:6, 6:7, 6:10 – Instruction from a Divine voice.

Rev. 7:2,10 'I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the earth and the sea...crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Rev. 8:13 'I heard an eagle crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead, 'Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth

Rev. 9:13 'I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar before God'

Rev. 10:3 'another strong angel..called out with a loud voice, like a roaring lion.'

Rev. 10:4 'I heard a voice from heaven'

Rev. 10:8 'the voice...take the scroll'

Rev. 11:12 'they heard a loud voice from heaven...come up here!'

Rev. 11:15 "loud voices in heaven saying 'The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and Christ, and he shall reign forever'

Rev. 12:10 'a loud voice..Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our Gdo and the authority of his Chrsit have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night' (Jn 12 – the Ruler of this world.)

God's voice rules the world. His voice is the amplification of His Word. His Word is the instruction of His Will.

Q: Why has this voice come? It came for our sakes and it came to express the Truth of God.

7. You see the continued dualism that we looked at last week; Light and Darkness.

II. 30-32 'Jesus answered and said, "This voice has not come for My sake, but for your sakes. Now judgement is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.'

Remember we looked at **conditional statements** last week, If this/Then this – Jesus says again 'if I am lifted up/crucified' THEN 'it will draw all men to Me.

a. 'draw all men to Myself'

What does He mean by this? It is NOT that all men will come to faith in Him. It is NOT that all men will be saved. It is NOT that all men are equally approving and enamored by Jesus. It IS that all people will be drawn to a decision-point about Christ.

ALL men will be draw to the point of the crucifixion. All men will come to a place where they will be called to a definitive evaluation about the cross.

Q: Has this action, ordained by God, planned by God before the foundation of the world, executive by the conspiracy of Caiaphas, the betrayal of Jesus, and the barbaric nature of the Romans – Has this action of Jesus' crucifixion saved you from your sin OR is it merely just a fleeting event?

b. 'for your sakes'

Jesus says about this thundering voice from heaven, that it has come for **'their sakes'** – The miracles came for their sakes, Christ came for their sakes, God has spoken for their sakes.

This is troubling. Christ was troubled last week and He wept. Christ is troubled here and he tells the people this is all being done for your sake.

Q: How is it, that the miracles could be performed, Jesus has been in their midst, and they have heard the audible voice of God, but they still question? Because 'men loved darkness rather than light' – 'professing to be wise they became fools'

c. 'now judgement' -discrimination. Choice. Determination. This way or that way.

Britney Griner is a criminal. She broke the laws of another country. She has shown no remorse, no respect. No desire to make a means for her wrong-doing.

Instead of repenting and having justification by faith. She has hardened her heart in rebellion and justified herself by the liberalism of our age. She is a criminal.

Marijuana. The altering of consciencousness. It IS SIN.

Kristi Allie reached Theta8 in Scientology. She is a pagan.

The height of selfishness.

Selfishness: The Essence of Moral Depravity by Nathaniel Emmons

'Of all sinners, corrupters of the sentiments (i.e. those who change morality) and practice of others are the most criminal, and stand condemned to the severest marks of God's everlasting displeasure.'

They change moral standards, claim that is ok and teach many others to do the same.

d. 'the ruler of this world is cast out'

- Satan is cast out

We really need to be reminded

III. v. 33-34 "But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die. The crowd then answered Him, "We have heard out of the Law that the Christ is to remain forever; and how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is the Son of Man?'"

a. the kind of death – crucifixion

b. heard out of the Law, Christ remains forever

- μΕΝΙΩ (abide, remain)

c. The Son of Man

IV. v. 35-36 'So Jesus said to them, "For a little while longer the Light is among you. Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes. While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of Light. These things Jesus spoke, and He went away and hid Himself from them.'

a. **Walk** – ΠΕΙΡΑΤΕΩ -Walking is a sign of ability. The most basic physical skill. It demonstrates direction. One of two directions.

b. **Light or Dark.**

- The ruler of this world keeps people in darkness. The Son of Man is calling people to Light, to be sons of Light. To walk in Light.

Application – Walking in the Light

Full-disclosure. Full-insight. Complete transparency.

Walking in the Light is predicated on validation of the Word/voice of God.

In Mark 7:5-13 'The Pharisees and the scribes asked Him/Jesus, 'Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat their bread with impure hands?'"

And He said to them, “Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: ‘This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far away from Me. But in vain do they worship Me, **teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.**’ (Is. 29:13)

“**Neglecting the commandment of God**, you hold to the tradition of men.”

He was also saying to them, “You are **experts at setting aside the commandment of God** in order to keep your tradition. For Moses said, ‘Honor your Father and Mother;’, and “He who speaks evil of father or mother, is to be put to death.’

But you say, If a man says to his father or his mother, whatever I have that would help you is Corban (that is to say, given/dedicated to God); you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or his mother; thus **invalidating the word of God** by your tradition which you have handed down; and **you do many things such as that.**’

It might be challenged at first glance to synthesize what Jesus is saying to these people.

Let me see if I can offer this illustration that Jesus is giving as a way to understand how to walk in the Light.

God has given us His commandments for us to walk in them. This is a **‘lamp to our feet, and light to our path.’**

Unfortunately for us, we do this imperfectly. God knows that. Christ knows that. That is why Christ sends the Holy Spirit to help us.

The Holy Spirit works as a Helper in our life to keep us from sin.

The Holy Spirit IS NOT some kind of Disney fantasy about how to reach another plane of mental existence or for your mind to be opened to new imaginations.

The chief problem of man is that man sins against God. Therefore, the chief help of man is that He would be enabled to be kept from this sin.

Thomas Boston, The 4-fold Nature of Man

Pre-Fall Man	Post-Fall Man	Redeemed Man	Glorified Man
Able to sin	Able to sin	Able to sin	Able to not sin
Able to not sin	Unable to not sin	Able to not sin	Unable to sin

Matt. 22:30, Mark 12:25 ‘you will be like the angels’

Of course, we know that angels in the **pre-fall state had the ability to sin** against God.

Is. 14:12-17

Satan is a Fallen Angel and the leader of 1/3 (*not a specific passage but collection of passages that reveal this idea*) of all the Fallen Angels that God removed from heaven and sent to earth. These Fallen Angels have the ability to sin and to influence sin.

But as Christ is saying here, the Angels in heaven maintain this glorified status of 'able to not sin and unable to sin' – Q: Why is that? It is because these Angels serve the will of God.

These angels are both the actioning arm of God's army and the trumpet of His Truth.

These Holy Angels act solely on behalf of God's will.

In the Redeemed state God restores the life of a person to be able to not sin. This is done, not through self-discipline, not through the changing of habits, not through better education – this is done through the power of the Holy Spirit.

It is God's Holy Spirit that keeps us and guards us and directs us away from sin.

Like Christian in Pilgrim's Progress we are navigating through a broad array of influencers. From Wordly Wise, to Compromise, to Vanity Fair.

But for the Redeemed Person, the Holy Spirit directs their life that they would be able to walk in the Light.

The Holy Spirit's primary job is to make you aware of sin and in making you aware of sin, keeping your life guarded from sin. Q: Why? Because the Ruler of this World is judged and as a result the whole world will be judged.

Walk in the Light.