

Series: Gospel of John

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Message: "Secret Believers?"

John 12:42-50

Big idea: God's praise is far more important than mans, and his rewards are far more lasting. Seek first the kingdom of God and everything else takes care of itself.

I. The context

- A. This is the END of the first half of John's gospel (1-12; 13-21)

- B. The REJECTION of Jesus as the Messiah is fulfilled

- C. The closing verses of chapter twelve give us another TRINITARIAN primer

II. Jesus is Lord

- A. What must I do to be SAVED? vs. 42-43

1. The TEXT

- Nevertheless...an EXPLANATION

- What they did...BELIEVED

- What they didn't do...CONFESS
 - Is this POSSIBLE?

 - This is not two CONDITIONS for salvation

2. The TEST

- They yielded to the FEAR of people

- They desired the APPROVAL of people
 - A THEME throughout Scripture
 - A TEMPTATION for us as well

B. A SUMMARY of what Jesus taught vs. 44-50

1. WHO Jesus is vs. 44-46

- Jesus is ONE with the Father
- Jesus is GOD
- Jesus is the LIGHT

2. WHY Jesus came vs. 47-50

- I haven't come to JUDGE
- I have come by the AUTHORITY of my Father
- I have come to do the Father's WILL

III. What we take away...

There is no way to bring greater joy and glory to God than to follow Jesus' example and walk daily in obedience to the Father's will