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STEP 01

From Now On Sin No More

John 8:1-11

Introduction

In John's gospel, we see two women who lived a life of sin but received a new life. One was the Samaritan woman and the other was the one who was caught in adultery in our text. The woman in our text probably had greater shame than the Samaritan woman. Today, we learn Jesus' great grace of coming to give forgiveness to all sinners.

1. What kind of woman was brought into the temple court (1-3)? What was her fate (4-5; Lev 20:10)? What was the intention of the religious leaders as they pressed Jesus for answers to their questions (6-7)? How did Jesus help their hardened hearts (6b-8)? What was their response (9)? ¹

¹ **Lev 20:10 (ESV)** “If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

2. Everyone who came to condemn the woman left and the woman was left alone (9b-10). What did this signify (5:22; Heb 4:15; Heb 8:12)? What did Jesus say to her (11a)? What does this tell us about the grace we find in Jesus (Ro 8:1-2; Isa 1:18)? ²

² **5:22 (ESV)** For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son,

Heb 4:15 (ESV) For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Heb 8:12 For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.

Ro 8:1-2 ¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set you free from the law of sin and death.

Isa 1:18 (ESV) "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

3. What advice did Jesus give to the woman (11b)? What does the Bible tell about those who keep on sinning (2 Pe 2:22)? To what degree, should we fight against sin (Heb 12:4)? What does this tell us about the life of faith (1 Pe 1:15-16)?³

³ **2 Pe 2:22** Of them the proverbs are true: "A dog returns to its vomit," and, "A sow that is washed returns to her wallowing in the mud."

Heb 12:4 In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

1 Pe 1:15-16 ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

Reflection

STEP 02

I am the Light of the World

John 8:12-20

Introduction

On the Feast of Tabernacle, there were two specific events: the pouring of water on the altar that commemorates water gushing out of a rock and kindling the 75 foot high gold lampstands that commemorate the Lord who led the Israelites in the desert by the pillar of fire. When the Feast was over, the priest would blow out the lampstands. Then the temple would be dark. Though it became a bright morning, the temple was still full of darkness as the religious authorities brought the woman caught in the act of adultery and tried to seize Jesus. After helping the woman with His forgiveness, He declared that He is the light of the world. He was saying that He is the Lord who led the Israelites in the wilderness. In this dark world, we need His guidance.

1. What did Jesus declare about Himself (12)? What does “darkness” and “light” mean in the gospel of John (1:4,9; 3:18-19)? What is the real cause of darkness in the world? In what way, is Jesus alone the light for the world? Why did the Pharisees challenge Jesus (13,17; Dt 19:15)? Why does Jesus not need witnesses (14-18)? Who testified for Jesus (Isa 9:2; Lk 1:78-79; Lk 2:30-32)? ⁴

⁴ **1:4 (ESV)** In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

1:9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

3:18-19 ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. ¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

Dt 19:15 One witness is not enough to convict anyone accused of any crime or offense they may have committed. A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.

Isa 9:2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

Lk 1:78-79 ⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven ⁷⁹ to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

Lk 2:30-32 ³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.”

2. What do we need to do when we receive Jesus as the light of the world (12)? What does it mean that we follow Jesus? What is the authentic Christian life (Lk 9:23)? Is it worth following Jesus? ⁵

⁵ **Luke 9:23 (ESV)** And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

3. What does it mean that you will have the light of life (Ge 1:3)? What does light symbolize in the Bible (Ps 4:6; 1:4-5)? What life do we experience in Jesus? What happened with the Jerusalem church when the believers faithfully followed Jesus (Ac 2:47)? What life should we live as Jesus' people (Eph 5:8)? ⁶

⁶ **Gen 1:3** And God said, "Let there be light" and there was light.

Ps 4:6 Many, LORD, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?" Let the light of your face shine on us.

1:4-5 ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Acts 2:47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Eph 5:8 (ESV) for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

Reflection

STEP 03

I am the One I Claim to Be

John 8:20-30

Introduction

Knowing someone is very important because it will lead you to decide whether you will trust that person or not, make that person your friend or not, make that person your spouse or not. In the same way, knowing who Jesus is builds up your faith in Him and your relationship with Him is deepened. So John 20:31 says, "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name." Get to know Jesus better and better through studying John's gospel.

1. What does the word, "once more" in verse 21 suggest? What do "I am going away," "you will look for me" refer to? What do "you will die in your sin," "where I go you cannot come" mean? How did the Jews respond (22)? How did Jesus respond (23-24)? How does verse 24's "you will indeed die in your sins" differ from verse 21's "you will die in your sin"? What should we believe (24; 6:20)? ⁷

⁷ **6:20** But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid."

* Jesus spoke about "where He came from" (14, 23, 26, 29), where He is going (14, 21-22, 28), who the Father is (26-27, 38) and who Jesus is (23-26; 38, 54-55).

2. What did the Jews ask Jesus (25)? What was Jesus' answer (26)? Why would Jesus' words be only judgment on them? What is the role of Jesus' cross (28; Mk 15:33; Mt 27:52; Mk 15:39)? What do you see from Jesus about the profound sense of God's presence (29)? What is the blessing of doing the Father's will (Ac 13:22; 1 Chr 11:9; Mt 28:20)?⁸

⁸ **Mk 15:33 (ESV)** And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

Mt 27:52 and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life.

Mk 15:39 And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

Ac 13:22 (ESV) And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.'

1 Chr 11:9 (ESV) And David became greater and greater, for the LORD of hosts was with him.

Mt 28:19-20¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the the very end of the age.

Reflection

STEP 04

The Children of Abraham

John 8:31-47

Introduction

When my granddaughter, Grace was born, Mercy, my daughter sent us a picture of Grace to our family chat saying, "She looks like dad." I asked her, "Does Grace look like your dad or her dad?" Mercy said, "She looks like you!" While we were in Louisiana, we said, "Grace's lips are like her dad, her eyes are like mine and the shape of her face is like Esther." A baby resembles her family members. In our text, the Jews rejected and tried to seize Jesus, the only Messiah. However, they still insisted that they were children of Abraham, the children of God. Jesus told them that they were the children of the devil for they resembled the devil. Let's learn the three qualifications of being the children of God.

1. What did Jesus say to those who believed in Him (31-32)? Why did He say these words (59)? What does the truth mean (14:6)? What was the response of the Jews (33)? What is the difference between being a slave to sin and being a child of God (34-35; 44)? How can we find freedom (36; Ro 8:1-2)? ⁹

⁹ **59** At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Ro 8:1-2 (ESV) ¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

2. What are the signs of being the children of God and the children of the devil (37-42)? What is the driving force of God's children (2 Cor 5:14-15)? What should the focal point of our lives be as Christians? What change do we experience in life when we love Jesus? ¹⁰

¹⁰ **2 Cor 5:14-15 (ESV)** ¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised."

3. What is the evidence of being God's children (47)? What is the fundamental problem of people's unbelief (43)? What do we experience when we hear God's word (38; 17:5)? What life do we continually live? What should our attitude be toward God's words (1 Pe 2:2-3)? What kind of growth do we have in our Christian life (Eph 4:13)? ¹¹

¹¹ **17:5** And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

1 Pe 2:2-3 ² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Eph 4:13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Reflection

STEP 05

Before Abraham Was, I Am

John 8:48-59

Introduction

The main theme of John's gospel is that Jesus is the Son of God and that by believing in Him, we have eternal life (20:31). When Jesus revealed His divine identity, the Jews started to be antagonistic toward Him and even tried to kill Him (5:18). It showed who they were; they were children of the devil, who is a murderer and a liar (8:44). In this text, we see Jesus' efforts to help the Jews see His true identity and to receive Him as the Lord's Messiah.

1. What did the Jews say to Jesus (48)? Why did they say such harsh things (47)? How did Jesus defend Himself (49)? Who seeks the glory of Jesus (50)? Why does God seek the glory of His Son? Then how much should we seek the glory of Jesus?

2. What was Jesus' real concern when He defended Himself (51)? What does it mean to obey Jesus' words? Why does obeying Jesus' words enable one to overcome death (8:12)? How did the Jews respond to Jesus (52-53)? What was Jesus actually saying when he said that one will never see death (3:16)? ¹²

¹² **8:12** When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

3. How did Jesus respond to the Jews' challenge (54)? When did Abraham "see Jesus' day" (Gen 22:15-18)? What did Jesus claim through His response in verse 54? How did the Jews respond to Jesus (57)? What was Jesus' answer to them (58)? What did Jesus mean by saying, "Before Abraham was, I Am" (Ex 3:14-15; 1:1-3)? ¹³

13 Gen 22:15-18 ¹⁵ The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

Ex 3:14-15 ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' "This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

1:1-3 ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

Reflection

STEP 06

Go to Siloam and Wash

John 9:1-12

Introduction

Jesus' healing the man born blind is tied to chapter 8 where Jesus declared that He is the light of the world. This chapter portrays what happens when the light shines: some are made to see like the man born blind, while others, who think they can see, turn away blinded (9:39-41). Let's learn about who Jesus is, the light of the world, and learn how to receive the light of Jesus from a man born blind.

1. Who did Jesus see as he went along (1)? What did the disciples ask Jesus (2)? What is the entire point of the book of Job? How did Jesus answer (3-5)? In what way should we see the problems that we face?

2. What did Jesus do next (6-7)? How would you feel if someone put mud on your eyes, made with their saliva and say, "Go, wash in the pool?" In what way does Jesus do His mighty work? Share your experiences in the life of obeying Jesus.

3. What was the response of the blind man's neighbors (8-9a)? What was the reply of the man who had been born blind (9b)? What else did the neighbors ask the man who had been blind (10)? How did the man testify the grace he received (11)? In what sense, was he different from the paralytic in John chapter 5?

Reflection

STEP 07

One Thing I Do Know

John 9:13-34

Introduction

We've learned that Jesus healed a man born blind by putting mud on his eyes and sending him to the pool of Siloam where he washed and received his sight. Our text today shows the response of the Pharisees toward Jesus' healing of the blind. We also see how the healed man kept his faith in the midst of all the challenges he faced.

1. What were the neighbors' intentions when they brought the formerly blind man to the Pharisees (14)? What did the Pharisees ask the formerly blind man, and what was the man's answer (15)? What were the responses of the Pharisees toward Jesus (16-17)? What does this event reveal about who Jesus is (Isa 35:5-6)? ¹⁴

¹⁴ Isa 35:5-6 (ESV) ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the dessert;

2. What was the answer of the blind man's parents to the Pharisees' question (19-23)? What was their fear? Why is it important that we have the lordship of Jesus Christ? How did the Pharisees pressure the formerly blind man (24)? What was the man's answer (25)? What do you learn about the importance of holding Jesus' grace (1 Cor 15:9-10)? ¹⁵

¹⁵ **1 Cor 15:9-10** ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

3. What questions did the Pharisees ask again (26)? What was the formerly blind man's answer (27)? How did the Pharisees treat the formerly blind man (28-29)? How did the man respond to Jesus (30-33)? What did the Pharisees do (35)? How did Jesus help him further (35-38)? What do you learn about Jesus' unfailing love in this text? ¹⁶

¹⁶ **35-38** ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." ³⁷ Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." ³⁸ Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

Reflection

STEP 08

Do You Believe in the Son?

John 9:35-41

Introduction

We've learned that Jesus healed a man born blind by putting mud on his eyes and sending him to the pool of Siloam where he washed and received His sight. The neighbors were so confused about whether this man was the same blind beggar or someone else. So they took him to the Pharisees. The man boldly testified that Jesus healed him, overcoming the fear of excommunication. As a result, the Pharisees excommunicated the healed man. Our text today is the conclusion of Jesus healing the blind; we see how Jesus further helped this man. Here, we learn in what way Jesus helps His followers.

1. How did Jesus help the formerly blind man when he was excommunicated (35)? Why did Jesus ask him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man"? (Dan 7:13-14)? Why was Jesus taking such efforts to help the man believe in Him (36-37; 1:12-13; 14:6)? What is the most important thing in life? ¹⁷

17 Dan 7:13-14 (ESV) ¹³ "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ¹⁴ And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed."

1:12-13 (ESV) ¹² But to all who did receive Him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

2. How did the formerly blind man respond to Jesus (38)? In what way, was this man's faith developed in the gospel of John (11, 17, 33, 38)? In what way, can we live a most fulfilling life (Isa 43:21)? ¹⁸

¹⁸ **11** He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."

17 Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet."

33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

Isa 43:21 the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

3. What did Jesus say about judgment (39)? Who does “those who do not see may see” refer to? Who are “those who see”? What should our attitude be toward Jesus (Mk 16:16)? What was the response of the Pharisees (40)? What was the claim of the Pharisees (Ro 2:19)? What was the reality of their life (41)? In what sense, is it really important to know who we are inside and truly receive Jesus (Rev 3:17-18)? ¹⁹

19 Mark 16:16 *Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.*

Ro 2:19 if you are convinced that you are a guide for the blind, a light for those who are in the dark

Rev 3:17-18 ¹⁷ You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

Reflection

STEP 09

I am the Good Shepherd

John 10:1-21

Introduction

Sheep are known as dirty, dumb and defenseless. Thus, sheep need a shepherd's care. Isaiah 53:6 says, "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Like sheep, we are so easily led astray. Some live incorrigibly throughout their life. That is why Jesus came to this world as our Good Shepherd. The background of our text today is of Jesus' healing the man born blind. When he was healed by Jesus the Pharisees should have rejoiced that the promised Messiah had come. Instead, they pressured the man to deny the fact that Jesus healed him. When the man didn't listen to them, they excommunicated him. Hearing what had happened, Jesus met him and led him to have eternal life. He then rebuked the Pharisees for they became thieves and robbers. Ezekiel 34 tells us about the false religious leaders (1-6). God then promised to send the Good Shepherd for His people (11-15). In this text, Jesus declares that He is the Good Shepherd, the promised to come.

1. In verses 1-5, what contrast do you see between the shepherd and the stranger (a thief and a robber)? What is the motive of the stranger (10)? For what purpose does the shepherd approach the sheep? How does the shepherd lead his sheep (3-4)? Who does the shepherd ultimately refer to (Ps 23:1-3)? ²⁰

²⁰ **Ps 23:1-3** ¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

2. In verses 7-10, Jesus tells that He is the gate of the sheep. In what sense, is He the gate for the sheep? What did Jesus say about Himself (11)? In what sense is He the good shepherd (See how many times the phrase, "lay down my life" is repeated in verses 11-18)? What relationship do we have with Him when we receive Him as our shepherd (14-15)? What is the opposite of the good shepherd (12-13)?

3. Who are the other sheep (16a)? What will Jesus do for them (16b-17)? Why did Jesus choose to lay down His life (18; Ro 5:8)? What is Jesus' joy in finding His lost sheep (Lk 15:4-7)? ²¹

²¹ **Ro 5:8** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Lk 15:4-7 ⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Reflection

STEP 10

My Sheep Hear My Voice

John 10:22-42

Introduction

After healing the man born blind, Jesus challenged the Pharisees to be good shepherds of God's flock for they were acting like the hired hand who didn't care for the sheep. In truth, they were thieves and robbers who came to steal, kill and destroy the sheep (Jn 10:10). On the other hand, Jesus came as a good shepherd. He leads His sheep to eternal life. This is what the man born blind experienced through Jesus. In this text, Jesus reveals more about Himself; He is the Christ who came to give us eternal life.

1. What is the Feast of Dedication (22)? What did the Jews demand of Jesus (23-24)? What was Jesus' answer (25-26)? What is the real cause of people's unbelief?

2. What is authentic faith through which you receive eternal life (27-28; 1 Pe 2:2)? On the other hand, what is false faith (Titus 1:16; Mt 7:21-23)? How can you examine your faith to determine if it is authentic or not? ²²

22 1 Pe 2:2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

Titus 1:16 They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

Mt 7:21-23 ²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

3. How do we receive eternal life (28)? What kind of protection do we have as God's children (29-30)? What was the response of the Jews to Jesus (31-33)? What did Jesus say to them (37-38)? Where did Jesus go after this and what was the response of the people there (39-42)? What do you learn about the work of God in people's hearts?

Reflection

Prayer Topics

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