

SERMON OUTLINE John 8:31-47

Children of Abraham or Children of the Devil?

INTRODUCTION

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM OR THE DEVIL?

THREE KEY DISTINCTIONS

Hearing/Understanding

Loving

Doing

CONCLUSION

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

In these few verses, Jesus described in plain language the marks of those on the side of the Promised Redeemer and those on the side of the soon-to-be-defeated serpent. He also sorted those present into their respective camps. The main takeaway for us is to consider the marks, consider which side they indicate we're on, and all in order that we might change our allegiance to Jesus or grow in our allegiance to Him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Have you ever thought of this life as a battle between the offspring of Eve and the offspring of the serpent? Have you ever considered yourself a participant in that war? Have you ever thought about which side you are on?
3. Have you ever met someone who was certain they were right with God, but you suspected otherwise? What was their certainty rooted in? What was your skepticism rooted in?
4. Can we know for sure we are right with God, and if so, how?
5. Which of the twelve contrasts mentioned by Pastor Dave stands out to you the most? Which is most contrasting in your own life? Which is least contrasting for you?
6. Was there a time in your life that you doubted that Jesus was the Son of God? Was there a time when His words were confusing to you? Was there a time when you didn't believe them? How did that change?
7. Are there any arguments the world makes that seem compelling to you?
8. Do you love God above all? Are you growing towards that? What's the main thing competing with God for your love?
9. If someone were to watch all that you do in a given day/week, what would they notice? Would it be obvious to them that you are a Christian? Is there anything you do that might call it into question?
10. Are you on the side of the woman or the serpent? How did you get on that side? What is the main way it shows up?
11. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

12. Ask one godly person who knows you well how you might better honor Jesus.
13. Study more closely one of Jesus' teachings this week. Ask God to help you abide in it. Share what you find at DG.
14. Commit to a Bible reading plan that will help you read the entire Bible and ask someone to join you.
15. Pray for and share the good news of Jesus with one non-Christian this week that they might not die in their sin.
16. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
17. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

PRAYER POINTS

18. Adoration. Praise God for being perfect in every way. Praise God for being merciful and gracious. Praise God that He is love, life, and truth. Praise God for being able to save. Praise God that He is three-in-one.
19. Confess. Confess any remaining allegiances you have to your sin. Confess anything you listen to that is not honoring to God. Confess anything that competes with God for your highest love. Confess anything you do that is like the serpent.
20. Thanksgiving. Thank God for securing the victory over the serpent by sending Jesus! Thank God for making a way for us to become true children of Abraham, even though we were powerless to do so on our own. Thank God for Grace Church.
21. Supplication. Ask God to save someone in your life. Ask God to help us live in the certain knowledge that victory is won!