

CCC Message Notes

"Seeing Is Believing - You Sure?" - John 12:37-50

Belief & Unbelief are the Issues - Seeing or Not Seeing Become Totally Secondary

"The Gospel of John" series - part 25

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THEME

(The Sermon In a Sentence or Two)

Belief & unbelief happen apart from seeing or not seeing - especially when it comes to faith in Christ. Our knowledge of God transcends our physical senses.

APPLICATION

(What to Do with What You Hear)

Reject any notion - frantic or otherwise - that you have to see before you believe.

FOCUS

(The Core of the Content to Get Us Started)

One of the least reliable kinds of evidence there is is eyewitness evidence. What you'd think would be one of the biggest slam dunks is often refuted & rejected in a court of law. How can that be? They were there. They saw it. They know it. They're wrong?

Our five senses, all five of them - along with all of who we are - are fallen. The only totally reliable evidence is truth itself & Himself. If we think if we see something we'll automatically believe it, we're wrong. While there's much more to this morning's message, this key issue is a big part of what we'll see.

May all God has to say to us this morning be heard, believed, loved & lived.

More Lessons from John 12 ...

1. SEEING GUARANTEES NOTHING ELSE.

Seeing something will not necessarily make you believe anything.

John 12:37-38 (John 20:19-29, especially v29)

2. GOD'S WAYS are a MYSTERY to US.

God does what God does apart from our understanding or consent.

John 12:39-41

3. the FEAR of MAN really is a SNARE.

Caring more about what people think than what God knows is dangerous & can even be deadly. Don't do it.

John 12:42-43 (Proverbs 29:25)

4. TRUE SALVATION brings us from DARKNESS to LIGHT.

The image of light is a pervasive theme throughout John's gospel. There's no way to claim to be walking with God while walking in darkness. No way whatsoever.

John 12:44-50

Making It Real Questions

- * Can you see that seeing something guarantees nothing other than it's been seen?
- * Are you embracing all of God's Word knowing some of requires extra effort?
 - * Are you seeking total freedom from "the fear of man?"
- * Is your life proof of what happens when God has His way as it pertains to light?

Action Step

Take time to respond especially to the 4th point. Are you tolerating any darkness today?