

Lord, To Whom Shall We Go?

Introduction

1. In our text of John 6, Peter asks a very important question of Jesus:
John 6:63-69

2. If one chooses to reject Jesus as the Messiah, Savior, and Lord, to whom shall they go?
 - A. Here are a few answers:

Shall We Go.....**To the World?**

1. People who reject Jesus, that do not respect His authority to guide their lives turn to the world to fulfill their own lusts and desires.

A. But John wrote that the worldly things will one day pass.

1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-- is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

B. A companion of Paul let the world get the best of him.

2 Timothy 4:10 for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica

C. When we walk according to the world, we are dead in our sins.

Ephesians 2:1-3, 12

D. Satan will use any device he can on us to try and deceive us to get caught up in the affairs of the world.

Colossians 2:8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

Shall We Go.....**To Those Who Will Uphold Us in Our Rejection of Jesus?**

- 1. Every denomination, cult, and other false religion are the result of man's discontent with God and God's will. Notice:
Acts 17:23-33
Romans 1:20-25**
- 2. Many will follow their own desires yet maintain lip service to God!**

Matthew 7:21-23 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Matthew 15:7-9 "Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' "

Luke 6:46 "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?

3. Paul made it very clear to Timothy that many would be unable to withstand the restrictive nature of the gospel of Christ.

1 Timothy 4:1-3 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

2 Timothy 4:3-4 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

- A. These people will search out those who will uphold their rejection of God and His will that their consciences would be seared.**

4. Apostasy is progressive in nature

1 Corinthians 5:6 Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?

- A. One generation may go so far from the truth but no further. The next will wade a little farther and so on until they are unable to see the shores of truth at all!**

- 1) The attitude manifested by Israel continues to be seen in many of God's people today such as the desire to be like the nations around them (1 Sam 8:16-22).**
- 2) A cycle results when the seed of apostasy is sown. (SEE CHART)**

Shall We Go.....**To a God Who Will Lead Us to Eternal Punishment?****1. Our actions in life point out who our real god is.**

John 8:44-47 "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. "But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me."Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? "He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."

A. Only those that know and obey the God of heaven will have a sweet rest.

2 Thessalonians 1:6-9 since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

Revelation 22:14-15 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

Revelation 22:18-19 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Why We Should Go To Jesus

- 1. Let's not give some consideration on why we should go to Jesus. First of all, He has the words of eternal life. No one else does.**

John 6:68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

- 2. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, and our only access to the Father (John 14:6).**

- 3. Jesus is God's spokesman to us today (Hebrews 12:23-29).**

Hebrews 1:1-2 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

- 4. Jesus is our sacrifice for sin (Galatians 3:13-14; Hebrews 9:11-28) Hebrews 10:12-31**

- 5. Jesus is our perfect example.**

1 Peter 2:21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

- 6. Jesus is our Savior, the author and finisher of our faith (John 3:16-17; Colossians 3:1-3; Hebrews 5:8-9; 1 John 5:9-21).**

Hebrews 12:1-2 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

7. Jesus provides all spiritual blessings.

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

A. One of those blessings is the blessing of prayer.

John 9:31 Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.

8. Jesus is the ultimate expression of God's love for man (Romans 5:6-8; Ephesians 4:32; 1 John 4:7-12).

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

9. Jesus provides us hope beyond this life (1 Timothy 1:1; 1 Corinthians 15:42-58). 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

10. Jesus will Judge us (John 5:21-30; Matthew 25:31-46; 2 Timothy 4:1).

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

John 12:48 "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him-- the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

Conclusion

- 1. Each of us make the choice of whom we shall go, to Jesus or to Satan.**

- 2. Those who reject Jesus now will one day realize they made the worst mistake that they could ever make!
Philippians 2:9-12**
 - A. It is a fact that “there will be no atheists in hell.”**

- 3. If you haven’t done so, I encourage you to come to Jesus in obedience to His word that you might enjoy all that only He can give.**

- 4. The question “to whom shall we go?” has only one right answer, and that is – Jesus Christ, if we want to go to heaven to spend our eternity!**

