



SERMON NOTES

November 13, 2016

Scripture: John 3:11-21 (NAS)

Topic: "Sola Fide"

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- 11 "Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and testify of what we have seen, and you do not accept our testimony.
- 12 "If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?
- 13 "No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man.
- 14 "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up;
- 15 so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.
- 16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.
- 17 "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.
- 18 "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
- 19 "This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.
- 20 "For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.
- 21 "But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

I. JESUS' INTERACTION WITH NICODEMUS

- A. Declared The Monergistic Work Of God In Salvation
- B. You Must Be Born Again, Born Of God *John 1:12-13*
- C. Nicodemus Failed To Understand

II. JESUS SPEAKS TO NICODEMUS AND OTHERS

- A. John Uses The Plural Pronoun "You"
- B. The "We Speak" Refers To Jesus, John The Baptist And Prophets
- C. Nicodemus and Others Fail To Understand Earthly Things
- D. He Declares He Is The Only One Come Down From Above
Proverbs 30:4; Philippians 2:5-8

- E. Jesus Used The Simile Of The Serpent On The Pole To Point To The Cross *Numbers 21:18-19*

III. THE FOCUS OF THIS PASSAGE IS BELIEF

- A. Seven Times In Eleven Verses It Speaks Of Belief
- B. Sola Fide – The Emphasis Of The Reformation
 1. Sola Scriptura
 2. Solo Christo
 3. Sola Gratia
 4. Sola Fide
 5. Soli Deo Gloria
- C. Salvation By Faith Alone *Ephesians 2:8,9; Romans 3:20; Galatians 3:11*

IV. RECONCILING THE WORK OF GOD AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAN

- A. God Gives Birth; Man Is Called To Believe
- B. Man Can Not Fully Comprehend The Ways Of God
 1. Isaiah 55:8
 2. Matthew 11:27-28
 3. John 6:44, 47
 4. Acts 2:22
 5. Ephesians 2:8-10
 6. Romans 11:33

V. GOD'S LOVE IS DEMONSTRATED IN GIVING

VI. THE CALL TO BELIEVE OR FACE JUDGMENT