

**Problem:**

With an insufficient view of Christ - John 3:1-3  
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**Text:**

**With an insufficient view of Christ- (problem) John 3:1-3**

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John 8:21 ¶ So he said to them again, **"I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin.**

**Where I am going, you cannot come."**

John 8:22 So the Jews said, "Will he kill himself, since he says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?"

John 8:23 He said to them, **"You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.**

John 8:24 I told you that you would die in your sins, for **unless you believe that I am *he* you will die in your sins."**

(21) you cannot come -contrast - John 14:1-3

(23) you are from below - (1 Cor 15:47-50)

(23) you are of this world - (1 John 4:4-6; 5:4)

(24) you will die in your sins -(3x's) > Rev 14:13

*whats so scary about earth/death? - Rev 21:8; 20:14; 20:6; 2:11*

*blessed is the one who overcomes - 1 jn 5:4*

*how?*

*Separation from sin comes through the cross - 2 Cor 5:21*

**you will remain a slave while you live**

John 8:25 So they said to him, **"Who are you?"** Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. (Gen 1:1; Jn 1:1)

John 8:26 I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him."

John 8:27 **They did not understand** that he had been speaking to them about the Father.

John 8:28 So Jesus said to them, **"When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know (have sufficient evidence) that I am *he*,** and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me.

John 8:29 And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him."

John 8:30 As he was saying these things, **many believed in him.**

John 8:31 ¶ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples.

John 8:32 and you will know the truth **(about Jesus)**, and the truth will set you **free."**

John 8:33 They answered him, "We are **offspring of Abraham** and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

John 8:34 ¶ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a **slave to sin.**

John 8:35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever.

John 8:36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

John 8:37 I know that **you are offspring of Abraham;** yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you.

John 8:38 I speak of what I have seen **(in toto -perfect)** with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father."

John 8:39 ¶ They answered him, **"Abraham is our father."** Jesus said to them, **"If you were Abraham's children,** you would be doing the works Abraham did,

John 8:40 but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did.

John 8:41 **You are doing the works your father did."** They said to him, **"We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God."**

John 8:42 Jesus said to them, **"If (second class) God were your Father (and He is not),** you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me.

John 8:43 Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word.

John 8:44 **You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires.** He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 8:45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me.

John 8:46 Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me?

John 8:47 **Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."**

*(27) you do not understand or believe because (31) you do not abide in my Word - 8:31, 51; Lk 6:46*

*(43) you cannot bear to hear my Word because (47) you are not of God -John 1:12-13*

*(41,44) you are of your father the Devil - (Eph 2:1-3); (rom 6:5-17)*

*being born again comes through the Word - 1 Pet 1:23*

*that shows Christ high and lifted up (28) -Isaiah 6:1-5; 52:13*

### **you will act as an enemy of God**

John 8:48 ¶ The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?"

John 8:49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and **you dishonor me.**

John 8:50 Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge.

John 8:51 Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death (strong double negative)."

John 8:52 The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! **Abraham died**, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste **death.**' (strong double negative)

John 8:53 Are you greater than **our father Abraham, who died?** And the prophets **died!** Who do you make yourself out to be?"

John 8:54 Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.'

John 8:55 But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word.

John 8:56 **Your father Abraham** rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad."

John 8:57 So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen **Abraham?**"

John 8:58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **before Abraham was, I am."**

John 8:59 So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

*you will remain an antichrist, a liar - 1 John 4:1-3*

*reconciliation comes from God -Rom 5:6-11*

### **So make sure you know THIS Christ (application)**

*(58) Before Abraham was, I AM -8:58 -John 8:24, 28; —>1:1-4; Col 1:15-17; Heb 1:3; Exodus 3:14; Rev 1:17-18*

### **Main Idea:**

with an insufficient view of Christ (problem)

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so make sure you know this Christ (implication)

#### **Implication:**

Rev 1:17-18 -this is how John viewed Christ

#### **Application:**

if you feel hopeless

if you find yourself enslaved to sin

if you realize you are fighting God

make sure your view of Christ is sufficient

read the following articles and discuss if possible in your group:

[http://www.the-highway.com/deity1\\_Machen.html](http://www.the-highway.com/deity1_Machen.html)

<http://www.gotquestions.org/hell-real-eternal.html>

<http://www.gotquestions.org/slave-to-sin.html>

<http://www.biblebb.com/files/edwards/enemies.htm>