

JESUS AND SALVATION
(John 2:23-25 and 3:16-21)

- I. The NATURE of True Faith (John 2:23-25)
 - A. Jesus was providing MIRACULOUS SIGNS
 - B. “Many BELIEVED in His NAME”
 - C. Jesus was not “ENTRUSTING Himself to THEM”
 - D. Jesus “KNEW all men,” particularly “what was IN MAN”
 - 1. They were merely ENTHUSIASTIC about the SIGNS
 - 2. They did not have TRUE FAITH for SALVATION

- II. The SOURCE of True Faith (John 3:3, 7-8, 15)
 - A. “Unless one is born again, he CANNOT SEE the kingdom of God” (3:3)
 - B. One’s being “born of the SPIRIT” is a SOVEREIGN act of God (3:7-8)
 - C. Being born again results in BELIEF in JESUS (3:15)

- III. The OBJECT of True Faith (John 3:16-18)
 - A. God GAVE the WORLD His “only begotten Son”
 - 1. This gift REVEALS God’s LOVE
 - 2. Those who BELIEVE in Him “shall NOT PERISH”

3. Those who BELIEVE in Him “have ETERNAL LIFE”
- B. For all HUMANITY, there is ONLY ONE Savior
1. The one who BELIEVES in Christ is not CONDEMNED
 2. Those who do not BELIEVE are ALREADY CONDEMNED

IV. The EVIDENCE of True Faith (John 3:19-21)

- A. Unredeemed people HATE the Light (cf. John 1:4-5)
1. They CHERISH their EVIL DEEDS
 2. The Light EXPOSES their EVIL DEEDS
 3. Therefore, they “LOVE the DARKNESS”
- B. Those who are born of the Spirit COME to the Light
1. They PRACTICE the TRUTH
 2. They want the Light to reveal that their deeds are the WORK of GOD (cf. Eph. 2:10)