

“YOU ARE OF YOUR FATHER THE DEVIL”
(John 8:37-47)

- I. Refuting Their Assumptions as Abraham's PHYSICAL Children (8:37-38)
 - A. Jesus CONCEDES that they are DESCENDED from Abraham (8:37*a*)
 - B. Jesus CONTRASTS their SPIRIT with that of Abraham (8:37*b*)
 - 1. They were seeking to KILL JESUS
 - 2. Jesus' word “has NO PLACE” in them
 - C. Jesus contrasts HIS Father with THEIRS (8:38)
 - 1. He TELLS them the things He has SEEN with His Father
 - 2. Yet they DO the things they have HEARD from their father
- II. Refuting Their Presumption to Be Abraham's SPIRITUAL Children (8:39-41*a*)
 - A. If they were, they would BEHAVE like Abraham (8:39)
 - B. If they were, they would BELIEVE like Abraham (8:40)
 - C. They were emulating their REAL spiritual father (8:41*a*)
- III. Refuting Their Assertion That They Are GOD'S Children (8:41*b*-47)
 - A. They affirm they “were not born of FORNICATION,” but they ALL have GOD as their Father (8:41*b*)
 - 1. May be insulting JESUS and His MOTHER
 - 2. May be insisting they are not APOSTATE
 - B. Their ATTITUDE disproves their claim (8:42)
 - 1. Jesus CAME FROM the presence of the Father

2. Jesus was COMMISSIONED by the Father
- C. Their INABILITY to UNDERSTAND disproved their claim (8:43)
- D. Their true father is THE DEVIL (8:44-45)
1. They CHOSE to practice his EVIL DEEDS
 2. From the BEGINNING he has been a MURDERER
 3. He is the father of LIES who abhors the TRUTH
 4. They did not believe Jesus BECAUSE He spoke the TRUTH
- E. Jesus affirms His own TRUTHFULNESS (8:46)
1. “Which one of you CONVICTS Me of SIN?”
 2. “Why do you not BELIEVE ME?”
- F. Jesus affirms their UNGODLINESS (8:47)
1. God’s children HEAR God’s words
 2. They do NOT hear them, because they “ARE NOT OF GOD”