



Faith Over Fear!

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Text: John 12:42-43

Passage Summary: As the public ministry of Jesus begins to wind down in John chapter 12, the heart of the humanity He came to save is on His mind!

180 Degree Truth #1: See that the dividing line between those who believe in Jesus and those who reject Him has everything to do with the state of our heart! (12:42-43)

“Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him.”

John 12:37

Application: Recognize that when it comes to the heart of humanity, those who come to believe in Jesus place a Spirit enabled emphasis on...

- _____ over _____! (v.42-43)

“Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved praise from men more than praise from God.”

John 12:42-43

“Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.”

Proverbs 29:25

See that to grow forward as a faith over fear follower of Christ, understand...

_____ you _____ in Christ! (Ephesians 1:3-8)

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.”

Ephesians 1:7-8

_____ you _____ in Christ! (Ephesians 1:13-14)

“Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.”

Ephesians 1:13-14

The _____ made _____ to you through Christ!

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.”

2 Timothy 1:7

The _____ that awaits you through the _____ of Christ!

“The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: ‘The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever.’”

Revelation 11:15

Remember: When it comes to the heart of humanity, the call to exercise faith over fear can be a real struggle; but those who grow forward through an abiding relationship with Christ discover that what can seem like _____ thinking can actually become a _____ of life to the glory of God!

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine as you stand at the threshold of a new year, that you will recognize that faith over fear followers of Christ are not only wanted, but needed; to be sure, the _____ will be real, but so is the _____ that God can bring to a lost and dying world through your Spirit enabled commitment!

“Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs. But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD.”

Jonah 2:8-9