

Big idea: Sincerity doesn't save anyone. You can be very sincere and very wrong. Believing in Jesus is the only way of salvation.

I. What makes you a Christian?

- A. I'm a GOOD person
- B. I'm a member of a CHURCH and I've been BAPTIZED
- C. I was BORN into a Christian family
- D. I WENT FORWARD, I said a PRAYER, I made a DECESION

II. Family Matters

A. It's a matter of one's HERITAGE vs. 37-43

1. What they CLAIMED vs. 33a, 37a

2. How they LIVED vs. 37-43

- They were a walking CONTRADICTION
 - In the PHYSICAL sense
 - Definitely not in the SPIRITUAL sense
- Their heart is full of HATE
 - KILL Jesus
 - Attack his CHARACTER
- They had no room for TRUTH
 - I am SENT by the Father
 - I am the PRE – SELF – CO existent One

B. It's a matter of WHO you BELONG to v. 44

1. Two FAMILIES

- GOD as your Father
- DEVIL as your father
- There is no universal FATHERHOOD of God and universal BROTHERHOOD of man

What Jesus wants us to know:

Satan EXISTS

Satan is a PERSON

Satan is the OPPOSER of God and all things GOOD

Satan is not EQUAL with God

2. Two DESIRES

- MURDER

- LIAR

C. It's a matter of TRUTH vs. 45-47

1. Truth REJECTED v. 45

2. Truth REVEALED v. 46

3. Truth RECEIVED v. 47

III. What we take away...

There are only two families in the world, and everyone is a member of one or the other. The greatest gift you can ever receive is to be in God's family! Guard your love for Christ.