AGAPE HOUSE OF WORSHIP

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A JOURNEY THROUGH JOHN

Part 17: The Father and I Are One: Assurance, identity, intensifying conflict

Text: John 10:22–42 **Teacher:** Pastor Patrick Ahiadzipe

Introduction: This passage takes place during the winter at the feast of dedication, which is now known as Hanukkah in Jerusalem. This festival commemorates the Maccabean revolt, where the temple was cleansed and rededicated after being defiled by pagan forces. The Jewish leaders, wanted to know if Jesus was the Messiah. This passage reveals the continuous tension between the Jewish leaders and Jesus as he reveals his true identity to them. This passage challenges every reader to decide whether they will reject the voice of Christ or follow him as the Good Shepherd.

Objective: The main purpose of this bible study is to understand the historical and contextual meanings of the events that took place in John 10:22-42. What can we learn from Jesus's interaction with the religious leaders and how can we apply his teachings to our lives?

HEARING THE VOICE OF JESUS (JOHN 10:25-27)

The bible teaches that believers recognize and follow Jesus because they know his voice. Hearing the voice of Jesus means listening to his word, obeying his teachings, and following him in faith. Jesus describes his followers as sheep who listen to and trust their shepherd.

- Followers of Jesus recognize his voice through his word. (John 8:31)
- Hearing Jesus leads to following him in faith. (James 1:22)
- Many people are misled by the wrong voice. (Colossians 2:8)

Question 1: What are some distractions that can make it hard to hear Jesus today and how do we overcome those distractions?

ETERNAL SECURITY OF THE BELIEVER (JOHN 10:28-29)

The concept of eternal life is one of the core messages of the Gospel of John. It emphasizes a quality of life that begins now and continues forever. Eternal security is based on the idea that salvation is secured by God's grace and power, rather than the believer's ability to maintain it. His sovereign hand encircles every believer, making it impossible for any threat to break the bond.

- Eternal life is a gift from Jesus Christ. (Romans 6:23)
- No one can separate believers from God's love. (Romans 8:38-39)
- Salvation is kept by God's power, not human effort. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- The Holy Spirit seals believers as God's possession. (Ephesians 1:13)
- Jesus promises that those who come to him will never be cast out. (John 6:37)

Question 3: How can believers stay confident in their faith when they struggle or make mistakes?

THE DEITY OF CHRIST AND ONENESS WITH THE FATHER (JOHN 10:30)

In John 10:30, Jesus declares his unity with God the father. He explains that he and the father work together with the same power, purpose, and authority. Jesus's claim of being equal with God is the reason why many religious leaders became angry and accused him of blasphemy.

- Jesus and the father are perfectly united in purpose and power. (John 5:19)
- Jesus existed from the beginning and is eternal. (John 8:58)
- Jesus revealed God the father to the world. (Hebrews 1:3)
- Jesus has divine authority to forgive sins and give eternal life. (Matthew 9:6)

Question 2: How does believing in the deity of Christ strengthen your faith?

CHOSING TO BELIEVE OR REJECT JESUS (JOHN 10:31-32)

Jesus confronts those seeking to stone him for claiming to be God. By pointing to his miraculous works as proof of his divine nature, he challenges every individual to examine the evidence and make a personal decision.

- We have freewill to either accept him or reject him. (Revelations 3:20)
- People sometimes reject Jesus because they are spiritually blind. (2 Corinthians 4:4)
- Those who accept the Gospel of Jesus Christ have seen a great light. (Matthew 4:16)
- People reject Jesus because they love darkness rather than light. (John 3:19)

Question 4: What does this teach about responding to opposition with truth like Jesus did?

LIFE APPLICATION

- ❖ Spend time in God's word to better recognize the voice of Jesus.
- ❖ Trust Christ completely because eternal life is found in him.
- ❖ Stand firm in faith even when facing opposition.
- ❖ Remember that true belief requires both hearing and following Jesus