



**Sunday, June 21, 2009: John's Gospel: The Sixth Discourse –  
The Light of the World**

**Scripture: John 8:12-59**

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**Sermon Notes:**

1. In this passage, Jesus faces more significant conflict with the Jewish rulers over His identity and authority.
2. Jesus is the light of the world which illumines all things.
3. John 8:15-18. There is an expectation that Jesus will prove His claims.
4. The law requires two witnesses to corroborate testimony because people tend to be liars (Deuteronomy 17:6).
5. John 8:16-18. I'm not alone in My testimony: I and My Father testify for My identity.
6. John 8:23. Jesus differentiates Himself from the world. This leads to agitation on the part of His accusers.
7. John 8:21. "You will die in your sins." This is a reference to Ezekiel 33:18.
8. If you do not believe the I AM, you will die in your sins, a reference to Exodus 3:14. Jesus is the I AM, who can be named and defined by no one.
9. Jesus rejects the pluralism which is re-emergent in our day. Jesus says unless you believe that I AM you will die in your sins.
10. Evangelism and apologetics are forms of cultural violence if all great faiths are equally valid. But Scripture tells us evangelism is an act of mercy, life and love.
11. Jesus is the God of history. He creates, governs, and judges all things. If we reject this we are left with political correctness.
12. John 8:30-31. Those who believe are called to abide in the truth. Jesus offers them a spiritual freedom from sin, a sharing in the eternal life of God.
13. John 8:33. "We are Abraham's children." Today, like the Pharisees, anti-nomians may claim to believe in Abraham's God, but totally disregard His commandments.
14. John 8:42-47. Jesus reveals the character of the Pharisee's theory of knowledge. Their devil is a liar and the Father of lies.
15. The bondage of the human will is that we oppose the truth if it conflicts with our rebellious spirit.
16. 1 John 3:8. Christ is revealed to destroy the work of the devil, which is the blinding of man's hearts and minds. Blindness is removed by the work of the Holy Spirit.
17. John 8:51. If you keep My word you will never taste death. Death was bitter in paganism. But in Scripture death is sweet. Jesus tasted death for every man.

**Application Questions:**

1. How is the World's thinking characterized in 1 Cor. 1:19-25?
2. Why is it that the one type of god that's unacceptable to a pluralistic culture is the God of Scripture?
3. Why are we responsible to say some hard things to be free from the blood of our audience?
4. Why does turning away from Christ lead to meaninglessness, darkness, absurdity?