

“DON’T GET IT WRONG!”

JOHN 2:23-25

Big events capture our focus and draw the most attention. But what about all the time in between? If much of life is lived in the ordinary moments, then we might tend to brush aside many life lessons and miss significant opportunities to grow.

INVESTIGATING SALVATION

① Above the Surface (2:23)

Many respond: they believed in His name. He is the One we so desperately need for rescue from sin.

Salvation comes. Jerusalem receives. All is well. Everyone lives happily ever after. Right?

② Below the Surface (2:24)

How Christ responds to their response is shocking. In more literal terms:

- ☐ They _____ in Him but He does not in them.
- ☐ They _____ to Him but He does not to them.

Two key phrases enlighten:

1. “when they saw the signs which He did” → They do not act on _____ but by _____.
2. “because He knew all men” → Our God truly sees the behind the believing.

③ Inside the Heart (2:25)

God has zero need for us to give a report to Him about man. After all, He is the Creator of man.

Salvation isn’t a rearranging of the _____ but a completely new _____.

Key: _____ and _____ must be aligned! (Mark 11:23; 16:14; Luke 24:25).

CONCLUSION

Simply because you believed does not mean you are saved. _____ Christ and _____ Christ are not the same. How tragic to head into eternity, but to not do so forever with Christ.

1 John gives insight toward a clearer picture of your eternal standing:

1. Do you _____ sin? (1:6-10)
2. Do you _____ your sins? (2:1-2)
3. Do you _____ the Word of God? (2:3-6)
4. Do you _____ the people of God? (2:9-11)
5. Do you _____ the will of God (2:15-17)
6. Do you _____ your alliance to God? (2:22-23)
7. Do you continue to _____ God? (2:24-28)

Get it wrong ... and it will have devastating consequences – for all eternity!