

SEEING THE UNSEEN

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- I. God sees what earth dwellers don't
- I Cor 8:1; John 14:26;
James 1:5-6; II Tim 3:16-17;
I Tim 1:5; Matt 28:18-20;
I Pet 2:2; Rev 3:10; 6:10;
Rev 8:13; 11:10; 13:8
- A. Earth dwellers see
only "what is seen"
- II Cor 4:18; Heb 11:1;
II Cor 5:7; I Sam 16:7c;
Rev 6:1-2; 13:8;
Mark 6:17-23
- B. He shows us "the frogs"
- I Sam 16:7; Mark 6:22-28;
Prov 11:22; 7:21-27; 14:27;
Col 1:27-28; John 15:4;
I Cor 15:22
- II. Our judgment depends on what
God sees
- Prov 23:7
- A. Pivotal - does He see
Christ in us?
- John 5:24-25; I John 5:12;
Rom 8:1; Heb 12:7-11;
Heb 5:8; I Cor 11:29-32;
Eph 2:3; Rom 9:22;
I Thess 2:16;
Rom 1:18, 24, 26, 28;
Rev 20:11-15
II Cor 5:10; Rom 14:10;
I John 1:8; Rev 21:8;
II Tim 2:19; Gal 5:22-23
- B. All people will be judged by their
deeds
- Ps 62:11-12; Rom 2:6;
Matt 16:27; Rev 20:11-15;
Matt 10:15; 11:20-24;
II Cor 5:9-10; I Cor 3:10-15
- III. The Spirit sees the unseen
and works there (invisibly)
- John 3:8
- A. Now, He restrains
- Gen 1:1-2; Eph 1:13; 3:16-17;
Gal 5:22-23; Eph 5:18;
John 16:7-8; Matt 12:28;
II Thess 2:6-7
- B. Then, He will "let them go"
- Rev 7:3-4, 9-10; 9:14;
Eph 4:29-32

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

The following is designed to help your group enter into meaningful discussion and application as you become a more fully-devoted follower of Jesus. These questions are a guide and you may not address all of them in group. Look through them ahead of time and identify questions you would like to discuss more thoroughly together. Any questions not addressed during group may be useful for personal study. Remember, our goal is to not just listen to the Word but obey it (James 1:22).

This week the sermon is based upon questions submitted from the congregation. Just for fun...how many "7s" can you find in the questions this week?

1. Toward which end of the "understanding God's Word" spectrum ("I don't get any of it" or "I've got it pretty much figured out") do you gravitate? What are the dangers of each?
2. What are some of the benefits of God's Word according to the following Scriptures? Which of these benefits do you need right now and why?
 - ◆ Psalm 119:9,11, 98
 - ◆ Proverbs 6:22
 - ◆ Romans 15:4
 - ◆ 1 Peter 2:2
 - ◆ Add your own
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3. What are some of the dangers of "looking at the outside?" How can you avoid "looking at the outside?"

4. According to the following Scripture, what is the work of the Holy Spirit? Which of these would you like to experience more fully? Why?
 - ◆ John 14:16
 - ◆ John 16:8
 - ◆ John 16:12-14
 - ◆ Romans 8:11
 - ◆ Romans 8:15-16
 - ◆ Galatians 5:22-23
 - ◆ 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7

5. What does it mean that the Holy Spirit restrains (2 Thessalonians 2:6-7)? What will happen when God removes the Holy Spirit? Share a time when the Holy Spirit used you to restrain evil.

6. Think about the John 3 monologue and Brian Welch's testimony. How did Nicodemus and Brian Welch respond to the truth spoken to them? How can you prepare yourself to speak the truth in opportune moments?

7. What unbeliever in your sphere of influence should you speak truth? Name them and have the group pray for you.