



Gateway to Life Sermon Notes

"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)

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WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY

Many Believed in His Name

Text: [John 2:23-26](#)

Exposition

2 Points:

1. Not everyone who believes, believes unto salvation.
2. Jesus is omniscient. He knows all things. He is God.

John's Treatment of "Belief"

"John's usage of *pisteuo* presupposes an authentic, active, abiding belief in Jesus of Nazareth . . . However, there are other instances when *pisteuo* is used in a superficial, transitory manner." – Ryan Habbena

E.G., [John 8:28-30](#). (Also [John 6:66](#)) Note: John 3:36,

*"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life;
whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life,
but the wrath of God remains on him."*

Those who do not continue are always portrayed as never truly being "of us" ([1 John 2:19](#)).

What Is True Faith?

Genuine saving faith is an obedient faith; a continuing faith. (e.g., [Matthew 7:21](#); [Colossians 1:21ff](#); [Hebrews 3:14](#); etc.)

Application

In this passage John has been pointing us to such topics as faith that endures and the all-knowing mind of Christ. Again, John's readership is drawn to the glory of Christ. He is omniscient, all-knowing. The writer to the Hebrews picks up these same points and helps us apply this passage.

[Hebrews 4:12](#)

The context of Hebrews 4 is also a call to persevere, to continue, to strive ([see verse 11](#)).

What does a person do who is concerned about his or her heart?

What does a person do who is concerned about their salvation?

What does a person do if they are ashamed of what

Jesus can see deep inside?

What does a person do?

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