**Truths that last – John 8:51**

**Truly, Truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word he will not see death – John 8:51**

**Focal Truth: Unbelief rejects the person, work & words of the Lord Jesus Christ**

**John 8: 37 – 58 – a confrontation with the Unbelieving Jews & the Lord Jesus Christ**

Here is a picture of the power of blinded minds of unbelief

Here is a picture of the power of believing the lies of Satan about Jesus Christ

Here is a picture of the power of Satan’s to hold captive those who will not believe inChrist

1. **Those who believe the lies of Satan live in unbelief – 8:37 -41**
2. 8:37 – My word has no place in **you**
3. 8:38 - I speak the things which I have seen with My Father – **you** do the things which you heard from your Father
4. 8:41 - **You** are doing the works of your father

Rom. 1:25 – for they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, & worshipped and served the creature rather than the creator

Rom. 1: 29 -32 – the works of that come from believing Satan’s lies – (read it)

Living in unbelief is unconcern for God’s truth

Living in unbelief is refusing God’s truth

Living in unbelief is accepting the lies of Satan

 You will not die – Gen. 3 – Adam & Eve

 Jesus is not really God’s son

 I will go to heaven if I am a good person

 Jesus words are too harsh & restrictive

1. **Those who believe the lies of Satan reject the truths of Jesus Christ – 8:43 - 44**
2. **You** cannot hear my words – 43
3. **You** are of your father the devil - 44 – those who live in unbelief are of Satan
4. **You** want to do the desires of your father – 44 – those who live in unbelief do the desires of Satan
5. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. – 44

Rev. 12:9 – I saw the great dragon thrown down, the old serpent, called the devil and Satan who deceives the world

1. Whenever He speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies – 44
2. Because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me – 45

2 Cor. 4:3 – 4 – even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God

2 Cor. 4:6 – for God said, light shall shine out of darkness is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ

1. **Those who believe the lies of Satan hate & reject Jesus Christ as the Son of God – 8:40 -58**
2. 8:40 - **­You** seek to kill me a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God
3. 8 :42 - We were not born of fornication – we have one father
4. 8:48 - You are a Samaritan and have a demon
5. 8:58 - Truly, Truly, before Abraham was born, I am

The unbelieving Jews accused Jesus Christ of being born out of wedlock

The unbelieving Jews accused Jesus Christ of being demon possessed

The unbelieving Jews called Jesus Christ a Samaritan – a half born Jew

**Jesus Christ declared himself the eternal Son of God – I am**

Gen. 17:1 – The Lord appeared to Abram at 99 yrs. – I am God Almighty

Ex. 3:14 – I am who I am, this is what you shall say to the sons of Israel: I Am has sent me to you

Col.1:17 – He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together

1. **Those who believe the truthful words of Jesus Christ have unending life – 8:51**
2. 8:47 - He who is of God hears the words of God, for this reason you do not hear them, because you are not of God
3. 8:51 - Truly, Truly, if anyone keeps my words he will never see death – 51

Rev. 21:8 – they shall not be hurt by the second death

1. 8:55 – you have not come to know Him, but I know Him, & if I say that I do not know Him, I will be a liar like you, but I do know Him and keep His word

**Things to Remember**

1. **Unbelief is the sin that destroys men’s souls**
2. **Only the Holy Spirit of God can break the power of unbelief**
3. **The sin of unbelief is refusing the offer of salvation in Jesus Christ**
4. **Believing Satan’s lies leads to a devil’s hell**
5. **Trusting the words of Jesus Christ gives eternal life**

**Daily Use**

1. **Do you believe the words of Jesus Christ?**
2. **Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God Savior of the world?**
3. **Keep the words of Jesus Christ live forever!**