

John # 67 “For This Reason” *John 5:17-23; John 10:30-33*

Our Lord is responsible for not only forming but also preserving His precious Word.

God the Holy Spirit superintended its inspiration and God the Father faithfully protects His written love letter to us down through the ages.

The Bible always has been and always will be attacked by Satan, his demons and all humans who follow his craftily designed world system.

Today, in the 21st century, we still have a sound, intact canon of Scripture preserved and protected in the original languages of Hebrew, Aramaic and Koine Greek; so that the meaning of any passage is as understandable today as it was in the day of its historical recorded manuscript.

After all, we are royalty, members of God’s royal priesthood, a universal priesthood as Church Age believers in Christ.

And the main purpose of the royal priesthood in which we are to represent ourselves before God is to first have the privacy to receive biblical truth from the right pastor-teacher that God has chosen for us.

Your valuable privacy is protected here to prevent some legalist with his works-oriented religion telling you how to live your life.

All royal priests build their own altar to God in a sense, which is His Word living in their souls.

This is God’s marvelous grace provision for learning His Word which gives us the ability to complete the objectives He outlines for us as we enjoy the blessings that He has for us.

For all positive Church Age believers, God the Holy Spirit takes what is taught in Bible class and makes it academically understood information in their minds.

At this point, you don’t have to agree or disagree, you simply understand it.

The problem for far too many believers today is they often reach this point but don’t go any further.

Our free-will choice must come into play to transfer biblical knowledge from our mind to our human spirit and this is accomplished by faith which transfers that biblical truth out of the mind and into the human spirit as ready-to-use wisdom for successful application.

And for this to become a reality for us, there must be consistent restocking of our frame of reference.

Continued success in the Christian life requires collecting evidence before judgment is passed; we must give any passage in the Bible a fair objective hearing regardless of our personal prejudice.

It’s so simple: show up to Bible class; pay attention; be considerate of others; trust in ministry of God the Holy Spirit to convert the content of the message from Bible knowledge

to applicable wisdom.

Anyone can be loaded with Bible knowledge without any spiritual benefit from it because knowledge alone (which the devil and his angels are fully aware of) has no application of divine viewpoint to our experience.

To benefit us, biblical truth must be transferred by faith to our human spirit for application.

To follow Jesus Christ, we must first know Him and knowing Him is knowing Him from experience through having a distinct knowledge of our mutual loving relationship with Him, knowing that the Lord Jesus Christ loves all His sheep and it is possible for His sheep who know His Word to love Him and His Word teaches us that the Father and the Son's love for us is understood by the illustration of the love of a shepherd for his sheep and as Their sheep, we share in Their love which has existed from eternity past; God the Father and God the Son have always had a love for each other and we as believers in Jesus Christ share this love as recipients of it and sometimes with enough spiritual growth, as responders to it!

The first thing we as believers in Jesus Christ must have for continued success in the plan of God is security because without it our relationship with God isn't real to us.

Security is something we all have from God but realizing and experiencing that security from orientating to the grace of God is quite another thing.

God's plan is greater than our failures, greater than our sins and greater than our disasters. We are in union with Jesus Christ and nothing can break that inseparable union and nothing can destroy it.

We are involved in something that is just as permanent as it is perfect.

The Father designed the humanity of Christ to be filled with the Holy Spirit so that these miracles could be performed in the power of the Spirit and Jesus' point is that they saw the miracles which framed the beauty of God's plan.

The purpose of Jesus' signs or miracles was always to focus on Him so that people might see the real issue of His cross and might believe in Him resulting in their receiving of the free gift of eternal life.

There's nothing more heinous than a legalistic religious person when you step on his toes with God's grace.

Because of their jealousy, the Pharisees wanted Jesus eliminated, so they're trying to use this false unproven charge as their excuse to expedite the process creating disorder in the court.