**JOHN 16:23**

**8-28-19**

**Intro – One Of Great Challenges/Mysteries Of The Gospel – Even For Those Of Us Who Are Saved – Is To Fully Understand All That We Possess, In Christ.**

**I Am Quite Sure That We Do Not Comprehend How Vast The Difference Is, In Who We Were As Unsaved Persons, And Who We Are As Saved Persons.**

**I Am Not Speaking Solely Of The Fact That We Live A Different Lifestyle Than Before We Came To Christ. Yet, For Most Christians, This Is The Extent, To Which We Visualize What If Means To Be Saved.**

**The Following Two Slides Represent (*In My Opinion*) The Two Dominant Views Of What It Means To Be Saved:**

***First, The Sum Total Of What It Means To Be Saved Is A Change In My Behavior…***

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*“What I Used To Do, I Don’t Do No More!”*

***Second, The Sum Total Of What It Means To Be Saved Is Wrapped Up In The Things I Get Out Of The Deal…***

**(Slide 3)**

Salvation = *Name It And Claim It*

**However, None Of These Views Comes, Even Close, To The Totality Of All We Have And Become, At The Moment We Give Our Lives To Christ!**

**Paul Prayed In Ephesians 3, That The Saints Would Come To Realize All They Have, In Christ.**

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Ephesians 3:18-19
And May You Have The Power To Understand, As All God's People Should, How Wide, How Long, How High, And How Deep His Love Is.

May You Experience The Love Of Christ, Though It Is Too Great To Understand Fully. Then You Will Be Made Complete With All The Fullness Of Life And Power That Comes From God.

***Tonight, We Will Witness Jesus Relaying To The Disciples A Peek Into The Heavenly Blessings That Lay Ahead For Them…***

**1. V. 23a – Jesus Begins With This…**

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“And In That Day…”

**2. Of What Day, Is Jesus Speaking? (*After His Resurrection*)**

**3. V. 23b – What Is The First Thing That Jesus Says Will Change, “In That Day?” (*They Will Ask Nothing Of Him, Or From Him*)**

**4. To You And Me, This May Seem To Be An Odd Statement – One That Contradicts All That We Know And Understand, Because We Constantly Call On Jesus. We Constantly Asked Him To Supply Our Needs.**

**5. Does Anyone Remember What We Have Said Over The Years Is The Primary Tool For Understanding Scripture?**

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“Context”

**6. We Have To Interpret This Text Based, Not On Where We Are In Our Relationship With Christ, But Where The Disciples Were In Their Relationship With Christ.**

**7. For The Last 3 ½ Years, Who Had They Looked To For Provision, Protection, And Answers To Life’s Questions? (*Jesus*)**

**8. Their Relationship With Jesus Was Totally Different Than What It Soon Would Be. *By The Same Token, Their Relationship With God, The Father, Was Totally Different Than What He Soon Would Be!***

**9. V. 23c – Can Someone Tell The Class What Jesus Says Will Be Different For Them In The Dispensation After The Resurrection?**

**10. What Is The *Incredible* – *Earth-Shattering* – *Unbelievable* – *Incomprehensible* – Change Will Take Place For The Disciples?**

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**11. Jesus Would Make A Transition That Is Truly Beyond The Mind’s Grasp, Of Being Their Earthly Master-Teacher, To Being Their Heavenly Mediator.**

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Because Of Christ Role As Mediator, The Disciples Will Have *Direct Access* To God, The Father!

**12. Not Since The Garden Of Eden, Had Such Intimacy With God Been Possible For Mankind! (*Romans 5:2 – Ephesians 2:18 – Ephesians 3:12*)**

**13. Let’s Look At Another Aspect Of This Last Statement In Verse 23…**

**The Disciples Would No Longer Ask Jesus, *The Man*, For Protection, Provision, And For The Answers To Heaven’s Mysteries - But Jesus, The Savior, Will Be The Mediator Between Them And God.**

**What Is The Incredible Promise That Is Made In This New Dispensation? (*Whatever Is Asked In Jesus Name, Shall Be Given To Them*)**

**14. Who, For The Believer, Is The One That Ensures That Our Prayers *To The Father*, And In Line With *The Will Of The Son*? (*The Holy Spirit*)**

**15. Let’s Look At Romans 8:26-27.**

**16. What Do These Verses Mean As It Pertains To Our Prayers?**

**17. If This Is True, How Is It That You And I Can Go Wrong In Our Prayer Life? (Ultimately, We *Cannot*!)**

**18. This Is Why The Next Verse In Romans 8 Stands True. *Someone Please Read Romans 8:28.***

**19. What This Means Is That As A Christian, We Are Assured Victory!! This Truth Is…**

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