

Contagious But Controversial Jesus
Showdown With Jesus in the Gospel of John
“Who’s Your Daddy?”

Examining Your Spiritual Family Tree

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John 8:37-47

1. Don’t go out on a limb looking for security in your family tree! (John 8:33-38)

The Jews were proud to be descendants of Abraham, and they were finding their security in their lineage instead of the Lord.

Rom. 9:6,7 ⁶ But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. **For they are not all Israel who are of Israel,⁷ nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham...**

2. Don’t take security in your faction or your action! (John 8:39-41a)

The Jews claimed to be like Abraham and were finding their security in their religious practices instead of true, saving faith.

Gal. 3:6-9 ⁶ just as **Abraham “believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”**
⁷ Therefore know that **only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.** ⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, **“In you all the nations shall be blessed.”** ⁹ **So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.**

Eph. 2:8-10 ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is the gift of God,* ⁹ **not of works,** lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ **For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.**

Again, Jesus mentions the Word (John 8:40) and their *real* father (John 8:41).

3. If God is your Father—if you are His child—you’ll love Jesus. (John 8:42)

4. If God is your Father—if you are His child—you’ll hear & believe His Word! (John 8:47)

John 10:27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them...

5. If God is your Father—if you are His child—you'll abide in His Word! (John 8:47)

John 10:27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, **and they follow me.**

John 8:31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, **“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.**

John 14:15 **If you love Me, keep My commandments.**

6. If you don't hear & believe God's Word—if you You reject His truth—you are a child of the devil. (John 8:43-47)

What about you? Who's your daddy?

**Does your life show you to be a child of God,
or are you a child of the devil?**