

MARCH 25

“IT’S NOT OUR ANALYSIS OF OURSELVES THAT MATTERS. WHAT DOES JESUS SEE?”

READ

John 1:47-51

If Jesus were to look through your eyes into your heart, what would He see? When all you want is Jesus, that’s how you live, and you become extremely conscientious. It’s not our analysis of ourselves that matters. What does Jesus see? We can fool ourselves. We can excuse our sins and keep living the way we want to live. The seven churches in Revelation had something to say about themselves that God didn’t agree with. The church in Ephesus said they were apostles. God said they were liars. The church in Smyrna said they were Jews. God said not. The church at Sardis thought that they were alive. God said they were dead. It doesn’t matter what you say about yourself. What does His Word say? The world will show you how to justify dishonesty. The Lord will show you deceit within yourself and will give you the desire and power to get rid of it. The Lord sees us right now. He sees all. I don’t want to deceive myself. I don’t want to be deceived by sin. I want Him to see no deceit in me.

PRAY

Lord, I’m a stranger in this world that calls good evil and evil good. I can’t profess Your name and not have the life to back it up. If I’m not bearing fruit, I’m not in the vine. Search my heart, oh God. See if there be any wicked way in me. Cut away any deceit You find.

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