

Chapter 8

The first 11 verses are missing from this text in the corrupt manuscripts. If you begin this text in verse 12, it makes no sense. Christ is not in the text at the end of chapter 7.

- v. 1 Jesus had no dwelling place to call his own.
- v. 5 **Law** — A reference to Leviticus 20:10; Deuteronomy 22:22.
- v. 6 If He let her go, they would accuse Him of violating the law. If He convicted her, they would accuse Him of not forgiving sins.
Wrote on the ground — There is no record of what He wrote. See Exodus 31:18; Daniel 5:5 for other writings of God's hand. For a possible explanation of what Jesus wrote see John 7:37, 38; Jeremiah 17:13.
- v. 7 Jesus knew this was a set up and that they were sinning.
- v. 9 Where was the man taken in adultery? He may have been part of the crowd.
- v. 11 **Sin no more** — The same thing he said to the impotent man in John 5. Jesus will forgive all sin, the stipulation is not to repeat it over and over. If we do, we can be chastised or rebuked at the Judgment Seat. This is not the passage for church discipline, but individual attitudes. See Numbers 14:19-23 where God pardons but there are still consequences.
- v. 14 **Record** — Either Jesus is God, or He's the most egotistical, conceited man there ever was. See also 1 John 5:9-13.
- v. 21 **Die in your sins** — This defines a lost person. The saved people's sin is charged to Christ — They die in the Lord (Revelation 14:13).
- v. 22 They must have thought He was crazy.
- v. 24 This defines dying in your sins — believing not "I am he." See 1 John 4:1-3; 2 John 7-11. Jesus told it like it is, He never watered down the message.
- v. 28 **Ye know** — They knew by the darkness and the earthquake (Matthew 27:45, 51-54).
- v. 29 **Always** — Jesus is perfect!
- v. 30 **Words** — He saw converts because of His word. Hard preaching produces fruit.
- v. 31 **If** — This qualifies a disciple. Not all Christians are disciples.
- v. 32 The truth is the word and Christ (verse 36). The truth is not relative, and if you believe it is, you are not free.

- v. 33 **Never in bondage** — The Jews were in bondage to Egypt, Philistines, Assyria, Babylon and here, Rome. Spiritually they were in bondage to sin, but didn't recognize it.
- v. 34 **Servant of sin** — This is bondage defined — Christians who abuse their liberty are servants to sin (Romans 6:16-20).
- v. 35 A reference to their physical bodies. They are mortal, He is not.
- v. 36 **If** — It's up to us.
- v. 37 **Seed** — Physically. Jesus did not use the term "children" as they indicate.
Kill — See 1 John 3:12-15.
- v. 39 **Children** — Spiritually they need to prove they're his children. Muslims say this too, claiming they are the physical sons of Abraham. Sons of Abraham can still go to hell.
- v. 40 Abraham would not kill.
- v. 41 They imply He was born of fornication.
- v. 42 The Jehovah's Witnesses would love Christ if God were their Father.
- v. 43 They're blinded.
- v. 44 You're either a child of God or the devil. Like father, like son.
Murderer — A reference to Cain.
No truth — As God cannot lie, the devil cannot tell the truth.
- v. 45 They can't take the truth. Our job is to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.
- v. 46 **Convinceth** — Convicts of sin. They cannot, He is impeccable.
- v. 47 If someone is not interested in the Bible they are either dead spiritually or spiritually dying.
A Christian should desire to learn, read, study, and memorize God's word. These people were "good people," but they rejected Christ.
- v. 48 They may have thought his father was a Samaritan.
- v. 51 **Never** — Spiritual death is but a shadow for the believer.
- v. 52 **Thou hast a devil** — They are guilty of blaspheming the Holy Ghost.
- v. 58 **I am** — You cannot explain this statement away. See the New World Translation. He said this without the power behind it.

v. 59 **Stones** — They knew what He just claimed. Somehow, the Jehovah's Witnesses don't.

Passed by — Jesus escapes again. It was not His time yet. His escape may have been supernatural as in Luke 4:29, 30.