



The Eternal Cost of Rejection and the Eternal Joy of Faith | John 7:32-52

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Jesus made exclusive claims about Himself and His gospel. Two of those claims are presented in John 7:32-39: There is a terrible and eternal cost to rejecting Christ, and there is eternal and joyous satisfaction from trusting in Christ.

Background

Two Declarations from Jesus:

- 1. There are tragic and eternal consequences of rejecting Him (7:32-36)**

2. There is deep and eternal satisfaction for all who trust in Him (7:37-39)

Questions to Consider

1. Why should it be difficult for believers in Jesus Christ to accept religious pluralism?
2. Read the parable Jesus told in Matthew 25:1-12. Each of the women knew the bridegroom was coming, but what did the foolish ones do and what was their consequence? Read Romans 2:1-5. Can you think of other Bible verses that warn against presuming upon God's patience?
3. What is the connection of water to the Feast of Booths? How was it used and what did it symbolize? How did Jesus make use of that to illustrate His point?
4. What's the significance of Jesus' statement – "Yet none of you keeps the law" – in John 7:19?
5. What did Jesus seem to mean in John 7:38 when He said, "Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water"?
6. In what ways does the Bible show the Holy Spirit working through believers to influence the world around them?