Apart From Jesus

Tony Mauck · John 15:4–5

INTRODUCTION

- I am the vine. You are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him. He bears much fruit. For apart from me, you can do nothing.
- All things came into being by him, and apart from him, nothing came into being that has come into being.
- None of us would be here today apart from him. And all that we are and ever hope to be is because of him.

1 No Pardon for Sins

John 6:68; 1 Corinthians 15:17; Psalm 103:3–4

- The only remedy for that problem, whether it was one sin or a hundred sins, the only remedy for that problem is Jesus Christ dying on Calvary for us.
- Unless you believe that I am, you shall die in your sins.
- To whom shall we go? If we're going to walk away from you, Lord, where are we going to go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.
- And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless. You are still in your sins.
- Baptism has no meaning and significance whatsoever unless Christ was raised from the dead. There's no new life. There's no pardon for sins.

2 No Profitable Prayer

1 Peter 3:12; Hebrews 4:14–16

- In times of crisis, people often turn to prayer. But apart from a right relationship with Jesus, those prayers are empty.
- The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears attend to their prayers.
- But as believers, we can go boldly to the throne of grace to find help and mercy in a time of need.

3 No Purpose in Your Life Beyond Pleasure

1 Corinthians 15:32; Ecclesiastes 2; Acts 20:35

- Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die. In other words, just get everything out of life that you can.
- All was vanity. And vexation of spirit and striving after wind. Ultimately, it does not profit.
- So if you reject Jesus, just live it up. Have the time of your life. But at the end of the day, what will you have? Nothing.
- You give up knowing what Jesus meant when he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

- The problem with people is not that they want too much, but they settle for too little.
- We have made an investment in eternal things and in our souls.

4 No Help Beyond Man

- When you reject Jesus, you have no help beyond man.
- Some of you know what I mean to be in a position where there were no words of comfort that would help. Man was powerless.
- No, we can't stop them. We can't prevent them. We can't even shelter everybody from them.
- Who are we going to look to for help and assistance when man can do nothing?

5 No Hope Beyond Now

Jude 25

- Without him, there is no hope beyond now. What a low aim. Just this. Just the now.
- We have hopes beyond this world. Our citizenship is in heaven, from which we eagerly await for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- We have a glorious future, not just for our souls, but for a future existence with a body that is far more incredible than anything that we can imagine.
- We will be with Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom belongs glory and majesty and dominion and authority before all time and now and forever.

THE CHALLENGE

Will you choose life or will you choose death? Will you choose salvation in Jesus or will you choose nothing.

MY NOTES