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# "WHERE SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS LEADS"

# 1. <u>SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS INCOMPATIBLE WITH COMING TO</u> CHRIST (v.40).

1) Necessity of awareness of sin in order to come to Christ.

#### 2. <u>SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL TRY TO JUSTIFY UNBELIEF.</u>

- 1) they claimed Christ was a sinner (v.16)
- 2) that He was not Divine (v.18)
- 3) ignored His works (v.19-20)
- 4) the testimony of John (v.32-35)
- 5) and of Old Testament scripture (v.38-39 and v.46-47)

## 3. <u>SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS INCOMPATIBLE WITH LOVE TO</u> <u>GOD</u> (v.42)

- 1) Unwillingness to have Christ shows absence of love to God.
- 2) Christ-less religion expresses hostility to the true God

## 4. <u>SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS MUST BE ATTACKED</u>

- 1) ...by the preaching of the Lamb of God (Romans 3:20; John 4:16-18; Acts 2:36; Mark 10: 18-22)
- 2) Extent of conviction of sin is needed. (Romans 7:7-12; Isaiah 57:10)

3) Christ's offer to all sinners. Only the convicted sinners can appreciate that offer

These men did not lack Divine testimony or offers of mercy, but a willing heart which only God can give.