

LIFE THROUGH HIS NAME

John 20:23-31

John 20:23

Remit: to send, to send forth, to forgive, to _____, omit, yield up.

Retain: to become _____ of, to obtain, take hold, seize.

The _____ got it right Mark 2:5-7

Jesus followed up Mark 2:10

_____ statement

Phillips: *It is the _____ who does the work. The function of the church in the world is to be the instrument through which the Holy Spirit deals with people about sin, righteousness, and judgment. ...*

About Hymenaeus and Alexander: 1 Timothy 1:19-20

How much authority church have?

1 Corinthians 5:1-8 Matthew 18:15-20

Hend: *...declaring that someone's sins are either forgiven or retained (unforgiven).*

Context: *...receive ye the Holy Spirit....*

Apostles cannot act _____ of Holy Spirit.

Today, Holy Spirit works through the _____ of God. 2 Tim 3:16-17

Hend: *Absolutions pronounced arbitrarily have no standing in heaven. Only then has the Church, acting through its officers, the right to declare sins forgiven or retained when it acts in harmony with the Spirit-inspired Word.*

But when its actions are in conformity with the Word (which demands that discipline be exercised in the spirit of love), then this power is very real, and has reference to anyone (whoever he may be) whose sins are declared to be either forgiven or retained.

Grammatically: John 20:23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are (they _____ have been and continue to be; hence, are) **remitted unto them;** (they _____ are forgiven) **and whose soever sins ye retain, they are** (have been, and continue to be; hence, are) **retained**

John 20:24-25

Where is Thomas?

1. In seclusion—personal time _____.

2. In _____ purposely chose not to be with others.

Phillips: *Thomas reminds us of all those believers who for one reason or another absent themselves from gatherings of God's people....*

Thomas: willing to believe under certain _____.

Thomas _____ a wimp or a coward. Jn 11:16

He was _____

He said what he thought.
Some believe Thomas making a statement for whole world.
Prove it and I will believe.
Unless I see the _____ of Calvary on Him, I will not believe.

Let me see the evidence of _____ in your life. Then, I will believe.

The world doesn't care about what we believe.
They ask, *is it _____? Has it changed your life?*

John 20:26-27

Be not faithless, but believing.

Don't continue to become faithless... .

Phillip: *Thomas was in peril of becoming a _____ unbeliever.*

Jesus heard words Thomas _____.

Jesus hears every word we speak, in private and _____.

John 20:28

Seeing Jesus and understanding omniscience of Jesus all he _____.

My Lord and my God.

First post-resurrection confession of deity of Christ.

My Lord—puts Christ on throne of his life and _____.

My God—puts Christ on throne of _____

Jesus gave Thomas ____ days to think about this.

Thomas' first reaction was to _____ the truth...

Hughes: Thomas may have been slow to believe, but not slow to _____
implications of Christ's _____.

Evidence--palpable, substantive, and clear.

John 20:29

Statement related to all apostles.

John not believe until saw _____ (Jn 20:8).

Blessed: fortunate, happy, well-off...

Apostolic age ceased by time John wrote gospel.

Visibly seeing Jesus now thing of past.

Sight replaced by faith.

Thomas: _____ confession, _____ process.

He believed. Had to have sight before belief.

Today, not able to see Jesus in person. Gift of healing has _____.

Sign gifts ceased.

Now, understand "*faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God*"
Rom 10:17.

Phillips: *Those who insist on signs, wonders, and miracles can have them—at a price. _____ is only too willing to oblige. After the church age when God once more takes up direct dealings with the nation of Israel, signs and miracles will resume.*

John 20:30

John selected _____ to record.

John 20:31

Jesus is the Christ.

_____. Dualism.

Separating spirit from _____.

Spirit good/flesh _____.

Asceticism and celibacy.

Some emphasizing deity at expense of _____

Others emphasizing humanity at expense of _____.

The Son of God. God in the flesh.

Want real life?

and that believing ye might have life through his name

Life: Fulness of life...abundant life... real life..._____ life.

Through His name:

Through

All name _____.

All He _____

All He was

All He _____.

His character, reputation, _____.

His life, death, and _____.

Believing: through putting faith and trust in Jesus and _____ work on cross.

So What?

Evidence of the death, burial, and resurrection is still just as _____ and capable of being touched and believed as it was to Thomas and the apostles.

Today we have the testimony,

of _____ us,

of fulfilled _____ (Psa 22)

of _____ lives.

Where is your confidence? Sight or Faith.

What have today as basis of our faith? The _____ of God.