

Do Nothing

John 4:16-26

John 4:26 - “Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you an He”.”

Scientists studied a native tribe in South America whose people had been dying prematurely for generations. After thorough investigation, the cause of premature death was determined. The disease was transmitted by an insect that lived in the walls of their adobe homes. This new information presented several options.

1. They could move to another area where such insects don't exist.
2. Or, tear down their homes and rebuild them.
3. Or, use insecticide to rid their homes of the bugs.
4. Or, continue as they have and die early.

Surprisingly, these people opted to remain as they are and do nothing about the problem. Change is often more threatening than staying the same, even if change saves our life.

The Samaritan woman was confronted with her immoral lifestyle. She didn't want to change, so she tried to change the subject by posing the question, “Which place are men to worship God?” Jesus answers the question and reveals to her the true nature of worship. Worship must be in spirit and in truth, regardless of the place. But then Jesus reveals the greatest truth of all: “I am the Christ.” It is the truth that changed her life. And her change changed her friends and the Samaritan village.

Our sin problem was diagnosed ages ago and the eternal remedy presented for our acceptance. Like the people in the South American village, options are available to us.

1. Make our move away from sin by obeying the gospel of Christ.
2. Putting off the decision and continue in our sins leading to eternal destruction.
3. Do nothing and be lost eternally.

Sin will not go away on its own accord. One of our hymns asks: “What will you do with Jesus, the question comes to you. And you must give an answer, for something you must do . . . What will it be? . . . What will it be? . . . What will your answer be?”

God's Plan for Man's Salvation

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