

True Spiritual Identity

John 8:37—51

True spiritual identity is revealed not by heritage or outward religion, but by one's response to Jesus. Those who reject His word expose their allegiance to falsehood, while those who receive Him demonstrate genuine sonship to God.

Sunday, October 04, 2026 – Pastor Patrick Ransom

SERMON OUTLINE

JESUS EXPOSES A FALSE CONFIDENCE

A. The Claim: They insist on Abraham as their father, trusting in lineage rather than truth (v. 39a)

B. The Evidence: Their desire to kill Jesus contradicts Abraham's faith and obedience (vv. 37, 40)

C. The Reality: Spiritual heritage without obedience reveals a **false** identity (v. 39b)

JESUS REVEALS THEIR TRUE FATHER

A. The Assertion: They claim God as their Father (v. 41b)

B. The Exposure: Their rejection of Jesus reveals they do not love God (v. 42)

C. The Truth: Their words and desires reflect the influence of another father, the **Devil** (vv. 43–44)

JESUS CONFRONTS THEIR REJECTION OF TRUTH

A. The Accusation: They respond with insult rather than repentance (v. 48)

B. The Clarification: Jesus seeks the Father's glory, not His own (vv. 49–50)

C. The Promise: Those who keep His word will never see death (v. 51)

WHOSE VOICE ARE YOU FOLLOWING?

Where in your life are you relying on outward identity or past association with God, rather than actively receiving and obeying the words of Christ this week? What would it look like to listen, believe, and respond to Him in a way that clearly reflects who your true Father is?

SERMON NOTES

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NEXT WEEK:

Trusting the Great I AM

John 8:52—59