

**Gospel Lesson Text:** John 12:42-50 (p. 762)

*Leader: The Word of the Lord!* Congregation: Thanks be to God!

**Gospel Lesson: “Confident, Bold Faith in Jesus”**

Introduction: \_\_\_\_\_ can be \_\_\_\_\_.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the Faith (42, 2 Timothy 4:7).

a. Others \_\_\_\_\_ (37, Mark 4:13-20).

b. Some come into the Church, and then \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus and the Faith (1 John 2:19, 1 Timothy 18-20, Mark 4:16-19).

(Such people did not have \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ faith.)

c. Some \_\_\_\_\_ come in (37, Mark 4:15).

2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ in the Christian faith because there is \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_ religion (14:6).

a. Know that all other religions are \_\_\_\_\_.

b. If a person “believes in god” apart from believing in \_\_\_\_\_ as God, he believes in a god that doesn’t \_\_\_\_\_, even if it’s a god based on the Old Testament (1:1-3, 1 John 2:23).

c. How Jesus “relates to \_\_\_\_\_.”

1) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ God.

Jesus (and others in the New Testament) taught emphatically that He is the eternal \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of life (1:1-3, 14, 23, 30, 8:58-59, 10:28-33, 20:28, Acts 20:28).

2) There is only \_\_\_\_\_ God (Deuteronomy 6:4, 4:35).

3) The Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are \_\_\_\_\_ persons of the same (\_\_\_\_\_) God (Matthew 28:19, 3:16-17).

Since Jesus, the Father, and the Holy Spirit are \_\_\_\_\_ God, it makes sense that Jesus could say,

a) “I and the Father are \_\_\_\_\_” (10:30).

b) “When a man *believes* in \_\_\_\_\_, he does not believe in Me only, but in the One who sent Me [God the \_\_\_\_\_]” (44).

c) “When one *looks* at \_\_\_\_\_, he sees the one who sent Me [God the \_\_\_\_\_]” (45, 49).

d) “Anyone who has *seen* \_\_\_\_\_ has seen the \_\_\_\_\_” (14:9).

e) That His (\_\_\_\_\_)’ words *were* the \_\_\_\_\_’s (49-50).

d. Thus, if one has no faith in Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_, he has no faith in \_\_\_\_\_, because Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ God.

So, to \_\_\_\_\_ have Jesus is to not have \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 2:23).

e. Because Scripture emphatically teaches that there is no reality in the idea of a \_\_\_\_\_ that doesn't include Jesus' being God, be \_\_\_\_\_ in my faith. I've believed \_\_\_\_\_. Other options are \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ in the Christian faith, and don't \_\_\_\_\_ (42).

a. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ men who believe \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus (42).

b. Love praise from \_\_\_\_\_ and not the praise of \_\_\_\_\_ (43).

1) Men are often mistaken \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 14:1).

2) Men who disbelieve will be \_\_\_\_\_ (48, 5:24, 29).

3) Don't let men's mocking of me for my faith \_\_\_\_\_ me  
(Mark 14:66-72, Luke 7:24, Revelation 12:11).

4. I can be \_\_\_\_\_ in my \_\_\_\_\_ and confident in \_\_\_\_\_ to live my life because Jesus has given me \_\_\_\_\_ (46).

a. This is light about what will happen \_\_\_\_\_ this life (50, 2 Corinthians 4:6).

b. This is light for \_\_\_\_\_ (3:21, 8:12, 1 John 1:7).

Summary: There is no other \_\_\_\_\_ religion, but \_\_\_\_\_. Thus, \_\_\_\_\_ it, \_\_\_\_\_ to believe it, be \_\_\_\_\_ in believing it, and live by its \_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_ and about \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ my life now.