



CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH
Loving God, Loving People

The Great I AM
“The Question of Fatherhood”
John 8:39-47

The Denial (39-41)

The Declaration (42-45)

- **Deaf and Dead (43, 47)**

Jer. 6:10 - To whom shall I speak and give warning, that they may hear? Behold, their ears are uncircumcised, they cannot listen; behold, the word of the LORD is to them an object of scorn; they take no pleasure in it.

Ro. 8:7-8 - 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

- **Murder (44)**

- **Liar (44-45)**

The Designation (46-47)

Food For Thought:

Jesus and his gospel confronts the unregenerate, religious person professing saving faith, with the truth that their lack of faith and fruit, indicates their spiritual father is Satan, rather than God.

- 1. What issues does Jesus force the Jews to confront (vv. 34-41)?**
 - 2. What does Jesus say is the ultimate test to who belongs to God (vv. 42-47)?**
 - 3. Based on this message are you sure what spiritual family you belong to?**
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Bible Text
John 8:39-47
(ESV)

You Are of Your Father the Devil

39 They answered him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, 40 but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. 41 You are doing the works your father did." They said to him, "We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God." 42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. 43 Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. 44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. 46 Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? 47 Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

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Our Mission: Christ Community Church exists to worship God, fellowship in community and build the body of Christ by making disciples, baptizing them and teaching them until the Lord Jesus Christ returns (Acts 2:42-47, Mt. 28:18-20, Eph. 4:11-16).

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And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and prayers. – Acts 2:42 (NKJV)