



INTRODUCTION: At the time when Jesus left the city of Jerusalem in John chapter 4, the Bible tells us that there were many important events happening. Herod, a wicked king, had just arrested John the Baptist. Jesus had just cleared out the temple in Jerusalem because of people who were using God's house to make money. When Jesus cleared them out it made the Pharisee's upset. So now Jesus is going from Jerusalem up to the city of Sychar, and on His journey He becomes thirsty. In Sychar, Jesus finds the well of Jacob, which was very well-known. It is here that Jesus confronts a woman with many problems due to past sin, and He gives her a message of grace. This woman had an understanding of the religion of her fathers, but she did not have salvation.

I. GOD'S GRACE COMES TO US

A. HIS GRACE COMES WHEREVER WE ARE (JOHN 4:4)

1. Samaria was a politically dangerous place.

Samaria was under control of Herod, who wanted to stop John the Baptist and Jesus.

2. Samaria was a culturally unacceptable place.

The Samaritans were a mix breed of both Jew and Gentile. Yet none of that mattered to Jesus.

Luke 19:10, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

B. HIS GRACE COMES TO WHOEVER WE ARE (JOHN 4:7)

Notice that it was not the woman who initiated the conversation, but it was Jesus who initiated it.

1 Timothy 2:3-4, "For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

Revelation 22:17, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

II. GOD'S GRACE GIVES TO US

A. HIS GRACE GIVES FORGIVENESS (JOHN 4:10)

Romans 5:19, "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners (Adam), so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous (The Second Adam)."

B. GRACE GIVES ETERNAL LIFE (JOHN 4:11-14)

James 4:14, "For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

Romans 3:24-25, "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;"

III. GOD'S GRACE SECURES US

A. GOD'S GRACE WILL GIVE US SECURITY IN HIS LOVE (JOHN 4:16-18)

Here is a woman who knew very little about true love. She had been married five times. Five different times she had some man say to her the words, "I love you. I will never leave you. You will always be my true love." Five times she knew the world's kind of love and was abandoned.

B. GOD'S GRACE WILL GIVE US SECURITY WITHOUT WORKS (4:20)

Religion is just a fashionable substitute for belief in Christ. Faith goes against man's pride, so they get religion instead.

Romans 4:4, "Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."

Ephesians 2:8-9, "8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast."

1 John 5:13, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

C. GOD'S GRACE WILL GIVE US SECURITY IN HIS PROMISE (4:21-26)

John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

John 11:25-26, "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"

CONCLUSION: A man may go to Heaven without wealth; and a man may go to Heaven without health; and a man may go to Heaven without honor; and a man may go to Heaven without friends; but a man will never go to Heaven without a relationship with Jesus Christ.