

PROOF OF BEING SAVED

John 4:27-30

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: Jesus has set an example in countless ways and His conversation with the woman at the well is one of them. Jesus broke tradition and even certain laws by His talking with a woman in public, and even worse she was a Samaritan woman. When His disciples discovered what Jesus had done, they were shocked and wanted to know what was going on. They were stunned that Jesus had been talking with a Samaritan woman. Jesus showed that nobody was to be left out from hearing the Gospel, regardless of any man-made law. Love does not behave itself unseemly. Love hopes for the best, believes the best and says the best. The result of Jesus' conversation with the woman was that she was saved and proved it by what she did.

I. UPON BEING SAVED, THE WOMAN MADE IT PUBLIC

1. *John 4:29*
2. Salvation does not come by telling others about Jesus, however Jesus plainly says that one must confess Him before others and believers do so gladly.
 - Beware of "secret" disciples/believers.
 - *Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10*
3. Making public one's belief in the Lord Jesus Christ is done once by being publicly baptized.
 - *Romans 6:1-6*
4. Confessing one's belief in the Lord Jesus Christ is also a verbal thing.
 - Believers are anxious and ready to talk about the one who has saved them, just as naturally as one talks about his/her family, children, grandchildren.
5. The woman at the well hurried back to tell those she knew that she had met the Messiah and He had changed her life.

II. UPON BEING SAVED, THE WOMAN SHOWED A POSITIVE CHANGE IN HER LIFE

1. *John 4:28*
2. The woman had something to do more important than carrying the water pot back home.
 - She had come to the well with one thing on her mind and that was to get a pot of water.
 - Upon meeting Jesus her thoughts were no longer on the water pot, she forgot all about it for there was something far more important now in her life.
 - Think about others whose lives were changed after meeting Jesus:
 - Some left their business, some their friends, some their families, their nets, all for the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Missionaries leave much to go tell others about the Lord.
 - Believers are to leave earthly and worldly things for the sake of the Lord Jesus, His Gospel, His Church, His Kingdom and His glory.

III. UPON BEING SAVED, THE WOMAN SHOWED A PERSONAL CONCERN FOR OTHERS

1. *John 4:28-29*
2. The woman knew a lot of people but had never done anybody very much good, she used them and they used her, but now she was concerned for them in an entirely different way. They needed to know Jesus.

- Remember Andrew and Philip found Jesus and then hurried off to tell others and then brought them to Jesus.
- Matthew (Levi) believed in Jesus, became a follower of Him and then invited all his friends to a meal so that they could also meet Jesus.
- Paul, upon being saved, showed a great concern for his countrymen, kinsmen needing to know the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Believers want to share, they want others to know the Lord Jesus Christ also.
- Countless people have left everything and given even their lives in order that others on the other side of the world might learn about the Lord Jesus Christ.
- **2 Corinthians 5:10-15**

IV. UPON BEING SAVED, THE WOMAN TOLD OTHERS ABOUT JESUS EXCITEDLY

1. **John 4:29**
2. The woman hurried back to her town to tell others what had happened to her and she told them in great excitement and passion.
 - There was nothing half-hearted in how she told them. She was all in it.
 - She didn't invite them to GO see/hear Jesus, she said COME, I'll show you myself!
3. **John 4:30**
 - **Psalm 46:8; Isaiah 1:18; Matthew 11:28-29; Revelation 22:17**
4. Everyone the woman told about Jesus hurried back with her to see Him for themselves.

CONCLUSION:

1. True believers in the Lord Jesus Christ will want to become public about it.
2. True believers in the Lord Jesus Christ will show clear, positive changes in their lives.
3. True believers in the Lord Jesus Christ will be want their family and friends and all others to also know about the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. True believers in the Lord Jesus Christ will be excited about what has happened to them and will tell others about their experience with great sincerity and excitement.
5. How about YOU? If you are a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, just how much have you shared your belief in the Lord? Who have you told? Who have you brought to the Lord Jesus?
 - Is YOUR "belief" real?