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Announcements

Randell Koon

Song Leader

Keith Newbu

Scripture Reading

Dale Vandygriff

Opening Prayer

J C Newby (A.M.)
Tommy Wade (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Kevin Shackelford A.M.)
Logan Yancey (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Terry Chapman

Count and Usher

Rickey Cissom & David Smith

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brad McAlister (04/24/24)

OUR RECORD

April 14, 2024

Sunday Bible Study: 110
Sunday Morning Worship: 145
Sunday Evening Worship: 87
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 76

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).



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JUDGING THE JUDGERS

Mark Lindley

The biblical subject of judging is one that is often misunderstood and abused. When a Christian speaks out against sin, those who are guilty of that sin often begin to rant about being judgmental. They say, "You religious people are sinning by judging others," or they might say, "Jesus said it is wrong to judge; you are judging me; so you are just as wrong as I am."

Nevertheless, those who use the "it-is-wrong-to-judge" argument fail to realize that they are doing the thing they condemn. They take the position that all judging is sinful, but then they "judge" Christians by saying it is "wrong" for Christians to speak out against sin. They claim it is sinful to judge, but then they "judge" the "judgers." The inconsistency of the position is obvious.

Do they make a valid point when they take the position that it is wrong to judge? That depends on the type of judging one is doing. It is true: Jesus said, "Judge not, that ye be not judged" (Matthew 7:1). The type of judging the Lord condemned is a harsh and hypocritical type of judging. Jesus explained what He meant by teaching that one should not try to pull a mote (a small twig or piece of straw) out of his brother's eye, while there is a beam (a stick of timber) sticking out of his own eye (verses 3-5). This passage condemns the hypocrite. Yes, it is wrong to have a judgmental, fault-finding, and hypocritical attitude.

However, the same Jesus who condemned that type of judging is the one who taught us to "judge righteous judgment" (John 7:24). To judge righteous judgment is to judge what is right or wrong based upon what God has revealed in His Word (cf. Psalm 119:172). If a Christian says, "The Bible teaches that lying is a sin (Colossians 3:9)," it is actually God who has made the judgment. The Christian is basing his judgment on what God has said, and there is nothing wrong with making such judgments.

In fact, after Jesus made His popular statement, "Judge not, that ye be not judged," He warned His disciples to "beware of false prophets" who would pretend to be "sheep" but who would actually be "wolves" in sheep's clothing. Jesus then told His disciples how they would recognize false prophets: "Ye shall know them by their fruits" (Matthew 7:16). Don't miss the point: Jesus taught His disciples to make certain judgments concerning false prophets. How could the disciples obey Jesus' instruction to "beware of false prophets" if those disciples could not determine (judge) that some were false prophets? They could not. Clearly then, the Lord Himself taught the disciples to make certain judgments. Therefore, all judging is not sinful. If it is then Jesus taught His disciples to do that which is sinful.

Christians should not be intimidated when someone says it is wrong to judge. Rather, Christians must be sure that they are not guilty of judging others in a harsh, hypocritical way, and that their judgments are based upon what God has said in His Word.

Forgiveness

Bob Prichard

There is probably no more beautiful word in the English language than “forgiven.” When we remember all the times that we have failed, surely we realize that it is a wonderful blessing to know that God has forgiven us. We understand that when we obey the gospel of Christ, we receive the forgiveness of sin through the precious blood Christ shed for us. “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 Peter 1:19).

Saved by the grace of God, forgiveness of our sins does not come as *payment* for our obedience. Our obedience is but the proper response to His love. “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9).

God gives us His forgiveness. How do we respond to His love in relation to others? In *The Vision of Matthew*, John P. Meier asserts, “A Christian cannot win God’s forgiveness, but he can lose it by refusing to extend it to a brother.” Do we forgive as the kind Master, or do we withhold forgiveness as the unmerciful servant?

“Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses” (Matthew 18:32-35). “If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?” (1 John 4:20).

We are Not Invisible

By Gerald Cowan

Everything a Christian says and does must be designed to lead others to glorify God (1 Cor. 10:31-32). There is nothing about the Christian life that is neutral or unimportant. In everything a Christian does he is to be “the light of the world,” a light that is not hidden. He is told, “Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven” (Mt. 5:14-16). Notice that Jesus does not beg his disciples to become lights in the world. He merely states a fact: you are lights in the world (compare also Phil. 2:15-16). We ought to understand these words to mean, “If you are truly my disciples (John 8:31) you are the light of the world.” There can be a great difference, you know, between Christians and professed Christians. God used the obedient examples, the piety and good works of the true disciples of Christ to enlighten the world. Christians are living examples of what God can do with a person’s life.

Jesus does not mean that we should try to impress people with our own righteousness and good works. But he reminds us that no one is really invisible. If one lives for God, others will see it. If one lives without God, that will be apparent too. When a person becomes a Christian he is committed to a new way of life. Changes become obvious in his attitudes – especially toward other people, in his sense of values, and in his use of his time, energy, money and other resources. In many other ways he will be visibly and conspicuously different. Not because he is trying to attract attention to himself, but only because God calls Christians to be obedient to Him in ways that cannot easily be kept hidden from others. You cannot hide a city that is built on a hillside, and you cannot hide the kind of obedience that God requires of all followers of Jesus Christ. So do not try to hide. Just go on and shine!

Others will be impressed by your life. When they know that it is obedience to God that makes the difference they will glorify God for your good example. They may not become Christians themselves, but they will give God credit for your improvement. And no doubt there will be some, encouraged by your faith in God and your trust in His promises, who will place their own lives in God’s hands too.

You are the light of the world, the light the world needs to see, if you are a Christian, because when the world looks at you the world sees God.

UPCOMING EVENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 23-26, 2024

10 AM Bible Study

10:45 AM Worship

2 PM Evening Service

(VBS after Evening Service)

Mon-Wed 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Special Thanks to all that helped make our 2024 Spring Bring great. Thanks to everyone who invited and prepared food. Great job!

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Martha Presley, Walter Hopper, and Everett Hurt.

Remember count your blessings, pray for our lost ones, the sick, the world and the broken-hearted.

SICK SUNDAY: Davis Gaillard

HOSPITAL: Bobbye Nunnally (Robin Chapman’s Mother)

SURGERY RECOVERY: Doss Brewer, Pat McBryde, Wayne Vandygriff

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Joanie Kate Reese, Everett Hurt, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

CANCER:) Tiny Willis, Dorothy Hopper (John’s Mother) Billy McBryde (Rita Smith’s Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer’s Father), Deborah Williams (Kim Lindley’s Aunt), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman’s Son-in-law), Loxlee Eaton , David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

SHUT-INS: Tippah County Health & Rehab: Romia Palmer, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Joe Clark

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