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Dale Vandygriff

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

Tripp Yancey

Opening Prayer

Mason McAlister (A.M.)

Brad McAlister (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Mickey Chandler (A.M.)

John Hopper (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Michiel Criswell

Count and Usher

Tim McMillin & Bryan Davis

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Larry Wood (05/08/24)

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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.

Is The Bible Complete?

By Jimmy W. Cox

For most of us, such a question is not necessary. For the Bible is the "Word of God". It contains 66 books, starts with Genesis, and ends with Revelation. It gives instructions for three different ages— Patriarchal, Jewish, Christian. We live in the Christian age— Read Acts, chap. 2, for its beginning.

However, some religious groups, and many individuals claim that the Holy Spirit has appeared unto them, and gave them certain messages. However, if such messages in any way are different from the Word of God, then we know they did not come from the Father, the Son, or the Holy Spirit.

Let us notice 2 Tim. 3:16-17— All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." The phrase, "all scripture", includes all the inspired words of God.

2 Peter 1:20-21— "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." Also read John 6:63.

2 Peter 1:3— As His divine power has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue." The "knowledge" of Christ (2 Peter 1:2), can be fully known by a study of both Old and New Testaments, which contain the totality of inspired scripture (Psalm 119:160, Psalm 139:17). Without a knowledge of the totality of the inspired scriptures, how could we have been given "all things that pertain to life and godliness."?

Jude 1:3 tells us that the faith was "once for all delivered to the saints." The meaning here is that God's truth has been "once" delivered for all time. It is a permanent delivery from God that will never be superseded, amended or modified. (Deuteronomy 4:2, Proverbs 30:6, Rev. 22:18-19; Gal. 1:6-12).

James 1:25— "But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does." The word "perfect" is from a Greek word meaning "finished, complete, perfect." If you add to, or take away from that which is "perfect", then it is no longer perfect. Obey God's "perfect word."

What Kind of Church is This?

By Bryan McAlister

We often say, "It's time to go to church" or "How was church today?" in some way indicating church was an activity in which we participated. Literally the word "church" comes from the word, "ekklesia." In a general sense, this word means "an assembly" and is used to indicate such in Acts 19:32 and 39. In a specific sense, the word means "called out." There is no doubt, those who called themselves Christians in the 1st century, knew they were members of the church, the assembly of God's people, and that they had been called out from their sins, into the sanctity of their Savior Jesus Christ. As to how it is used in the Bible, there are over one hundred descriptive passages where the church is addressed.

First of all, Jesus Christ is the builder of the church (Matthew 16:18), based upon the fact He is the Son of God. Incidentally, the term church and kingdom are used by Jesus Christ in Matthew 16:18-19 interchangeably, indicating they are one in the same. His church, His kingdom is now established, and we need not wait for it any longer. He is the purchaser of the church, paid for by the price of His shed blood (Acts 20:28). The church is the body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23). The church being the body of Christ, it is important to note there is but one body of the Lord Jesus, and thus one church, and one identity comprising the one body of our Lord Jesus (Ephesians 4:4).

The Bible speaks of "churches" in the plural (Acts 9:31; Romans 16:16), but only in a geographic sense, not in the sense that would imply or suggest God approves of multiple systems of belief toward His revealed Word. Those who were saved were added to the church, the body of obedient believers (Acts 2:47). Therefore the church is the body of the saved, and one cannot be saved and yet not be a member of the church of our Lord. The church refers to men and women (Acts 8:3).

The church can have an emotional response to disturbing news, as was the case in Acts 5:11, when word of Ananias and Sapphira's death spread, "great fear came upon the church." The church is the house of God (I Timothy 3:15). The church was established to declare "the manifold wisdom of God" (Eph 3:10).

The church has a responsibility to assemble (Hebrews 10:25), observe the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week (I Corinthians 11:18; 23), pray (Acts 4:24), sing (Ephesians 5:19), give of their means (I Corinthians 16:1-2), and teach so others may understand (I Corinthians 14:5). The church is autonomous, or governed locally, independent from any national or world headquarters, for Christ is the head of the church (Ephesians 5:23). The church has a responsibility to remain distinct and not blend or bend the teachings of Jesus with any doctrine or creed of man (Acts 15:1-21). The church should be united under the teachings and standards of Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 1:10); be kind to one another showing forgiveness (Ephesians 4:32); extend help to those in need, especially those of the household of faith (Galatians 6:10). The church is not a sect (Acts 24:5) or a denomination or dividing of Jesus and His teachings (I Corinthians 1:13). The church is the precious gift and creation of our Lord, and has always been His plan by which His truth would be made known, His gospel revealed, and His creation saved through Him. This church desires to serve the Lord and serve you. Our prayer is for the opportunity to do both in love.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY
CAN BE PICKED UP IN THE FOYER.
ONE PER FAMILY.**

SENIOR DAY MAY 5th

After evening services in fellowship hall.
Congratulations to our 2024 graduating
high school senior:

Payden Criswell

*Please make plans to join us in
wishing him well in his future
endeavors.*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 23-26, 2024

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2 PM Evening Service

(VBS after Evening Service)

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

SICK SUNDAY: Randell Koon, Wilma Wood

HOSPITAL: Sarina Tigrett - Parents: Kane & Anna (LeBonhuer- heart. 4 month old)

SURGERY RECOVERY: Doss Brewer, Pat McBryde

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Joanie Kate Reese, 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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