

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## PREVENTING SOUL DAMAGE

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### PART 1: ARE YOU EASILY OFFENDED

In previous sermons we have talked about healing the soul from wounds that have been inflicted on it but to be victorious it is important to find out how to protect your soul from being wounded in the first place. The medical community speaks about "preventive medicine" and we can call it "preventive spiritual medicine."

#### WHAT THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE

A dead person cannot be offended. Offense is a choice weapon of the Devil because he knows that it will cause soul damage if the person is offended. Thus to prevent the soul from being hurt by offense, we must die to ourselves.

**Galatians 2:19-21**

#### WHEN DOES OFFENCE COME?

We can be offended in the following situations:

1. When someone questions our intelligence.
2. Being rebuked even when we are in the right.
3. Being rejected.
4. Being insulted.
5. When we are falsely accused.
6. When someone talks down to us.
7. When people don't understand what we are saying.
8. When we are misunderstood.

As we look on this partial list of offenses, it becomes clear that offense is doing damage to a person's "ego." Should a Christian try to defend his ego? What did Jesus do when he walked on earth? **Matthew 20:25-28**

The spirit of "pride" is behind the ego. Lucifer had plenty of pride and his ego had inflated itself to the point he was ready to dethrone God and establish himself above God. **Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:14-17**

The prophet Isaiah told us the kind of life Jesus would live in order to prepare Himself for the ultimate sin offering for the sins of mankind. **Isaiah 53:1-12**

The mission laid out for Jesus on earth was not to build a great earthly kingdom. **John 19:36-37**

Jesus came as a servant to die on the cross for the sins of all people.



When he was insulted – He did not get angry. **Matthew 26:60-65**

When he was accused and questioned – He said nothing. **Matthew 27:12-14**

Jesus knew who He was – the Son of God. **John 10:27-30**

Jesus knew that He had a mission to accomplish. **Luke 9:28-31**

Jesus did not come to defend His personhood but to save people from their sins.  
**Luke 9:51-56**

***Satan could not hurt Jesus because there was nothing in Jesus that he could entice. John 14:30***

In due time, Jesus was resurrected. **Matthew 28:1-6**

Today He is reigning in full glory; He is no longer a servant but the King of kings and Lord of lords. **Revelation 1:10-18**

Someday all believers in Christ are going to reign with Him. **Revelation 21:1-7**

But until that day we are servants as we live out our lives on the earth.  
**John 13:12-17**

**KNOW WHO YOU ARE!**

**KNOW YOUR MASTER!**

**KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING!**

**DO WHAT YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO DO ON THE EARTH!**

**DON'T LET SATAN OFFEND YOU THROUGH PEOPLE!**

***Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!***

**DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?**