

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

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PART 13: THE ATTITUDE OF YOUR HEART

JESUS SETS FORTH HIS DOCTRINE

With four apostles in tow and a track record of divine healing, Jesus stopped in front of a mountain and started to teach. Let's pick up where we left off last week and continue to examine the doctrine of the Godhead.

MURDER

Jesus did not accept murder under any circumstance. **Matthew 5:21**

This is the same commandment that He earlier gave to Moses. **Exodus 20:13**

ANGER

Anger is unacceptable in the kingdom of God. Jesus is not talking about righteous anger against sin, political corruption, slander, lies, etc. He was addressing anger with a family member or a brother and sister in Christ. **Matthew 5:22**

When a person is not able to accomplish his will and is blocked by another person so that there is an impasse, anger is the natural way to show displeasure and cuts down further actions. It's my way or the highway!

Being angry without a cause will bring judgment upon you. Calling a person worthless will put you in danger of judgment by an angel council. Calling a person an idiot will subject you to hellfire.

TITHING

When you plan to bring your tithe to the church and remember that a Christian brother or sister has a grudge against you, go and seek reconciliation first. **verses 23-24**

Jesus told us to seek reconciliation while we are still alive on this earth. If you refuse to forgive other Christians, that is a matter that will be taken care of at the Judgment Seat of Christ. Jesus will turn over the offender to the angel tormentors and there will be no leniency with this punishment. **verses 25-26; 1 Corinthians 3:11-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10-11**

SUMMARY

Jesus did not expect the apostles and others to immediately understand this early teaching. Full discernment would not arrive until after the resurrection and the day of Pentecost.

The God-man wanted to establish foundational doctrine for the church that would be taught later by the apostles and others. This teaching was contrary to the Jewish way of thinking and it would prove to be an uphill battle for the church to teach and put into practice.



I think you would be challenged to find this doctrine in a modern church's statement of faith. The sad thing is that most Christians are ignorant of Jesus' doctrine. What would the Son of God say about our lack of knowledge? Is it any wonder that Christians are weak in faith and sick in their bodies?

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?