

Pray For The Sick And Afflicted:

Sherrie Williams (surgery)
Delores Hendrickson (fell)
Ken and Sherrie Roosa's son-in-law (appendectomy and spot on colon)
Dean Cook
Karen Sproles (surgery)
Shirley Cook's brother Bill, his wife Doris and their son Dale
Randy Murray (Cindy Murray's husband, cancer)
Ernest Brown (Evelyn Murphy's father)
Shirley Farmer (Jesse's sister)
Zachary Baxter (Susie Burdsall's grandson, deployed in the U.S. Navy)
Merl McCurry (Tina's father, heart issues)
Steve Flick (Tina's uncle, stroke and cancer)
Pete Nusz (Tina Knoy's cousin's husband, cancer)
Edwin Parnell (Mike Parnell's brother, cancer)

Pray For Our Shut-ins:

Goldie Gilbert, Al and Gertrude Reynolds

Pray For The Mission Work That We Support:

John Grubb (mission work in Asia)
Charles DiPalma (mission work in Australia and New Zealand)
Northwest Florida School of Biblical Studies

Pray For Our Upcoming Events:

Men's Business Meeting – The next men's business meeting will be held Sunday, July 7th, at 5:00 PM.

Monthly Pitchin-in Dinner – Our next monthly pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, August 4th, immediately following the morning services. Following the pitch-in we will reconvene at 1:00 PM for an afternoon service then dismiss for the day.

God's Plan For Our Salvation:

1. **Hearing** the word of God (Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32).
2. **Believing** what is taught (Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6).
3. **Repentance** (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30).
4. **Confession** (Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37).
5. **Baptism** (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; I Peter 3:21; Romans 6:3,4).
6. After the above five steps, **Faithful Christian Living** (I Peter 2:11, 12; Revelation 2:10).

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MORGAN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Schedule of Services:

Sunday

Bible Study – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study – 7:00 PM

Thursday

Ladies Bible Study – 11:00 AM (March – October)

Radio Program:

“Preparing For Eternity”

Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

ARE WE WRONG TO SAY THEY ARE WRONG?

Jason Patrick Hilburn

Those critical of judging others are hypocrites because they are judging others for judging others!

In today's "politically correct" world, most people do not want to hear anyone saying that someone else's beliefs are wrong. This is a controversial subject that is often avoided at all costs. In the early days of the church, men did not avoid subjects that were "too controversial." The message of Christ was extremely offensive to the non-believing Jews, but notice Jesus' reaction to it: "*Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying? But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up*" (Matt. 15:12-13). Jesus did not go back and apologize to those who were offended by Him preaching the Truth. These same people who were offended later tortured and killed Jesus and almost all of the apostles for declaring their controversial message.

People of the world have politically correct attitudes, but sadly, many people who claim to be Christians have become influenced by it. Some who call themselves Christians consider it wrong to teach against what others believe or to say that someone else is wrong. I wonder if these people have considered the fact that when they claim to be Christians, they are saying that their faith is the only valid faith, and all others are wrong. Jesus said, "*I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me*" (John 14:6). By agreeing with Jesus' teaching, Christians are rightly saying Jesus is the only way to Heaven. Christians must then conclude that people who follow Buddhism are wrong, and the same is true for people who follow Islam, Hinduism, or anyone who fails to faithfully follow Christ (Matt. 7:21).

If people claiming to be Christians are afraid to admit it, then they should take notice what Jesus said: "*Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels*" (Mark 8:38). To say there is nothing wrong with other religions is to deny that Jesus is who He said He was —the Savior, the only way to Heaven (Acts 4:12). To say that Christ is not the only way to Heaven is also equivalent to saying that Jesus died in vain. There is nothing wrong with someone saying that false religions like Islam are wrong, and there is nothing wrong with exposing the teachings of Buddhism or any other false teaching and religion.

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At this point someone may say that as long as we are all teaching under "the umbrella of Christianity," we should not say that someone else is teaching falsely. This is basically saying that doctrine is unimportant. If that were the case, then why would the Bible warn us so many times about false teachers and false doctrine (cf. Matt. 7:15-20; 2 John 9-11; 2 Tim. 4:3-4; Titus 2:1; 1 Tim. 4:16; 1 John 4:1; Rev. 2:15)? If doctrine is unimportant as long as one believes in Jesus, why were the Galatians lost (Gal. 1:6-9; 5:3-4)? Why were Hymenaeus and Philetus and their followers lost (2 Tim. 2:17-18)? Why would the Bible give us examples of children of God who were corrected by faithful Christians for errors in their teaching or actions? Notice what Paul did, "...*When Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation*" (Gal. 2:11-14; cf. Acts 18:24-26)?

Correction among proclaimed followers of Christ is not only necessary, it is demanded. However, it should always be done out of love. The term "judging" is often used in a negative sense to describe someone who is trying to correct people because of an unscriptural belief or practice. The accusers are making it sound as if it is wrong to correct other followers of Christ when the Bible teaches we are to judge with righteous judgment (John 7:24; Matt. 7:15-20). They are also being hypocritical themselves because they are judging others for judging others! If it is wrong to correct others, then Aquila and Priscilla must have been wrong to correct Apollos (Acts 18:24-26) and Paul must have been wrong to confront Peter (Gal. 2:11-14). The truth is, they did what was right. They were merely correcting the erring ones out of a love for them and those on whom they had an influence.

If a sincere person holds an erroneous belief or is doing something wrong, he should want someone to correct him. "...*Rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning*" (Prov. 9:8-9; cf. 19:25; Psa. 141:5). "*He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue*" (Prov. 28:23). "*Open rebuke is better than secret love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful*" (Prov. 27:5-6; cf. Gal. 4:16). "*It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools*" (Ecccl. 7:5).

Just as Christians should try to reach those who do not claim to follow Christ, we should also try to reach and teach those who are striving to be Christ's followers, yet are lacking in some way. If they are sincere, they will appreciate it. However, God will be pleased with us, whether they appreciate it or not.