

WHAT CHRISTIANS NATURALLY DO WHEN JESUS IS KILLED

Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled. Matthew 26:56b

Even bold Peter denied he knew the Lord Jesus Christ when death raised its hateful head and came for the Lord. Only three women who loved Jesus watched him be hung naked on the cross. All the bold, manly disciples fled...except one, John, who upon the Lord's command from the cross took the Mother of Jesus into his own home.

Decades later, when he was an old man, this same John wrote to us from Patmos about a time when the Lord Jesus Christ would return at the head of a great army. Then His true disciples would stand unafraid: the god of this world would be vanquished and death would reign no more.

But in the meantime...

The Lord Jesus Christ is being crucified each day that passes in the United States of America and tens of millions of people who call themselves Christians ignore His death that is occurring each day around them in every city in the United States of America. (You can get a good rough estimate of the number of people who think they are Christians by counting them as they file into theatres to watch flickering images of the death of Jesus in the movie "The Passion of Christ.") The huge majority of these people do not even have the grace to be afraid as they walk around ignoring the Lord Jesus Christ as He is tortured anew each day in the USA.

What am I talking about?

Every Christian teacher in history has understood the Bible enough to know and teach that the Lord Jesus Christ literally identified His body--His physical body of flesh and blood--with the physical bodies of lost and dying people everywhere and everytime. According to the New Testament, what people do with His Body and His Blood literally determines their fate for all eternity.

This message has been the central theme taught by Christian teachers, preachers, evangelists and pastors since Pentecost.

The Lord Jesus Christ knew that this message might be used as nothing more than an abstraction, empty words that were uttered over and over like some kind of unending Buddhist chant that consisted of nothing but sounds. While those sounds might have a momentary soothing power on the chanter, empty abstract sounds would be devoid of anything that could provide lasting benefits. Because the Lord Jesus Christ knew our facility for taking words that are intended to lead to action and turn them into chants designed to serve only ourselves, the Lord Jesus Christ told us about a test He had created that would prove whether we used His words as abstract empty chants like the Buddhists or whether we used them as marching orders moving us into His service.

Look Closely. Who Kills the Baby?



As ye did it unto the least of these...

WILL THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TREAT PEOPLE LIKE SHEEP WHEN THEY ACT LIKE GOATS?

Jesus Christ defined precisely what would happen to His sheep and what would happen to those He decreed to be goats. To the sheep he says, "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world..." But the goats hear this: "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels..."

And He made it clear that there would be some goats who thought they were sheep but had been goats all along. He said, Matthew 7:21 "Not every one that saith

unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. ²²Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? ²³And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

Since this matter is of the utmost importance not only to the Lord Jesus Christ but to everyone who looks to Him for help in times of need, the Lord Jesus Christ made it impossible for functionally literate people to ignore what He would use as His basis for distinguishing between the sheep and the goats.

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What is the characteristic that distinguishes the sheep from the goat, those going to heaven from those going to hell? The Lord Jesus Christ says to those going to heaven, ^{Matthew 25} "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world...Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." But He says to those going to hell, "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me."

And there you have it.

You can chant yourself all across the universe of space and time. You can say all you want to say about "Once Saved, Always Saved", "Name It and Claim It" or "Cheap Grace" but unless the Lord Jesus Christ is willing to make Himself a liar so that people can make it to heaven, what people DO for the ones the Lord Jesus Christ called the "least of these my brethren" will determine whether they go to heaven or hell.

And Jesus was very specific about the things people must DO if they were to get to heaven. He spells out the list: ³⁵"For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: ³⁶Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me."

See what each of those things have in common? They involve doing things for people who are in grave danger of death. If people are hungry and don't get food, they eventually die; or if they're naked, they'll freeze to death, or if thirsty, without water, they'll die of thirst. Even people in prison who are perceived to be without outside support of any kind are in grave danger of being the last prisoner cared for should a fire break out on the cellblock, or should a renegade guard decide to start "terminating" prisoners.

Christians today, either through the money they provide the government, or directly through their church agencies, do a great job of providing Americans in danger of death with the necessities of life. Even people in prison are not forgotten by Christians.

Unfortunately for this generation of Christians, all those good works will be totally meaningless when the time comes to separate the sheep from the goats because we have decided to ignore the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ required us to make the least of those categories our first priority when it came time to provide the life giving sustenance the Lord commanded we give.

It's Not Just About Serving People

Most Christians today have implemented a theology that essentially says if they are serving people in any way whatsoever then they are fulfilling the commands of the Lord Jesus Christ and have every right to believe they are sheep instead of goats.

There is one problem with that theory: it is the opposite of what the Bible teaches.

Throughout history a class of people has made a good and profitable living out of being servants to the wealthy and powerful segments of society. The Lord Jesus Christ did everything in His power to make it clear that kind of servant would gain no advantage when it came time to separate the sheep from the goats.

James, the brother of the Lord clarified the point this way: ^{James 2:2}"For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; ³And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit

thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool: 'Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?'

People who serve in order to gain benefits for themselves do not really display love for the people they serve: they display their own need to receive goods and services in return for their service. That is a simple business relationship and has nothing to do with the love that the Lord Jesus Christ is trying to teach His people to display.

When the Lord Jesus Christ made our willingness to serve the least among us as the criterion that would separate the sheep from the goats he literally forced us to abandon the world's definition of self-interest and replace it with a definition that literally reverses the "wisdom" of this world. In other words, by serving the least FIRST, we demonstrate a love that is the exact opposite of the "love" the world knows about naturally.

That does not mean rich folks and powerful folks do not deserve to be served by those who come in Christ's name. Truly they have needs too. But the Lord made it clear they get served by His people after the least have been taken care of, or they don't get served by God at all.

WHO ARE THE LEAST AMONG US?

The least among us who are in danger of dying are unborn babies being carried by their mothers into abortion "clinics." Any way you slice the English language (unless of course you want to reverse the dictionary meaning of words) the unborn babies in danger of death are the least among us who the Lord Jesus Christ consider to be his "brothers."

And why wouldn't they be His brothers? They are His children. He created them. ^{John 1:3}"All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life; and the life was the light of men."

And the unborn babies are not just any creature: they are not dogs, or giraffes, or monkeys; but they are people created in the image of God, people who bear the same flesh that the Lord Jesus Christ bore. Furthermore, they are the Lord Jesus Christ's obedient brothers. All they have ever done since the moment of conception is do their best to live in accordance with the decrees they receive from God. If such people are not the "brothers" of the Lord Jesus Christ, then He has none.

The unborn babies are the least among us because...come on now! Is it really necessary to EXPLAIN why people who are literally the smallest people on earth, people who are literally the most vulnerable people on earth, people who have been decreed by the government of the United States of America not be people at all, are in fact BEFORE GOD AND EVERYBODY, the least among us!?

Are we acting like the sheep toward those people, or are we acting like the goats?

I stand by and am doing nothing with the power to protect them from imminent death. That is a fact that I struggle with every day of my life. My only hope is that by confessing my sin--that I am acting like a goat instead of a sheep--and by doing everything I can do to persuade people to join in a secession movement that can force the majority to change the murderous "laws," then God will treat me like a sheep when judgment day comes even though today I know for a fact I am acting like a goat toward the Lord Jesus Christ's unborn brothers and sisters.

How about you? What is your solution to this problem? I think it's time we all joined into a secession movement. We've tried everything else for thirty years and failed abysmally to protect the least among us. If not now, when? **If not now, when?**