

## “Stop Avoiding Confrontation!!!”

“<sup>7</sup> “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup> **When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood.** <sup>9</sup> But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.”

**Ezekiel 33:1-9**

The Bible calls us to live like Jesus is coming this year, this month, or tomorrow!!!  
Even if it’s not for 20 years, we must live like it is tomorrow!!!

“<sup>17</sup> *Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.*” **Romans 10:17**

So how will people ever believe unless we tell them? They WON’T...unless we tell them!!!!  
What is the “word about Christ?” Not just sin, not just Jesus on the cross, but also that Jesus will return!

“<sup>9</sup> *But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless.* <sup>10</sup> *Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them.* <sup>11</sup> *You may be sure that such people are warped and sinful; they are self-condemned.*” **Titus 3:9-11**

### Opposition to the “REPENT” message:

Social Media: People are listening and watching.

#### a. Atheist and Agnostic opposition

“If God is love, how could he judge in wrath?” Because God is Holy!

“Who are you to judge me, I’m a good person!” We judge by the fruits of your life!

“If God is love, why is the world such a terrible place? Why do bad things happening to good people?” If God eliminated all the evil in the world, he would have to eliminate the human race because we all sin and fall short of the glory of God. You can’t take away only ‘part’ of the evil. It’s either all or nothing!!!!

#### b. Christian/Church opposition

**What DID Jesus Do?** – The world uses this next verse to say “you can’t judge me!” The church uses this verse as an excuse to avoid confrontation!!!

“<sup>1</sup> *Do not judge, or you too will be judged.* <sup>2</sup> *For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.* <sup>3</sup> *“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?”* <sup>4</sup> *How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?”* <sup>5</sup> *You hypocrite, first take the*

*plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. <sup>6</sup> "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces."*

### **Matthew 7:1-6**

Re-read the line in vs. 5 that says, "then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." It doesn't say "Don't judge people, and never try to help them remove the sin in their life." NO!!!! It **SAYS**, get righteous, get holy, be pure, and THEN help your brother remove the sin in his life!!!

Who did Jesus constantly rebuke? THE CHURCH! "Whoa you brood of Vipers!"

### **Out of Context?**

The woman caught in adultery

*"<sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."<sup>8</sup> Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup> At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. <sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" <sup>11</sup> "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."*

### **John 8:7-11**

The world uses this verse to say "You're not perfect, so you can't judge me. How can you throw the first stone?" The church uses this as another excuse to avoid confrontation. Re-read the last line..."Go now, and leave your life of sin."

*"<sup>15</sup> "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. <sup>16</sup> But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'<sup>17</sup> If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector." **Matthew 18:15-17***

### **Back sliders:**

Jesus wants us to love those who have backslidden, and we need to reach out to them.

*"<sup>1</sup> Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." **Galatians 6:1-2***

The bible tells us to warn them gently, with love, BUT we must not forget to warn them. We cannot avoid the confrontation!!!!

**Book of Jonah** – “<sup>2</sup> Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”

“<sup>3</sup> Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. <sup>4</sup> Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” <sup>5</sup> The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

<sup>6</sup> When Jonah’s warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. <sup>7</sup> This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

“By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. <sup>8</sup> But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. <sup>9</sup> Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.”

Are you brave and bold enough to say the truth? Do you have the guts to tell someone to **REPENT**? Do people around you know what you believe? Can your **AQUANTANCES** confess that you are a Christian and that you have openly spoken to them about Jesus? Are you vocal about speaking out against sin? Do people see you as someone set apart from the world, consecrated to the Lord? Do they feel convicted around you? Do they avoid sinning around you because they know you do not approve?

The full message of Christ must start with the 10 Commandments. A person must understand that they are sinful and that they need Jesus. Then, they will better understand the magnitude of what Christ did on the cross. The final part of your witness needs to include that the story is not finished, and that Jesus Christ is returning to the Earth to set things right and to abolish death and evil. Without this knowledge, nothing else makes sense.

Many unbelievers or atheists may question...“If God is so loving, why do bad things happen to good people?”, or...“Why would Jesus come to Earth to have victory over death and have paid for our sins, and then leave the world in this terrible condition?” The rest of the gospel doesn’t make sense to the general public unless they have the entire story; ALL 3 parts.

Telling people what Jesus did on the cross of Calvary is wonderful. But it is an incomplete message. Most lost souls don’t appreciate what Jesus did, and they don’t understand why they need Jesus because they see their selves as being a “good person.”

**Key witnessing verses:****1. SIN vs. Righteousness**

*“<sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” <sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”* **Matthew 22:36-40**

*“<sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup> Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”* **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

**TEN COMMANDMENTS**

*“<sup>7</sup> “You shall have no other gods before me.*

*<sup>8</sup> “You shall not make for yourself an image (an idol)...*

*<sup>11</sup> “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.*

*<sup>12</sup> “Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy..... <sup>13</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>14</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work....*

*<sup>16</sup> “Honor your father and your mother (respect your partents).....*

*<sup>17</sup> “You shall not murder.*

*<sup>18</sup> “You shall not commit adultery.*

*<sup>19</sup> “You shall not steal.*

*<sup>20</sup> “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. (Don’t lie).....*

*<sup>21</sup> “You shall not covet (Don’t envy).....”*

**Deuteronomy 5:7-21**

**It is also very important that people understand that if there is hate in their heart, they are murderers, and that if they have ever lusted or looked at porn, they are adulterers!!!!**

**See Matthew 5:21-30**

*“<sup>19</sup> The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup> idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup> and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

*<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”* **Galatians 5:19-25**

*“<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>7</sup> You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup> But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup> Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.”* **Colossians 3:5-11**

*“The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. <sup>7</sup> For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. <sup>8</sup> Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.”*

**1 Thessalonians 4:6b-8**

## **2. Jesus and Salvation**

*“<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.”*

**John 3:16-18**

### The Great Commission

*“<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

**Matthew 28:18-20**

### Roman Road to Salvation

Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Romans 6:23, Romans 10:9, Romans 5:1

## **3. The End of this Age and RETURN of Jesus**

This is not a message of fear, but of HOPE!!!

**Matthew 24** is all about End Times, and comes directly from the mouth of Jesus!

*“<sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. “* **Matthew 24:14**

This verse does NOT refer to preaching the gospel concerning salvation, but it speaks of preaching the gospel concerning the RETURN of Christ!!!!

If you are going to preach the full Gospel...ALL 3 PARTS...then you must be sure of your own salvation, and be VERY sure of what you believe! Are you still living in sin, and are you questioning if your heart is in the right place? Do you fear dying? Are you still not sure where you will go? **OR**, are you sold out for Jesus, and totally sure that you are saved?

*“<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

**Romans 8:38**

*“<sup>4</sup> Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him..... <sup>8</sup> The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work. <sup>9</sup> No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God’s seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God. <sup>10</sup> This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God’s child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister*

*.....<sup>13</sup> Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you.*

*.....<sup>16</sup> This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? <sup>18</sup> Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.*

*<sup>19</sup> This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: <sup>20</sup> If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God <sup>22</sup> and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. <sup>24</sup> The one who keeps God’s commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.”*

**1 John 3:4-24**

**Verse 6:** If I keep sinning am I really and truly saved? What is the difference between making a mistake and continually living in sin? Example: when I messed up and slept with someone, compared to Heather living in a homosexual relationship.

**Verse 16 - 18:** many Christians say things like... “You don’t have to preach about sin or about what you believe. If you lead by example, then it will be enough witness to people.”

WRONG: We have to be active in helping people AND in preaching God’s word, everyday, to those around us.

Revisit Romans 10:17.....**Faith comes by hearing**

So it is good to let our actions be a witness to others, but we cannot let that be all we do. Do good deeds, AND share the FULL gospel message, which includes the tribulation/revelation message!!!!