

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

## LUKE CHAPTER 12:49-53

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### **“IT’S MORE THAN A FAMILY FEUD”**

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,  
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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**It’s happened, perhaps to all of Us!  
someone in the family becomes a Christian.**

**Then What Happens?  
the accusations fly, the remarks start to come...**

**Suddenly, all the families’ woes and wrongs  
can be explained; - “he/she’s a Christian now!**

**Did you know that the Roman Empire  
was not always so brutal against Christians?  
but they consistently warned against Christianity  
because it divided the Roman family.**

#### **Luke 12:49-53**

“I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! **:50** But I have a **baptism** to be baptized with, and how **distressed** I am till it is accomplished! **:51** Do *you* suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division. **:52** For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three. **:53** Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”

## Matthew's Account Adds the Following...

### Matthew 10:37-38

He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. :38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

There Are Two Realities Going on Around Us at Any Given Time.

## IT'S MORE THAN A FAMILY FEUD

### 1.) There's two worlds side by side v. 49-50

"I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! :50 But I have a **baptism** to be baptized with, and how **distressed** I am till it is accomplished!

### 1a.) Eternity is the issue at hand vs. 49

"I came to send fire on the earth, and *how I wish it were already kindled!*

Jesus is Speaking about the Awesome reality  
that the Gospel of God was About to be Empowered.

*(Jesus was Going to the Cross to Set in Motion the Most Powerful Message  
that the World Could Ever Hear)*

### John 1:12-13

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: :13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

The Lord **created** the family. He **created** to be operated  
in agreement with his family Manual – the Bible

The "Real" Christian Home is a Home where the Word of God is Real.  
(What's a Christian Home Really Like?)

#### Step 1

The Christian husband and wife

#### Step 2

Welcome the first baby

**Step 3**

A Family grows in Christ

**Step 4**

Life begins to Happen

**Step 6**

Priorities are Rearranged

**Step 7**

The cords are loosened

Jesus Christ was Desiring Something That is Now a Reality.  
the regeneration, indwelling, sanctifying and saving power of God in your life.

**one world is like this.**

In one world – eternity is rarely, if ever thought of.  
eternity isn't mentioned. life after death, the issue of forever  
is often avoided by people...

**the other world is like this.**

the other world is – the awareness of heaven has become real. there is a sense of hope because  
forgiveness is possible. lasting love can be real and the thought of knowing God begins to lead you...

**Matthew 13:55-58**

Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses,  
Simon, and Judas? :56 And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this *Man* get all  
these things?" :57 So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without  
honor except in his own country and in his own house." :58 Now He did not do many mighty works  
there because of their unbelief.

**IT'S MORE THAN A FAMILY FEUD  
THERE'S TWO WORLDS SIDE BY SIDE**

**1b.) Redemption is the offer**

**vs. 50**

:50 But I have a **baptism** to be baptized with,  
***and how distressed I am till it is accomplished!***

**distressed**

to be governed by or to be fixed upon something of great importance.  
to be completely consumed with a purpose or goal.

**This Is Absolutely Unique in All the World – never to be repeated!**  
that Jesus Christ was "consumed" with His mission

# Remembering Palm Sunday

**John 12:27**

“Now my soul is **troubled**, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose, I came to this hour.

## Jesus’ Understanding of Death

was pure reality. He knew where He was going after death. He knew what a door death was. He knew that life on the other side was a life in heaven with the Lord forever.

hey mom and dad, / sweetheart

I’ve Been “Redeemed” / “Redemption” - being bought back for God  
*“hallelujah, praise the Lord and amen, bless God brother”*

## Jesus Longed for What He was About to Empower

that by His death He would set in Motion the Eternal benefits.

payment / forgiveness / sanctification / restoration / reconciliation /  
salvation / redemption = new life!!!

## By Jesus Going to The Cross

**Colossians 2:14**

having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having **nailed** it to the cross.

what **HUGE** public sin is yours? // what **LITTLE** secret sin is yours?

...And He has taken it out of the way,  
having **nailed** it to the cross.

## THERE’S TWO WORLDS SIDE BY SIDE

**1c.) Salvation is the goal**

**vs. 50**

**2 Peter 3:9**

The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

**That is a Choice that God has Granted You**

## IT'S MORE THAN A FAMILY FEUD

2.) Because life's bigger than we think

v. 51

2a.) Because our love is for God now

vs. 51

Do *you* **suppose** that I came to give peace on earth?  
I tell you, not at all, but rather **division**.

### Something Fantastic has Happened to Us.

our minds have been changed. our purpose for living is different

**John 14:17**

we have received the Holy Spirit of truth, **whom the world cannot receive**, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and shall be in you.

### OUR LOVE IS FOR GOD NOW

**John 17:14**

I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

morality got us nowhere, materialism fooled us,  
religion only set us back,

**Romans 8:5-7**

**:5** For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. **:6** For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. **:7** Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

**Because our love is for God now**

### LIFE'S BIGGER THAN WE THINK

2b.) Because our loyalty is to the Lord now

vs. 51

Do *you* **suppose** that I came to give peace on earth?  
I tell you, not at all, but rather **division**.

Conversion to Christianity in many countries  
means imprisonment, torture or even death.

In the United States of America, - In the American Media  
a Christian is Mocked, Ridiculed, and Silenced.

## Division 101

**John 14:6**

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, (that's divisive) the truth, (that's divisive) and the life. (that's divisive)  
No one comes to the father except through Me. (that's divisive)

### **Have You Read Everything in the Bible That Jesus Said?**

His **Morality** is Radical // His **Words** are Radical  
His **Message** is Radical // His **Warnings** are Radical

Jesus Christ Doesn't "Fit In" to This World.

He is the Least Politically Correct Person I Know.  
!!! That Makes Him Divisive!!!

**That's why in America, in the next few years,**  
there will be an increasing hostility to Christians and a greater attempt to silence the church.

who will you vote for ?  
do they share your Christian values...

**It's sad that because churches are so dead in America  
that the government thinks that abortion is a political issue.**

***God will not bless a nation that kills babies / abortion***  
**God will not Listen to a President that Supports Abortion**

**John 15:18-19**

"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you. :19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

**Mark 13:13**

And you will be **hated** by all for My name's sake.

**We Don't "Welcome" This Hatred and Intolerance.**  
rather we mourn and weep and sorrow over those who hate the Lord we love.

**When It Comes to Family – It's Extra Painful**

know your Bible – you're to never be a weirdo

## LIFE'S BIGGER THAN WE THINK

**2c.) Because our desire is for you now vs. 51**

Do *you* **suppose** that I came to give peace on earth?  
I tell you, not at all, but rather **division**.

**2 Corinthians 5:19**

that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

## IT'S MORE THAN A FAMILY FEUD

**3.) So what can we do? v. 52-53**

**3a.) Be the first to humble yourself vs. 52-53a**

**:52** For from now on five in one house **will be divided**: three against two, and two against three **:53** **Father** will be divided against **son** and **son** against **father**...

### Truth Always Divides

Does Your Father or Son Know That You're a Christian?

if you are a Christian, then tell them what the gospel has done for you.

Humble Yourself and Bridge the Gap.

Have You Done Everything You Can to Heal That Relationship (Without sinning)

have you **gone** to them? // have you **called** them // have you **prayed** for them

**Romans 12:18**

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

**3b.) Be the first to be like Jesus vs. 53b**

mother against daughter and daughter against mother,

The Bible Teaches Us to **Forgive** One Another and to Love One Another.

Any Relationship can Withstand Any Difficulty if forgiveness is on the table...

whatever has been done to you – against you – damaging to you.  
you have just been handed all the power to change it.

## Christians Should be masters at Forgiveness

### Matthew 18:21-22

Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" :22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

## A Theological Head-Scratcher

can a Christian be a real Christian if they withhold forgiveness from somebody?

### Matthew 6:14-15

"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. :15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your father forgive your trespasses.

because how can we truly give something out first  
unless we've Taken it in?

## SO WHAT CAN WE DO ?

### 3c.) Be the first to treat them like a Christian

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and  
daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

## The Bible Says...

### Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever.

so, who is this Jesus of the Bible.  
this Jesus who is forever the same, never changing, never altering?

He's the Jesus who Invites  
All People to Know the Lord God.

————— *End of Study* —————