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JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

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WHAT REAL CHRISTIANS LOOK LIKE

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

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When Was the Last Time You Went to The Zoo?

Zoos are Cool Places. You'll see awesome animals there and most of them make
total sense to me!

hippos, rhinos, monkeys, turtles – bless me!

But then you see animals like - the armadillo, the sloth and
then there's my all-time favorite, - the platypus

I think God Invented the Platypus
Just to Freak the Evolutionist Out.

why is a zoo so cool?

because you see those of their "own kind" getting along and even making more
of them – monkeys make more monkeys, rhinos make more rhinos, and even
sloths get around to making more sloths – eventually.

And Christians, when they're Real Christians
get around to making more Christians

WHAT REAL CHRISTIANS LOOK LIKE

1.) They look like strangers in a foreign land vs.1-2

Then He said **to the disciples**, “It is impossible that no **offenses** should come, but **woe** to him **through** whom they do come! :2 It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should **offend** one of these little ones.

1a.) Because real Christians are not offensive vs. 1a

Then He said **to the disciples**, “It is impossible that no **offenses** should come,

the disciples

are all those in the crowd of followers. they desire to follow Jesus Christ.

offenses

skanʾndalon skandalon, *skan´-dal-on*; (the eng. scandal) to set a trap or a trip-line. to place an obstacle or a stumbling block on the path.

We Live in an Offensive World.

There's the “Offense” that is caused by the “Intellect”

who's delight is to see Christians become as desperate and bitter as they are and they will launch a full scale attack against the young Christian's faith.

There is the “Offense” that is caused by the “Criminally Minded”

these are those who entice and draw a Christian away from faith by living outside the lines – rejecting authority and civility.

There's the “Offense” that is caused by the “Prophets of Pop-Culture”

The gospel according to Britney Spears and Oprah Winfrey and the “if it feels good do it” crowd. these are the “we are tolerant of everyone who thinks like we do”

There's the “Offense” that is caused by the “Progressive Religionist”

These are the people who are reinventing their Bible, their god, their mission and what is important in life. with really good intention - they lead others away from knowing the Lord personally.

Characterized by Legalism and Forced Obedience These People,

2 Timothy 3:5

having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

Here, Jesus Opens Our Eyes Wide
to the reality of a Christian living in a sinful and godless world.

1 Corinthians 10:31-32

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. :32
Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God,

Verse 1b

but **woe** to him **through** whom they do come!

woe

oujai+ ouai, oo-ah'-ee; a chief exclamation of grief,
dread and of absolute terror. *m.* damnation be upon you.

This Ranks High as One of the Most Grave
Warnings that Jesus Christ has Ever Said.

Speaking of Judas Iscariot - Mark 14:21

...**Woe** to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed!"

Verse 1c

When He says Here. "It is impossible that no **offenses** should come

It's **Inevitable** or **Unavoidable** that Sin will Come to You.

But Jesus Goes After the Person Who Causes the Sin to Come.

The Robbing of Innocence

Indictment Against the Agents of Sin and Temptation.

It's as though **the general** is preparing His ground
troops

and He's warning them that every one of you will get shot at. it's going to happen!!! But That Guy
Who Shoots at You, it would have been better for Him to have never showed up by the time I get
done with him.

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1b.) Because real Christians are not destructive vs. 2

It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should **offend** one of these little ones.

“It would be better” to have a millstone tied around your neck and cast into the sea

But why?

that he should **offend** one of these little ones.

These “Little Ones” in Context are Those found in Chapter 15:1

Luke 15:1

Then **all** the tax collectors and the sinners **drew near** to Him to **hear Him**.

Jesus Gives a Severe Warning About “Tripping Up”
the Faith of Anyone of These New Believers...

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, :**25** not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

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1c.) Because real Christians are not of this world vs. 2

Romans 14:13

Therefore, let us not judge one another anymore, **but rather resolve this**, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in *our* brother's way.

We're Not of This World

1 Peter 2:11-12

Dear friends, I urge you, as strangers and pilgrims in this world, abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. :**12** Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

Here's a Great Election Result Verse

John 18:36

Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world.

WHAT REAL CHRISTIANS LOOK LIKE

2.) They look like people ready to forgive vs. 3-6

In War there is something called "Friendly Fire"

it's most often caused by **misinformation**, which creates a **mistake** which results in **deaths**, which leads to a **lack of confidence** which causes **confusion**,

Christians Are too Often Hit by "Friendly Fire"

2a.) The real Christian is vigilant about what's right vs. 3

:3 Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and (if) he repents, forgive him.

Again - Jesus Issues a Strong Warning Here.

Take heed

prose+cw prosecho, *pros-ekh'-o*

pay close attention, be cautious, beware.

a warning that imminent danger is at hand currently.

Your **Logos**, Your **Pathos** and Your **Ethos**

the words you use, the passions, your lifestyle that you maintain will either justify you or condemn you.

there are 3 key elements to the Christians conduct.

(1) watchfulness. (2) true concern about others. (3) he's free from the sin

Jesus is Issuing a Military Command Here.

He is saying that we have an obligation to God and Brother to Rebuke

"If your brother sins against you, rebuke him"

Jesus Issues Another Military Command.

He is saying that we have an obligation to God and Brother to Rebuke
(if) he repents, forgive him.

the “attorney in us” will ask

“But how can we know if he’s really repentful?” it will be evident by their humility and contrition. no man who’s truly repentful will have preconditions.

Rebuking & Forgiving go Hand in Hand
(I’ll rebuke em’ but I ain’t going to forgive em’ is not the Christian life)

Ephesians 5:1-4:32

Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. **:32** And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. **5:1** Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.

WHAT REAL CHRISTIANS LOOK LIKE

They look like people ready to forgive.

2b) The real Christian is merciful about what’s wrong vs.4

And if he sins against you **seven times** in a day, and seven times in a day he returns to you, saying, “I **repent,**’ you shall **forgive** him.”

Jesus Now Reveals the Power of Forgiveness.

Julius Mante Writes

“Jesus Christ is Doubtless Putting Forth That True Forgiveness Is Boundless, Total, Immoveable and Limitless toward the Repentant Sinner”

1 John 1:5-9

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. **:6** If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. **:7** But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. **:8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Are You Sitting Down?

Jesus places the burden of forgiveness, not on the sinner,
but on the one sinned against. – *that's not fair or just, is it?*

Romans 5:6-8

For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. :7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. :8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The Real Christian Extends Mercy

The Christian Who Refuses to Forgive Another,

places a stumbling block in the path of that brother or sister. they begin to be swallowed up in guilt and condemnation and eventually begins to believe that they cannot be forgiven, that there is no hope for them, and they fall away.

1 John 2:9-10

He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. :10 He who **loves his brother** abides in the light, and there is **no cause for stumbling in him.**

This is Just Like Our Great God of the Bible.

He faithfully rebukes our sin, we repent, and He forgives.
(*Can I ask you how often that happens in your life?*)

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.

What a Shocker for Peter to Hear

THAT'S WHAT REAL CHRISTIANS LOOK LIKE

They look like people ready to forgive.

To be merciful and forgiving is to be like our God

WHAT REAL CHRISTIANS LOOK LIKE

They look like people ready to forgive.

2c.) The real Christian is serious about their faith

And **the apostles** said to the Lord, “**Increase our faith.**” :6 So the Lord said, “If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

What I’m About to Say – is No Sales Pitch.

“It is the Single Most Important Thing That Any Human Being Could
Ever Do to Better Their Lives.”

Ask, “Lord, Increase our Faith.”

In the Crowd, Standing There, the Apostles Got It and their Request said it all.

we think we need more tolerance, more patience,

*we think we need people to be nicer to us,
we need more money or more friends, or more friends with money.*

Increasing Faith in God is The Answer to Your Problem.

More Faith in Him (Not faith in faith)

Real, God-Like Forgiveness is Humanly Impossible.

we need more faith for this one. we need more of God in our lives.

Contrary to The Religion of Evolution,

Man is a Spiritual Creation of God and Forgiveness is a Spiritual Issue.

**PEOPLE OF TRUE FAITH ARE FORGIVERS,
THEIR FAITHFUL, GENEROUS, FORGIVING, HUMBLE, AND UNDERSTANDING**

how’s your job, kids, walk, faith – you need more faith

Mark 9:23-24

Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things *are* possible to him who believes.” :24

Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help
my unbelief!”

Faith is a Gift, But We're to Ask for It.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace, you have been **saved through faith**, and that not of yourselves.
it is the gift of God, :9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Mark 11:25-26

"And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. **:26** But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

WHAT REAL CHRISTIANS LOOK LIKE

3.) They look like a servant to all vs .7-10

3a.) A real Christian's desire is to show Christ vs. 7-8

:7 And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him (the servant) when he has come in from the field, "Come at once and sit down to eat"? **:8** (No way) But will he not rather say to him, "Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink"?

According to the Bible

slavery is a matter of fact. please, hear me out.

each of us serve somebody or something. we are either being taken captive by what we serve, or we can use what we serve to an advantage.

We Have Chosen Our Slavery to Christ

it's the greatest freedom a man or woman can know in this life.

The Lord God, He is my Master

my opinions, my decisions, my words, my actions, even my thoughts I willfully yield to Him

there are three arenas in life where, as a disciple, I am to be faithful.

(1)

Philippians 1:1

While Under the Command of Christ.

Paul and Timothy, **bondservants** of Jesus Christ,
To **all the saints** in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi,

(2)

2 Timothy 2:3

While Under the Command of Christ.

"You therefore must endure hardship as a good **soldier** of Jesus Christ."

(3)

While Under the Command of Christ.

Ephesians 6:19-20

pray for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, :20 for which I am an **ambassador in chains**; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

WHAT REAL CHRISTIANS LOOK LIKE
They look like a servant to all

3b.) A real Christian's desire is to show servanthood vs. 9

Does he thank that servant because he did the things
that had he commanded him? - I think not.

"Hey honey look, the garbage man is taking our garbage away"

Ephesians 6:6

...as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,

John 14:15

"If you love Me, keep My commandments. = love others..."

your religion is worthless to me and to the world
if it's not a religion of servanthood & love.

Mark 9:35

And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all."

John 12:25-26

Those who love their life in this world will lose it (*to promote one's self - self-promotion – the goal of the suicide-bomber is to "blow him/herself UP! to heaven*). Those who despise their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. :26 All those who want to be my disciples must come and follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And if they follow me, the father will honor them.

Mark 10:44-45

And whoever of you desires to be first shall be the **slave** of all. :45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be **served**, but to **serve**, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

John 13:3-5

Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, :4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. :5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel with which He was girded.

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Did **Karl Marx** Ever Wash His Followers Feet?
Did **Mohammed** Ever Wash His Followers Feet?
Did **Buddha** Ever Wash His Followers Feet?
Has The **Dalai Lama** Ever Wash His Followers Feet?

WHAT REAL CHRISTIANS LOOK LIKE

They look like a servant to all

3c.) A real Christian’s desire is to show love vs. 10

So likewise, you, when you have
done all those things which you are commanded you...

The Issue is One of Ownership, Service and Love.

Say, “We are **unprofitable** servants. We have **done** what was our **duty** to do.”

unprofitable ajcrei^{voß} achreios, *akh-ri’-os*
without need or not needing any recognition. to be one who’s “behind the scenes”

Jesus is Saying Here.

as **extraordinary** as this all sounds, this is **ordinary Christianity**.
Christianity is the most forgiving faith found on the planet.

John 13:34

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. :35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

we are now slaves who were once forced to serve this world system,
are now free - - choosing now to become a slave to God.

bondservants *douvloß doulous, doo'-los;*
the willful, intentional, and total surrendering of

Matthew 24:45-46

“Who then is a faithful and wise **servant**, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? :46 Blessed *is* that **servant** whom his master, when he comes, will find **so doing**.

Well, O.K. Fine,
But What Am I supposed to do With All This Pastor Jack?

keep short accounts with others you know.

here's your assignment.
get alone with the Lord and...

Step One

ask Him if you have offended Him by your lifestyle choices
(Write down what He says)
men – let's be the ones to do it first!

Step Two

ask Him if you have offended a brother or sister by your lifestyle choices
(Write down what He tells you to do)
men – let's be the ones to do it first!

Step Three

Go to them by whatever means necessary
(Do a face to face, phone, letter, text)
men – let's be the ones to do it first!

Step Four

Humble yourself before them for Jesus' sake
(Do all within your power to make reconciliation)
men – let's be the ones to do it first!

Step Five

Do it - Your obedience in this area of life reveals your true relationship with God
(if you can't do this, then are you really a Christian?)
men – let's be the ones to do it first!

_____ *End of Study* _____