

To Save The World John 12.44-50; cf. 47

John 12:44–50 - Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. ⁴⁵And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. ⁴⁶I am come **a light into the world**, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. ⁴⁷And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: **for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.** ⁴⁸He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: **the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.** ⁴⁹For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. ⁵⁰**And I know that his commandment is life everlasting:** whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

Why Did The Lord Jesus Christ Come?

There are a lot of people who think, that when it comes to religion, the Church, and any talk of Jesus Christ, that all God wants to do is judge them.

One might hear someone say, when talk arises about spiritual things and the Bible, **“Don’t Judge Me!”**

They develop the idea that all the God of the Bible wants to do is judge them.

But the truth about the Lord Jesus Christ is clearly and undeniably stated by Him,

John 12:47 - And if any man hear my words, and believe not, **I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ wants to “Save The World.”

Luke 19:10 - For the **Son of man is come to seek and to save** that which was lost.

Where does all this judgment come from? (vs 48)

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Rom 7.13

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It is not the Lord Jesus Christ that brings judgment upon a person. The Lord Jesus Christ comes to Save. It is the Word that the Lord Jesus Christ spoke that brings judgment upon rebellious people.

We learn here that it is the Word of God that brings great conviction and impending judgment into the life of a person.

Paul speaks of this, through inspiration, in Romans,

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Romans 7:7–13 - *What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, **I had not known sin, but by the law:** for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. ⁸But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead. ⁹For I was alive without the law once: **but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.** ¹⁰**And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.** ¹¹**For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.** ¹²Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. ¹³Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; **that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.***

So, What is Romans really saying? It says that God reveals Truth and Life to us through His written Word. Of the Word of God our Lord said,

John 17:17 - . . . thy word is truth.

The Word of God reveals truth to us. The Word of God, this King James Bible, declares the truth of God to us, which brings the light of truth into our life, Our Lord said,

John 12:46 - I am come a **light** into the world, that **whosoever believeth** on me **should not abide in darkness.**

Jesus came as a light into this world. **What does light do? It dispels darkness.** In the darkness of life one is lost and spiritually wandering about, not able to find their way clearly. Our Lord is the light of life that dispels spiritual darkness and uncertainty by bringing manifesting spiritual light and truth into one's life so they can see clearly and find the abounding life God offers them.

The light of life that the Lord Jesus Christ brings to you is the light of the truth of God's Word. When you respond to the Truth of God's Word you receive life liberating truth into your life and you find liberty and freedom in that you now know and see clearly God's mind, will, and way in life. When you walk in the light of this truth you will walk in a way that pleases God and liberates you from the condemnation of coming judgment.

Our Lord Jesus Christ does not come to Judge people, not yet, He comes to save people by bringing you into the light of the truth of the Word of God which will free you and save you.

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People become Judged when they refuse and reject the truth of God's Word and choose to walk in the spiritual darkness of this world's way, called sin, rather than receive the liberating truth and light of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As we read in Romans Paul said,

He had not known sin until the Law (the Word of God) came. Our Lord Jesus Christ said in John 12 that it is the Word of God that judges lost people.

What is it that brings Judgment into your life? It is not the messenger, the Lord Jesus Christ. It is not the witness, the faithful Christian who is declaring the truth of the Word of God to you. It is the Word of God itself, which God intends to be truth and light in your life. When you reject the truth and light of the Word of God and choose to pursue the confusion and darkness of this world's sinful way then you bring judgment into your own heart and life.

The world's sinful way is any way or choice that is in contrast or opposition to the revealed Word of God which declares the truth of God.

Read again what our Lord Jesus Christ says to you,

John 12:48 - He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

Gal 3.24

Our Lord Jesus Christ came to save not judge and He saves us by bring the light and truth of the Word of God into our life. **What are you going to do with the light and truth of the Word of God our Lord offers you? Receive it or reject it?**

What is God's purpose through His written law?

Galatians 3:24–27 - Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. ²⁶For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

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The law of God, which reveals our sin to us and in us, was always meant to bring us to our Lord Jesus Christ that we might be saved through faith in our Lord and Savior.

Luke 18.20

The Truth that convicts and condemns people

Let us consider some of the condemning sins that the truth of God's Word brings into people lives that bring judgment into their life. These truth's reveal our sin to us.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said,

Luke 18:20 - Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother.

Lev 20.10

- **Do not commit adultery** – This includes all kinds of sexual immortality. God clearly declares this command,

Leviticus 20:10–17 - And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death. ¹¹And the man that **lieth with his father's wife** hath uncovered his father's nakedness: both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. ¹²And if a man **lie with his daughter in law**, both of them shall surely be put to death:

they have wrought confusion; their blood shall be upon them. ¹³If a man also **lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman,** both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. ¹⁴And if a man take **a wife and her mother,** it is wickedness: they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you. ¹⁵And if **a man lie with a beast,** he shall surely be put to death: and ye shall slay the beast. ¹⁶And if **a woman approach unto any beast,** and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. ¹⁷And if a man shall **take his sister,** his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness; **it is a wicked thing;** . . .

1 Cor 7.1

Listen to this sermon carefully, we are not addressing today the issue of capital punishment. That is a function of government not individual authority. What we are considering in this sermon is what constitutes Adultery and what is included in the command not to commit adultery.

What is God's plan for sexually intimate relations?

1 Corinthians 7:1–3 - Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. ²Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, **let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.** ³Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.

It is God that reveals the truth and brings light to the matter of sexual immorality and what is right and righteous in the sight of God.

Sexual morality as revealed in the truth of God's Word if that every man have his own wife and every woman have her own husband. One man and one woman for the duration of their life.

This is the truth and light of the Word of God.

- **Do not kill (murder)**
- **Do not steal**
- **Do not bear false witness** – Lie or deceive

- **Honour your father and mother**

Our Lord Jesus Christ came to save you by bringing you the light and truth of the Word of God. Will you believe the Word of God or will you reject it.

If you reject the the Lord Jesus Christ and the liberating light of life He offers you then it will be the Word of God that will judge you in eternity to come.

Here is another incredibly important truth with the power to save your eternal soul. Let's not miss this all important truth.

That is How does one get saved?

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Romans 10:9–10 - That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

*John 12:47 - And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for **I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.***

The Lord Jesus Christ came to save you, not to judge you.

Will you have the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

The first step of receiving the light and truth that the Lord Jesus Christ offers you is receiving Him as your Lord and Savior?

Do you see that the Lord Jesus Christ came to save you?

Once you receive the salvation that our Lord offers you then you will be ready to receive the light and truth of the Word of God that he brings to you and is able to set you free from the coming judgment.