

# The Word of Jesus

...compared with today's commonly accepted opinions and behaviour

## What Jesus said!

## What of today?

### ● Belief and obedience in Jesus

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should **not perish** but have everlasting life." John 3:16  
See also John 3:18, 36  
"...if anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make our home with him." John 14:23

**Some say**, 'It doesn't matter what you believe, so long as you're a good person everything will be alright in the end'. Others say that, 'all roads lead to Rome'. In reality there is only **one way** leading to life eternal (Matt.7:13-14; John 14:6).

### ● The first two commandments of love

"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the **first and great commandment**. And the **second** is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these **two commandments** hang all the Law and the Prophets." Matt.22:36-40  
See also Matt.7:12; Mark 12:29-31; Luke 10:27

**Many today** have no regard for God and this in turn has led to a total disregard for the well being of others. Shocking violence and neighborhood disputes are at an all time high because people do not care how their behavior impacts on those around them.

### ● Pray to your Father

"But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut the door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly." Matt.6:6 See also Matt.6:5-13

**Some believe** that their prayers are more effective if offered in a so called 'holy place' or 'prayer tower' built by men.

### ● Love and prayer for your enemies

"But I say unto you, **love your enemies**, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you." Matt.5:44 See also Prov.25:21-22  
"Blessed are the **peacemakers** for they shall be called the children of God...But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on the right cheek, turn the other also." Matt.5:9, 39

**Comments like**, 'justice must be done' and 'fight for your rights', all indicate that this world is selfishly contrary to what Jesus taught. Ironically, seeking justice can be much more stressful than 'turning the other cheek'. If all people truly followed the words of Jesus quoted here, there would be an instant end to all war and bloodshed.

### ● Hope in the resurrection of the dead

"Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are **in the graves** will hear His voice and come fourth - those who have done good, to the **resurrection of life**, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation." John 5:28-29 See also Luke 14:14; John 6:39-40

**Many churches** teach that I am supposed to have an 'immortal soul' that goes to bliss at the instant of death. Some atheists put their faith in the so called science of 'cryogenics'.

### ● The promise of God's Kingdom

"When the Son of man comes in His Glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will **sit on the throne of His glory**." Matt.25:31  
"So Jesus said to them, 'Assuredly I say to you, that in the **regeneration**, when the Son of Man sits on the **throne of His glory**, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." Luke 19:28  
"So you, likewise, when you see these things happening (read v25-30), know that the **kingdom of God is near**." Luke 21:31

**Some say** that the earth will be burned up, others say that it will lie waste for 1000 years. Much Scripture, particularly from the prophet Isaiah is devoted to describing the amazing future 'regeneration' of this earth mentioned by Jesus in Luke chapter 19. This 'regeneration' and time of worldwide peace will only be realised on God's terms (Isa.2:1-4, 26:9, Acts 3:20-21).

### ● What about 'miracles'?

"For false christs and false prophets will rise and show **great signs and wonders** to deceive, if possible, even the elect." Matt.24:24  
"Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done **many wonders** in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!" Matt.7:22-23

**Some use** 'miracles' as a lever to enhance their celebrity status and attract more people to their church, but as you can see from the words of Jesus quoted on this sheet, true Christianity is based on **love, faith and hope** (1 Cor.13:13).

### ● Religious titles of honour

"But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for one is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are **all brethren**. Do not call anyone on earth **your father**; for one is your Father, He who is in heaven. And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ." Matt.23:8-10

**Some like** to be called 'doctor', others 'reverend' or 'very reverend'. The most puzzling of all is the human use of God's title, 'Holy Father' (John 17:11). Why would any human being apply this precious title of God to themselves?

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