

## Why We Need Christ

**Mat 15:19-20** For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: **20** These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

Jesus said that of our own accord bad things will come out our heart. The term heart is not talking about the muscle beating in our chest. It is talking about the inner most part of us where our thoughts and emotions lie. Another term is called our "sin nature".

Sin is poison: Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman told of a distinguished minister, from Australia who preached very strongly on the subject of sin. After the service, one of the church officers came to talk with him in the study. "Dr. Howard," he said, "we don't want you to talk as openly as you do about man's guilt and corruption, because if our boys and girls hear you discussing that subject they will more easily become sinners. Call it a mistake if you will, but do not speak so plainly about sin. The minister went and got a small bottle and showing it to the visitor said, "You see that label? It says strychnine—and underneath in bold, red letters the word 'Poison!' Do you know, man, what you are asking me to do? You are suggesting that I change the label. Suppose I do, and paste over it the words, 'Essence of Peppermint'; don't you see what might happen? Someone would use it, not knowing the danger involved, and would certainly die. So it is, too, with the matter of sin. The milder you make your label, the more dangerous you make your poison!"

The problem with the world today is they keep putting flashy labels on their poison of sin and try to make it sound sweet to the taste. But inside it is still poison. It still destroys the soul and sours the spirit and can make a person most miserable. Oh they flavor it with fine flavors but it still destroys those who taste of it.

We must be careful because satan always tries to deceive us into thinking that wrong is right and right is wrong. It would be a terrible place to live if everyone could do every wrong thing that they could think of, but satan still tries to convince people that wrong is right.

*"How does a worm get inside an apple? Perhaps you think the worm burrows in from the outside. No, scientists have discovered that the worm comes from inside. But how does he get in there? Simple! An insect lays an egg in the apple blossom. Sometime later, the worm hatches in the heart of the apple, then eats his way out. Sin, like the worm, begins in the heart and works out through a person's thoughts, words, and actions."*

### 1. We Need Christ Because We Sin Against God

- A. God Tells us in the scriptures: **Rom 5:12** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:
- B. Our sin nature began with Adam when he sinned in the garden. It is an inherited weakness. When a choice has to be made between right and wrong, the natural man will more often choose sin.
- C. Sin is not only against other people but is always against God. It is the breaking of the spirit of God's law.
- D. The sacrifice of Jesus is God's answer to the sin nature. **Rom 5:19** For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.,  
**Rom 5:6-10** For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. **7** For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. **8** But God commendeth (demonstrates) his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.  
**9** Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.  
**10** For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. (Reconcile – To restore to favor with God, made right with God)

**2. We Need Christ Because He Gives Us True Peace**

- A. John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**
- B. The world cannot give true lasting peace. There is always strife, feuding, fussing and fighting. There will always be in man's world. Christ stated that he would give or cause peace to happen in the individual. Jesus said I don't want you to be afraid or troubled. What I want is for you to have peace not the peace of the world which is counter fit and temporary. I want you to have lasting peace inside of you.**

**3. We Need Christ Because He Opens the Grace of God**

- A. Rom 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)**
- B. Rom 5:20-21 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: 21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.**
- C. The grace of God is the unearned favor of God. The grace of God was opened by the sacrifice of Christ.**
- D. Rom 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.**
- E. Eph 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.**