

## **I. Five types of Judgments we are forbidden to do (Verses 1-2)**

### **1. Judging beyond the requirements of God.**

- As we make judgments the bottom line is that we must use God's standard as revealed through the scriptures.
- We should not judge beyond or apart from God's word.
  - Some examples of this would include you should not have a TV in your home, all women must wear skirts and their hair has to be in a bun, men must wear long sleeves, you have to worship on Saturday because that is the true Sabbath day, or you must abstain from eating pork.
- Col 2:16-17 Scripture must be the standard and we can not add to or take away as we make judgments

### **2. Do not judge based on appearance alone.**

- John 7:24 "Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment
- Read Matthew 11:18-19
- Today believers set up in their mind what a Christian should look like and then pronounce judgment based on appearance alone whether a person is a believer or not.
  - Read James 2:1-4

### **3. Judging with a Self Righteous attitude**

- Read Luke 18:9-14
- In this passage the Pharisee was casting self righteous judgment upon the tax collector
- Jesus indicates that it was the Tax Collector (Publican) that went home justified. Isn't it interesting that the very book we are studying out of now "Matthew" was written by publican and tax collector.
- Galatians 6:1 "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, you which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering yourself, lest you also be tempted."
- I Corinthians 10:12 "Wherefore let him that thinks he stands take heed lest he fall."

### **4. Do not judge without mercy**

- James 2:13 "For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath showed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment."
- The reality church is that all of us will stand before Jesus Christ believer or non-believer.
  - The non-believer stands before Christ at the Great White Throne judgment as revealed in Revelation 20:11-15. In this judgment justice will be applied.
  - The believer stand before Christ at the Judgment Seat of Christ as revealed in I Corinthians 3:11-15, II Corinthians 5:10 and Romans 14:10. In these judgments Mercy will be applied to the believer!
  - In that day of judgment every believer in this room will desire Mercy to be applied.

### **5. We can not judge with Final Judgment**

- Concluding that someone is beyond the grace of God and His salvation is not a judgment we can make
- I Corinthians 4:5 "Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God."

## **II. Do not judge as a hypocrite! (Verse 3-5)**

- As we look at the following passage of scripture once again our culture today many times takes this totally out of context.
- Jesus is simply saying deal with the issue in your one life first so that you can see clearly to help your brother out and make a clear judgment.
- Jesus is simply saying do not be a hypocrite!

## **III. Jesus requires judgment on who/how to share the gospel (Verse 6)**

- In this passage Jesus is simply teaching us to balance Love with discernment
  - Dogs and swine in this context are those individuals who are hostile towards the gospel.
  - Our love for others must not blind us to their hardened rejection of the gospel
- Jesus is not telling us to not share the gospel but he is giving a fair warning to look for prepared hearts who are receptive to listen to the gospel as opposed to turn and trample us under foot and tear us apart.

**Close with reading I Corinthians 5:1-13**

