

C & C : Christ the Centerpiece

Connections and Comparisons is an ongoing weekly series that deals with many scriptures in the Bible, some of which are not commonly addressed. The purpose of this series is to examine the scriptures at hand comparing what is said and looking at the connections within.

If Christ is not the Centerpiece of your life, then you need to make Him the centerpiece of your life today or you will die lost and go to hell and eventually the Lake of Fire. “**And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.**” (Revelation 3:14-16)

Revelation 20:7-15

7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,
8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.
9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.
10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.
11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.
12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.
13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.
14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.
15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

This walk with God that we are living is not fun and games in the sense of foolishness, wickedness, iniquity, and sin. If Christ is not the Centerpiece of your walk with God it is clearly written what your end will be.

If Christ is the Centerpiece of your life then what should your walk with God look like? Should you be listening to the radio with talk show hosts speaking ungodly content? Listening to filthy songs that speak of the wickedness of the flesh and the lusts of this life? Do you really think Christ is the Centerpiece of your life while you are partaking of these things?

What about smoking cigarettes and drinking whiskey, beer, and other forms of alcoholic drinks? Is this making Christ the Centerpiece in your life? How about when your snorting and shooting up? Is this making Christ the Centerpiece in your life?

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” (Galatians 6:7) “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.” (1 Corinthians 6:9-11) “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.” (Ephesians 4:29) “Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.” (1 Corinthians 15:33)

If fornicators and adulterers are not going to inherit eternal life and Christ is the Centerpiece of your life, then why do you watch movies and TV shows with such lewdness and lasciviousness? If idolaters are not going to inherit eternal life and Christ is the Centerpiece of your life, then why are you worshiping your own opinions over the Word of God? Why are you idolizing celebrities, entertainers, sports players, and all of the things the world is idolizing?

If effeminate and abusers of themselves with mankind are not going to inherit eternal life and Christ is the Centerpiece of your life, then why do you embrace their ways and follow after their folly and their shame? If thieves and those who covet are not going to inherit eternal life and Christ is the Centerpiece of your life, then why do you admire, wonder after, and covet the wicked and their ways? “Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.” (Ephesians 4:28)

If drunkards are not going to inherit eternal life and Christ is the Centerpiece of your life, then why are you celebrating with them? If revilers are not going to inherit eternal life and Christ is the Centerpiece of your life, then why do you rail upon one another? If extortioners are not going to inherit eternal life and Christ is the Centerpiece of your life, then why rob God? “Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.” (Malachi 3:8) “Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness which they have prescribed; To turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless! And what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave your glory?” (Isaiah 10:1-3)

It’s time to do some housekeeping and I mean not only your literal dwelling place but also your temple. It’s time to make some changes in your heart and make Christ the Centerpiece of your life.

1 Corinthians 5:9-13

9 I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators:

10 Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.

11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, **if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.**

12 For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within?

13 But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

1 Peter 2:21-25

21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:

24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

Matthew 23:25-28

25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

26 Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

Many sinners just love these verses to condemn the righteous but they themselves either don't recognize or don't care that they too are full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness, and filthiness of the flesh. Woe unto you too for you love to condemn the just and make excuses to establish your own righteousness! Woe unto you too for you love to make pretense and show that you are pure but within you are full of envy, jealousy, bitterness, hatred, and many other iniquities and uncleanness.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

It is God that they despise and if they call themselves a brother or sister then you are not to keep company with them because they sow discord and have despised God. If they do not call themselves a brother or sister then you still are not to keep company with them other than for the cause of witnessing the gospel to them that they may repent and turn from their wicked lifestyle.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

It's time to make Christ the Centerpiece of your life and touch not the unclean thing!! It's time to clean "first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also." (Matthew 23:26) It's time to clean up your heart and your lifestyle and behavior will reflect that which is within your heart. If Christ is the Centerpiece of your life, then "If ye love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:15)