

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

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### PART 19: JUDGING

#### FOUR TYPES OF JUDGING

There are four different types of judging carried out by society on a daily basis.

1. Judging takes place in a court of law. In the United States, this is carried out in two stages:
  - a. The case is presented to a jury of twelve persons and their job is to determine a person's guilt or innocence based upon the evidence.
  - b. If the jury determines the defendant is guilty, the presiding judge metes out the sentence.
2. A local church needs to hold its members accountable. It is the duty of the pastor, elders, and deacons to make sure that when sinful behavior is discovered, the perpetrator is held responsible and moral failures are not swept under the rug to avoid bad publicity. **1 Corinthians 5:11-13**

Jesus issued a directive for judging in the church. **Matthew 18:15-17**

When a church member refuses to repent, the leadership removes them from the congregation and turns that person over to Satan for the destruction of the body. **1 Corinthians 5:1-7**

3. Christians are to judge themselves. There is no need for the church to get involved when you conduct yourself in such a manner. **1 Corinthians 11:28-33**
4. People judging one another.

#### WHAT DID JESUS TALK ABOUT?

When Jesus talked about judging, He was referring to a person judging another person in the court of public opinion.

Reputation is important to every person on earth. It is built by the way you live, and as such, it is a commodity that cannot be purchased with money. A good reputation influences the kind of job you can secure, it affects your relationships with other people, and determines success or defeat in politics.

Jesus laid down a simple spiritual law. Do not judge other people; instead, judge yourself and repent when necessary. **Matthew 7:1-5**

#### BEWARE OF WHO YOU BLESS

Before a person is born again (saved), they are a citizen of the Kingdom of Satan. When they repent and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, the citizenship is transferred to the Kingdom of God. **Colossians 1:9-15**



As born-again believers in Christ, we have to live on earth until Jesus calls us home. That means we are living as foreigners in the Kingdom of Satan and dealing with his citizens on a daily basis. When we interact with Satan's citizens, Jesus told us to not share that which is holy with the unsaved. We are obligated to share the Gospel with unbelievers, but that is all that we are required to do. **Matthew 7:6**

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

As a citizen in the Kingdom of God, we have the privilege of requesting help from our heavenly Father. This can be in the form of seeking guidance, needing a job, finding a place to live, receiving a healing, searching for a solution to a problem, etc. Jesus strongly indicated, that citizens in the kingdom of God are entitled to benefits from the Father.

All the benefits in the Kingdom of God were paid for by Jesus on the cross. As such, we are joint heirs with the resurrected Jesus, and whatever He has, also belongs to the believers in Christ. **Romans 8:14-17**

The God-man wanted the people of Galilee to believe that their prayer requests would be heard and expect them to be granted. **Matthew 7:7-8**

If human parents know how to give good gifts to their children, why should we expect our heavenly Father to do any less? **verses 9-11**

***Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!***

***Do you have an ear to hear with?***