

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## **GOD HATES BACKBITING**

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### **GOD IS LIGHT**

The Bible teaches that God is light and there is no darkness in Him. **1 John 1:5**

God lives in light and no human being can exist in that light in the flesh.  
**1 Timothy 6:15-16**

The Bible also tells us that a believer in Christ must come and worship God in Spirit and in truth. **John 4:23-24**

### **A BACKBITER CANNOT WORSHIP GOD**

King David was a man after God's own heart because he was quick to repent when the Holy Spirit convicted him of his sins. **1 Kings 15:3-5**

David knew that backbiting produced a spiritual negative force that would put a wedge between man and God. **Psalms 15:1-5**

Backbiting and gossip is dishonesty because it portrays something to the face of a person but secretly shows disrespect by backbiting the person. **Matthew 5:37**

A person that is a backbiter will also eventually display an array of negative attributes. **Romans 1:28-32**

Backbiting was a problem in the apostolic church and Paul had to deal with it.  
**2 Corinthians 12:20**

A backbiter is a liar who tells you one thing to your face and then will criticize and tear you down to others behind your back. Lying is not something we should take lightly. **Proverbs 6:16-19**

### **WALKING IN THE LIGHT**

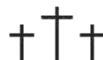
Jesus said that He is truth. **John 14:6**

As his disciples, we should also be truth. **John 14:15**

What is truth? Truth is telling what is a reality, what really has happened to the best of our ability.

If you witness an automobile accident and you are asked to testify about the accident, you tell exactly what you saw and heard. If you are asked about an event that you know nothing about, tell the truth that you have no knowledge in the matter.

If you are asked a question and you are not sure about what the Bible states in a certain matter, do not make anything up but simply state that you do not know. It is better to say nothing.



If you are asked a question about another person and know that if you say something it will be gossip, simply state that you have nothing to say about that particular person. Let the people know that if they want information, they can talk to the person themselves, but they are not to come to you.

If people want you to side with them on an issue, tell them that you do not want to take sides, but use the steps Jesus has laid out. **Matthew 18:15-17**

Instead of talking about other people, pray that God will help them and meet their needs.

If you are given bad information about a person, there is no reason you should pass it on to other people. This does not apply to a situation like when a crime has been committed; it is your duty to report that regardless if it is a murder, theft, child molestation, rape, etc.

### **WHAT ABOUT MINISTERING TO A PERSON?**

If you are part of a deliverance team and a person comes seeking help, they will need to share the issues that are affecting them negatively and that might include other people. It is necessary for a deliverance team to analyze the information before they can pray. The same goes if you are a pastor, elder, deacon or a Christian, who is going to minister to a person. But once the ministry is done, your lips should be sealed and you should never repeat what you learned in the deliverance or counseling session.

Gossip and backbiting destroy friendships and churches. The Holy Spirit's anointing will not be on a Christian who gossips and backbites. **Ephesians 4:30**

### **HOW SHOULD WE THEN LIVE?**

The apostle Paul wrote a powerful epistle to the church in Ephesus inspired by the Holy Spirit. This message is just as relevant today as it was 1,950 years ago. **Ephesians 4:17-32; 5:1-17**

***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?***