

SUNDAY BRIEFING



Would People Call Jesus a "Hater" if Born in 2021?

BY PASTOR DON GARDNER

We live in a strange world where to point out a sin, or anything that offends the stance of another person, may well result in us being called a "Hater." You may simply desire to point out what is seen as a fact but, if you are not supporting a view that is held by another, you will often be received as the opposition or hater of the other's thoughts! How can a Christian help others without honestly confronting the sin that we all have in our lives? Think of what Jesus said and consider how He would be received by the secular society of 2021? In Mark 3: 28-29, Jesus refuted the Pharisees by clarifying that He was not casting out demons in the power of Satan. Then He spoke of the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit: "I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come" (verses 31-32).

The "blasphemy" spoke of by Christ (Matt. 12:31) was one of defiant and confrontive irreverence. It was an intentional choice by the Pharisees to deny what they had seen and knew in their minds to be true. Jesus directed His words to the religious leaders (Pharisees) for their degradation of almighty God's position and power. The blasphemy of the Holy Spirit spoken of was an extreme situation of depravity toward the power of the Holy Spirit. Speaking to both the people and the Pharisees, the sin of blasphemy toward the Holy Spirit was explained as being beyond forgiveness.

Today, continual unbelief is mankind's blasphemy as persons disregard the position and identity of Yahweh. The Holy Spirit desires to reveal and convict people of their sinful state and division from God. Do I believe that Jesus is viewed as a "hater" by some of our current society because he dares to call people to follow Him? Yes. And yet, it isn't Jesus that rejects men but men who use their freedoms to reject the Holy Spirit's calling. Even Christians selectively remain within sinful lifestyles that they know are wrong. However, the unforgivable sin is found only in the lives of those who choose to deny Christ even as Christ loves, not hates, even those who reject to follow Him.

UPCOMING

November |
Stewardship Month

November 13th |
Council Meeting

November 17th |
Deacon's Meeting

November 20th |
Church-wide Prayer

FCBC Order of Worship

Sunday, November 14th, 2021

Welcome & Prayer | Faith Ong

Worship Through Music | Praise Team

Announcements & Prayer | Pastor Dillon Le

Scripture Reading | Kevin Bi

Message | Pastor Don Gardner

Worship Through Music | Praise Team

Closing Prayer | Deacon Emmitt Phok

"Are There Shades of Black?"

Mark 2:13-3:6

Pastor Don Gardner

-Introduction

I. Eating with Sinners....a "no no!"

II. Eating when Others Fast....a "no no!"

III. Working on the Holy Sabbath...a "no no!"

IV. Helping People on the Holy Sabbath...a "no no!"

-Conclusion



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Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

1 JOHN 4:1



Announcements

Council Meeting - Nov. 13th

Saturday at 9:00AM; Join the Zoom meeting [here](#)

Deacon's Meeting - Nov. 17th

Wednesday at 7:00PM on Zoom

Church-wide Prayer - Nov. 20th

Mark your calendar and join us to lift up our entire church in much needed prayer and guidance of God's Will for our lives and the life of the church. Theme: Prayers of Thanksgiving! Saturday, Nov. 20 from 9AM - 10:30AM, Zoom only. Join the Zoom meeting [here](#)

Christmas Decorating at FC - Dec. 3rd

Teacher's Quarterly Training - Dec. 4th



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