



July 2010: Christian Attitudes

Though we are still in the midst of an evil world, God has made provisions for us to do a work in our hearts and impact his nature to us. Jesus said in Matthew 5:48 “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” In Ephesians 5:1 we read, “Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children,” but how can we attain the mark of perfection? Paul writes in Colossians 1:26-28, “Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but is now made manifest to his saints; to whom God would make know what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.” In verse 22 he explains how this can be possible. “In the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight.” If we continue in the faith, having been crucified, buried and resurrected with Him (read Galatians 2:20), our lives are hid with Christ in God. God looks upon His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and sees us “unblameable” and “unreprouvable.”

Do we dare keep our wrong attitudes and yet try to glorify God in our lives?

1. The rule of Christian attitude is found in the Sermon on the Mount. What should we do if someone spitefully uses us? Matthew 5:38-44

2. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus strikes out against a self-centered and greedy life. How far should we go with that one who compels us to go a single mile? Matthew 5:41

3. If we avenge not ourselves or give place to wrath, then whose is vengeance? Romans 12:19-21

4. How can we overcome evil attitudes? Romans 12:21 _____
5. What attitude is to take the place of hate, bitterness, anger, and jealousy? Matthew 5:44

6. If you are persecuted for your stand for Christ, should you retaliate in some way? Why? Hebrews 10:28-31

7. What should we do if we are not accepted when we try to tell people about Christ? Luke 9:5, Acts 13:49-52

8. A wise Christian will ignore personal insults because he is so busy proclaiming his Master's reputation that he hasn't time to defend his own. What did the wisdom of Solomon say about such a matter? Proverbs 15:1

9. Why can I not insist on “my rights”? Philippians 2:4-8, John 6:38
