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Upcoming Sermons

Sunday AM

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Sunday PM

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Offended In Jesus

Several years ago, I remember hearing about a congregation, which had the name “Church Of Christ” on the building, deciding to remove the words “Of Christ”. Their reasoning was that the word “Christ” offended people, and they didn't want anything to hinder their efforts in reaching the lost, so they removed the name “Christ”. Just think about that for a little bit. A church of Christ removes the name “Christ”, because it offends people in the world. When I heard about this, I was shocked that a church of Christ would remove “Christ” in order to appease those in the world (It shouldn't surprise you that they would later change how they worshiped, including using a piano during their singing).

A recent article in “House to House/Heart to Heart” asked the question – If Jesus were running for office, would He win? I think the answer to that question is No. When you study what He said about the social issues of today (abortion, homosexuality, marriage,etc...), about other religions, about God's word, you will find that it goes against what the world thinks. If Jesus were preaching on earth today, many would be offended by what He was preaching.

The truth is whoever speaks what the bible says will offend many, not because they are trying to, but because the world doesn't like the message. When Jesus is talking to Nicodemus in John 3, He tells him that light (Jesus) has come into the world, and the world loved the darkness better, because their deeds were evil (vs. 19). When Jesus is talking to His apostles in John 15, He tells them that the world will hate them, because the world hates Him, and that if they were of the world, the world would love them (vs. 18-19). Jesus is telling His followers that when they speak His word, they will offend people. It was true in His day, and it is true today.

The world thinks that offending someone is the worst thing you can do. They will remove anything and everything, just to make sure no one has their feelings hurt. It is sad when people do it with religion. If there is a doctrine that will offend someone, people say we have to stop preaching it or change it so we don't offend them and hurt their feelings. But Jesus had a different response. In Matthew 15, after Jesus got done explaining to the scribes and Pharisees that God wasn't pleased with how they were worshiping Him (He calls it vain worship, meaning empty and worthless, in verse 9), His disciples tell Him that He offended those men by what He said. Did Jesus rush after them to apologize? Did Jesus take back what He said and promise never to say it again? No. He called them blind leaders of the blind. He didn't go out of His way to offend, but He was never afraid to speak the truth, even if it meant others would be offended.

In Matthew 11, when the disciples of John come and ask Jesus if He is indeed the Messiah, Jesus tells them to tell John all that they have seen Him do. Then, in verse 6, He adds this - *“And blessed is He, whosoever shall not be offended in Me.”* The world is offended in Jesus, because they are offended in what He preached. And when we say the same things, the world will be offended in us. So, what will we do? Will we seek to please men more than God and cave into the world's demands? Or will we seek to please God and stand strong in His word, no matter the consequences? Are we offended in Jesus or strengthened in Him?

Philip Steele

Prayer Requests

- Teresa Heinz
- Lillian's Brother
- Al Haskell (Kidney)
- Michael Golwitzer (Kidney)
- Marty Stearns (Health)
- McClaine Family
- John Shafer & wife Linda
- Bob Stinnett (Heart Condition)
- David Reeves (Gloria's brother)
- Jim And Pat Thompson – Cancer

Mark Your Calendars

- March 19 – Men's Meeting, Pot-luck Luncheon