

*A light of revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel.*

**Luke 2:32**

## Store In My Heart John 6:44-46

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me--not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father.

Despite the call of so many in the religious world today, just loving Jesus will not get us to heaven. We need to remember that without God, we have nothing at all. God has delivered to us His Word and it is the only path into His presence. Without Jesus we cannot find God no matter how focused our search.

It is only through reading and understanding the Word that we can know Jesus. Without a knowledge of who Jesus is and what He has done we will never truly love Him. The only way to show our love for Jesus is to know him and follow His Word.



# Your Speech Betrayeth You

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Salt is a vital part of life as it adds savor to our diets, preserves food and is found throughout nature. Jesus illustrates the disciples' life as salt in **Matthew 5:13** as an influence for good in the world. If that influence is lost as salt loses its flavor, it is good for *"nothing but to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men."* Paul in Colossians 4 also uses the measure of this influence to describe a great evil men battle with the tongue. *"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt"* (**Colossians 4:6**).

The wise man said, *"For as he thinks within himself, so is he"* (**Proverbs 23:7**). Jesus reminds us *"the good man out of his good treasure brings forth good things: and the evil man out of his evil treasure brings forth evil things"* (**Matthew 12:35**). Our speech is what is produced by how we think and if good things come from our mouths we are filled with good things; if evil things come from our mouths, we are filled with evil things. James presents the great evil of the tongue in **James 3**. *"And the tongue is a fire: the world of iniquity among our members is the tongue, which defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the wheel of nature, and is set on fire by hell. For every kind of beasts and birds, of creeping things and things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed by mankind. But the tongue can no man tame; it is a restless evil, it is full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we the Lord and Father; and therewith curse we men, who are made after the likeness of God: out of the same mouth cometh forth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be"* (**James 3:6-10**).

Children of God should be very careful about what comes out of their mouths. The language of the world is enmity with God and He hates it (**1John 2:15-16**). We should understand

that the speech of the world is not becoming saints of God. Paul writes to the church at Ephesus: *"Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth, but such as is good for edifying as the need may be, that it may give grace to them that hear. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as becomes saints; nor filthiness, nor foolish talking, or jesting, which are not befitting: but rather giving of thanks"* (**Ephesians 4:29; 5:3-4**)

The seasoning of our speech begins in a heart filled with words of God. The problem is not the tongue but the heart. We cuss and swear and gossip because our hearts are filled with the wickedness of the world. Filthy language is common on television and movies and we accept it as approved of God? The Lord says otherwise! Using God's name in vain is an abomination in His sight. The Law of Moses may have been nailed to the cross (**Colossians 2:14**) but God's view of His name was not! *"Thou shall not take the name of Jehovah thy God in vain; for Jehovah will not hold him guiltless that takes his name in vain"* (**Exodus 20:7**).

When we *"sanctify the Lord God in our heart"* (**1Peter 3:15**), our speech will reflect the words of God. Too often Christians reflect the world in their speech and bring shame to Jesus Christ. We are to have *"sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of us"* (**Titus 2:8**). When we allow filthy language in our lives, the world has "evil" to say about us and we bring shame and disgrace to the Father, His Son and grieve the Holy Spirit.

Blessing and cursing is not acceptable before God. Excuses will not be allowed before Him. If we do not clean up our language - our language will clean us up on the day of judgment! It is that serious before God. What comes from the mouth is what is in the heart. What is in your heart? *"But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned"* (**Matthew 12:36-37**).

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10:20 AM • Sunday Worship Service  
5:00 PM • Sunday Night Bible Study  
7:00 PM • Wednesday Bible Study

### For Our Information

**Stanley Hurst** is doing well after his knee replacement.

**Sue Soliday** is still sore and bruised from her fall.

**John LaValla** is dealing with a cold and nausea.

**Vickie McNees** had a fall and is banged up some.

**Leta Rivera** still has some problems with dizziness and breathing, but not as bad.

**Deborah Brooke's** son, **Michael** passed away Thursday.

**Bill Venable** is out-of-town visiting with Tina.

Sunday Evening – **Isaiah 28:18** Wednesday – **Revelation 1:9**

**Gospel Meeting - Zach Redmon - September 28 - October 2**