

The Great Divider

Text: Luke 12:49-53

Intro:

- See from our passage that if Jesus was here today, he would be not be for this ecumenical movement.
- This movement where all religions are coming together under the guise of peace.
- We see it under the names of "Promise Keepers", Charismatic Movement", "One World", "New Age Movement"
- We see tolerance being preached from pulpits all across America to embrace all religions no matter if they are teaching false doctrine.
- And damning people's souls to hell.
- Jesus said in our passage - Read vs. 51, "but rather division"
- What causes the division or separation?
- The truth.
- Jesus said in John 17:17, when praying to the Father, about his disciples, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."
- The truth, is the Word of God.
- The truth or the Word of God, we see in Jn. 17:17, Sanctifies.
- Sanctifies means to separate or divide.
- We see this division spoken about in Hebrews 4:12.
- The truth sets one free.
- Jesus said to the Jews in John 8:31-32.
- We know from the Gospel of John, that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Word.

-The Word of God.

-Today, we want to see from the Word of God, areas where Jesus has come to cause division or separation in a believer's life.

I. Family.

-See Luke 12:53

-See Mt. 10:34-38.

-Separates from unsaved family.

-Separates or divides from family for service - see Mt. 10:37-38.

-Division comes because he is to be first in our lives. Mt. 10:37

II. World/Ungodly

-1) II Cor. 6:14-17

-2) Eph 5:11

-3) Isaiah 52:11 - Christians are the very vessels of the Lord, today.

-4) Psalm 1:1 - Walk - not conduct our lives like unsaved based on their counsel.

Stand - not take same stand or position on something as unsaved. i.e. blocking abortion clinics - abortion wrong

sitteth - not to seat with the scorner, those who rebuke the things of God.

-Old Testament examples of God dividing his people from the world.

*When he called Abraham from the Ur of Chaldees.

*Abraham called out of a land and people who were ungodly idolaters.

*Jews being delivered from Egypt.

*Egypt in Bible pictured of the world.

*Egyptians were ungodly people worshipped the creation instead of the Creator as witnessed by all their different gods for the animals and the elements.

*The Nile River was considered sacred.

III. Disorderly Christians.

-1) II Thess. 3:6

-2) Phil 3:17-19

-3) Rom. 16:17-18

-4) i.e. Paul rebuke of church at Corinth not to fellowship with man who was committing fornication of his father's wife.

-See I Cor 5:9-13.

IV. Hell

*Parable of Wheat and Tares.

-Mt. 13:24-30 & 37-43.

V. Future - Rapture.

-The church, made up of all believers taken out before the tribulation.

1) -Luke 17:34-36

-O.T. pictures - Enoch translated before flood.

- Lot taken out of Sodom before destruction.

2) I Thess. 4:13-18.