

## **"CHRIST NOT THE SAVIOUR OF THE RIGHTEOUS"**

### **Introduction**

1. The conversion of this man Levi: v.14
  2. The persons who were in the house
  3. Those who criticised Christ and why.
- TEXT:** Christ's explanation of his mission

### **1. THOSE WHOM CHRIST DID NOT COME FOR**

- 1) He did not come for the righteous – 3 types of righteous beings:
  - (i) angels who never sinned – no salvation for the devil and his angels
  - (ii) those whom God reckons righteous
  - (iii) those who reckon themselves so,  
**OBSERVE:** Explain how Christ's words fit each.
- 2) How any sinners can regard themselves as righteous:
  - (i) they are ignorant of God's holiness: Isaiah 6
  - (ii) they are ignorant of God's law = the standard
  - (iii) their religion is all external
  - (iv) their conscience is asleep
  - (v) their eyes are blinded by Satan
  - (vi) they are proud of themselves and love the praise of men  
**DOCTRINE:** So long as we think we can save ourselves we shall never want Christ.  
**APPLICATION:** If you perish, it is all your own fault.

### **2. THOSE WHOM CHRIST DID COME FOR**

- 1) Christ came to save "sinners". Explanation:
  - (i) all are sinners and are eligible to be saved
  - (ii) but some are consciously sinners  
**OBSERVE:** None will want Christ as Saviour till they feel they are sinful.

- 2) Christ uses an illustration of a doctor:
  - (i) "physician" = doctor
  - (ii) "whole" = in good health  
**OBSERVE:** A person who is in good health does not want to call the doctor  
**APPLICATION:** The sinner who thinks he is not a sinner does not want a Saviour.
- 3) The one who feels unwell wants a doctor. So, the sinner must be made to realise he is a sinner before he will welcome Christ as Saviour.  
**ILLUSTRATION:** tooth-ache and the dentist
- 4) So, Christ states that he came to call "sinners". Explain.
  - (i) the outward call is sincere always;
  - (ii) the effectual call brings us to Christ  
**APPLICATION:** Do you know your disease? Have you called for the doctor?

### **3. THE THINGS THAT STOP PEOPLE COMING TO CHRIST**

- 1) Christ welcomes all sinners:
  - (i) religious bystanders like the Pharisees are welcomed like others
  - (ii) also, worldly and irreligious as well  
**OBSERVE:** There is no sinner who is unwelcome.
- 2) But his words are a tacit rebuke to the Pharisees – and to all who are like them.
- 3) So, what things stop people coming to Christ for salvation?
  - (i) fear of being too sinful
  - (ii) confidence of being "good already"
  - (iii) ignorance of Christ's graciousness.  
**APPLICATION:**
    - Understand that Christ mingled with sinners of all kinds to save their souls.

- Christ rejoiced at every soul saved. (Examples).  
Luke 15
- Look at Christ's sufferings on the Cross for reassurance of His loving readiness to save every sinner who comes to him.

## CONCLUSION

No wonder He said:

"Come unto me----"

Have YOU come? Why not?

**PSALM**

**113: 1 – 9**

**95: 6 – 11**

**37: 37 – 40**