

Christians are Children of God -Let's Talk Like It!



I. OPENING STATEMENTS

A. *“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.*

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ”-Galatians 3:26 & 27.

B. Not surprisingly, both God and Christ are called “King.”

“Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God’s throne:

Nor, by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King”
-Matthew 5:34 & 35.

“JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS”-John 19:19.

“Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory forever and ever”-I Timothy 1:17.

“Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords”-I Timothy 6:15.

“And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS”-Revelation 19:16.

In the physical realm, there is a strong resemblance between the children and their parents!

This should be true in the spiritual realm too! Christians (children of God) should be like their heavenly Father, and like Christ!

This lesson is about being like our heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!

I. Let's talk like we belong to God!

“I never knew a man that could out-curse him, and I never knew a man that could out-pray him!”

This is an actual statement that was made after a certain “Christian” died!!

QUESTION: Is it Christ-like for Christians to use filthy, vulgar language?

Do Christians want to die and have this hypocritical statement made of them?

My answer is an emphatic, “NO!”

A. *“Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain”- Exodus 20:7.*

B. *“Let no corrupt communication (speech, ASV) proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace to the hearer”-Ephesians 4:29.*

Cursing and filthy language is certainly condemned by this verse!

But it does much more than just to condemn bad language; it condemns the use of language that is not beneficial!

QUESTIONS: Have you ever heard a hurtful, destructive, statement made by someone without curse words being used?

“You’re a stupid idiot!”

“Hey, you birdbrain!”

Do we really think statements like these are beneficial to the hearers?

Do we really think that God approves of such language?

Such talk usually engenders only worse speech!!

Surely we understand that even though no curse words are used in such statements they are not beneficial to the hearers!

Ephesians 4;29 teaches that Christians should choose words that are good, will build up, and will minister grace to the hearers!

C. Other pertinent speech passages

“But whoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire”-Matthew 5:22.

“Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be”-James 3:9 & 10.

“Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother , speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge of the law”-James 4:11.

“Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king”-I Peter 2:17.

QUESTIONS: Are Christians honoring all men and the brotherhood when destructive language is used?

Are Christians fearing God when harmful language is used?

“Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down on your wrath”-Ephesians 4:26.

The text means, “Do not sin when you’re angry!”

I have purposely chosen this text because some Christians seem to have the impression when they are angry they are justified in using “Sailor talk!”

This is not true! God expects Christians to control their actions in a time of anger so that they don't sin!

The latter part of the verse teaches Christians to get rid of anger quickly: “Let not the sun go down on your wrath.”

In other words, “Don't harbor anger because it is much easier to sin in an angry state!”

My experience has been when you are extremely angry, its better to turn and walk away than to assault someone with your fist, or mouth!

POINT OF EMPHASIS:

BRETHREN, I HAVE KNOWN OF HOMES WHERE THE CHILDREN NEVER HEARD THEIR PARENTS CURSE!

THE REASON IS BECAUSE THEIR PARENTS DIDN'T CURSE!

Christians can control their speech! I'll never forget a statement made to me by Brother Donald Bentley in a bible class!

**He said something along the line of,
“Being a soldier and hearing bad language
from nearly every soldier, I slipped into the
habit of using such language myself. But I
remembered when I was around my mother,
I did control it, and this gave me courage to
realize I could control my language in the
presence of my fellow soldiers, and I
stopped the use of filthy language!”**

**BRETHREN, WE ARE CHILDREN OF
THE GREAT KING-LET’S TALK LIKE IT!**

***“For even hereunto were ye called:
because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us
an example that we should follow in his steps:***

***Who did no sin, neither was guile found
in his mouth:***

***Who, when he was reviled, reviled not
again; when he suffered, he threatened not;
but committed himself to him that judgeth
righteously;***

***Who his own self bare our sins in his own
body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins,
should live unto righteousness: by whose
stripes ye were healed.***

***For ye were as sheep going astray; but
now are returned unto the Shepherd and
Bishop of your souls”-I Peter 2:21-25.***

QUESTION: When Christians suffer and are recipients of evil speech, are we justified in retaliation?

JESUS DID NOT RETURN EVIL FOR EVIL!!

1. He was scourged-Matthew 27:26

**2. He was spit upon and smitten on his head
-Matthew 27:30**

3. The people mocked him-Matthew 27:31

4. He was crucified-Matthew 27:35

**5. Those who passed by reviled (eblasphemoun)
him-Matthew 27:39**

JESUS RETURNED GOOD FOR EVIL!!

1. He said, “*Father, forgive them: for they know not what they do*”-Luke 23:34

2. “*It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost*”-John 19:30

**CLOSE: CHRISTIANS ARE CHILDREN OF GOD;
LET’S USE OUR TONGUE IN A WAY THAT
GLORIFIES GOD!!**