

The Family of Christ
Mark 3:22-35

I. Intro

- A. The last two weeks:
 - 1. Don't miss Jesus
 - 2. Follow Jesus Closely
- B. This Week:
 - 1. What is truly In you will come out
 - 2. You can't fake it, and you can't separate from it
- C. Faith in Jesus changes you completely
 - 1. From Death to life
 - 2. From Outcast to family
 - 3. From Lost to saved

II. Text

- A. Verse 22: Just because they were saying it, doesn't mean it was true or made sense.
- B. Verses 23-27
 - 1. Satan can't cast out satan
 - 2. A kingdom/house cannot be divided against itself and stand
 - 3. You can't plunder a strong mans house without binding the strong man
- C. Verses 28-30
 - 1. Blaspheme: to speak in a way that shows irreverence for God or something sacred
 - 2. It is an impossibility to be divided from the work of the Spirit if you are of the Spirit
 - 3. In this passage and context we see the religious leaders saying that which is holy to be evil, that which is of God to not be of God
 - 4. They are missing the very presence of God before them, and calling Him evil...This is the blaspheme Jesus is speaking of.
- D. Verses 31-35: The Family of God
 - 1. This is the contrast of the Eternal Sin: Eternal Salvation
 - 2. We are brought into the family, and we are secure because of:
 - a) Who brought us into the family
 - b) Who keeps us in the family
 - 3. See the sandwich of truth that is before you, and you will pick up on this along the way:
 - a) Mark 3:20-21 mentions His family
 - b) Mark 3:22-30 shows His message
 - c) Mark 3:31-35 brings the familial relationship to its fullness: The Family of God

III. Points

- A. If you are a new creation, you are given the Spirit of God
 - 1. Forgiveness is available to you through Jesus Christ
 - 2. When you are IN CHRIST, and He IN YOU: You are made new!
 - a) [Eph 2:13-22 ESV] 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. 17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure,

being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

- b) [2Co 5:17-19 ESV] 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
3. Our relationship is now different than the old covenant, and it brings the presence of God in fullness:
 - a) [2Co 3:12-18 ESV] 12 Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, 13 not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. 14 But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. 15 Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. 16 But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.
 - b) [Jhn 14:25-26 ESV] 25 "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.
- B. If you have the Spirit of God, you cannot be divided from the Spirit of God
 1. There is not a more secure relationship in this world than a genuine believers relationship with God
 2. The filling of the Holy Spirit in Christian theology is not a symbiotic relationship—a mutually beneficial partnership between two equal entities—but rather a relationship of submission and empowerment, where the believer yields control to the sovereign, indwelling presence of God.
 3. Here is why this distinction is significant:
 - a) It is Sovereign Control, Not Partnership: The filling of the Spirit is defined as being under the control and empowerment of the Spirit, not a 50/50 partnership. It is the Holy Spirit controlling the believer's thoughts, emotions, and actions.
 - b) It is Submission, Not Mutualism: While symbiosis suggests both parties bring something essential to the table, the filling of the Spirit involves the believer submitting their will to God, as discussed in Ephesians 5:21. The believer does not benefit the Spirit; rather, the believer is enabled by the Spirit.
 - c) It is Influence, Not Two Organisms: The biblical metaphor in Ephesians 5:18 contrasts being filled with wine (being "under the influence") with being filled with the Spirit. It is one entity (God) influencing another (the human).
 - d) The Goal is Conformity, Not Utility: The goal of being filled is not to form a business-like partnership, but rather to be transformed, sanctified, and conformed to the character of Christ
 4. If you are made new as we read in 2 Corinthians 5:17: This is a complete work, though you are a work in progress:
 - a) You are becoming what you have been made
 - b) You can have PEACE with Christ, while you are battling the flesh
 - c) Greek for new: KAINOS:
 - (1) New in SUBSTANCE
 - (2) New in Kind
 - (3) New completely and in every way

- C. If you have the Spirit of God, you can't blaspheme the Spirit that made you a new creation
 - 1. The Blaspheme of the Holy Spirit is seen in this text:
 - a) They witness an act of God, and declare it to be evil and from Satan.
 - b) This is losing sight of what is in front of you by willful ignorance
 - 2. You Cannot Be Divided from What You Truly Are
 - a) You Demonstrate What You Truly Are
 - (1) Actions/Reactions
 - (2) Thoughts
 - (3) Practices
 - b) He has brought us into the family
 - c) "An ETERNAL Sin"
 - (1) This is the danger of rejecting the Spirit's work
 - (2) The work of the Spirit is being completely missed by the religious leaders
 - 3. Jesus forgives sin, and as long as you are hearing this today you can be forgiven of sin: BUT HEAR THE WARNING:
 - a) Do not BLASPHEME the HOLY SPIRIT
 - b) Jesus never fully explains all that this means, but is speaking to the religious leaders who are accusing Him of being evil.
 - c) Heed the warning today and respond to Christ in faith and serve Him faithfully and by His power.
 - 4. If you have the Spirit of God you are connected to the family of Christ

IV. Close

- A. Are you a part of the Family?
- B. Are you connected to Christ, or are you still afar off?