

**Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ**  
**SoM, Part 26: Warnings, Part 3b**

Last week...began to consider Warning #3 to conclude SoM

Do the will of My Father – believe and love (as the Father means, not as man)

This time...finish this 3<sup>rd</sup> and final warning and the SoM

As with the previous 2 Warnings, this warning is also for

- The Church
- this church
- each of us

v21-23 Not every one that saith unto me...but he that does:

Warning #3: Do...be doers of the Will of God, not hearers only

It is VERY important that we know what “doing the will of My Father” means

John 6:28-29	believe
John 7:16-17	Father’s doctrine...love (Matt 22:36-40)
1 John 3:23	will of the Father: believe and love

Do, believe, love.... active verbs, selfless, and inseparable:

- To love is to believe and do
- To believe is to love and do
- To do is to believe and love

To do, to believe, to love is to be...“of Christ” and “in Christ”

- of: identity, possession
- in: position

To not do, to not believe, to not love as Christ does is to be  
in the world and of the world

And this is vitally important because there is coming a Day when every person  
will stand before Jesus Christ, Lord of all.

He will not listen to our words, He will expose our hearts.

On that Day, many...

- on the wide and broad way (Warning #1)
- following the wrong leaders (Warning #2)

will say, Lord, Lord, we

- spoke of You and Your name
- cast out devils in Your name
- did many powerful, miraculous, wonderful works in Your name

And Jesus Christ, Kok and Lol, will say:

- I never knew you.
- Go away from Me, you who labored in unrighteousness.

What is Jesus saying to the many who did not heed Warnings #1 and #2?

“You did NOT do the will of My Father...as I did.

You were working, but you were not

- doing/believing/loving as My Father defines those terms
- being “of” and “in” Me

Something essential is missing: the heart of My Father.

You did not humble yourself....as I did (the mind of Christ)

You were self-willed.

What you did (v22) was for self-gain and self-glory, not for My Father’s glory ...like I did.

You were working for your own personal enrichment, power, honor.

You were working in your self-righteousness (Is 64:6).

You loved yourself supremely, more than you loved Me and others.

You loved the world more than you loved Me and My Father.”

No matter how “glorious” in the eyes of man, the works of man are NOT

- proof of a saving faith
- acceptable sacrifice before a holy God
- acceptable defense before the LORD Whose name is so casually carried

In His ministry, Jesus Christ is about to send His 12 disciples

Luke 9:1-2 the 12 (Whose power and authority?)

Luke 10:1, 17-20 the 70 (Whose power?)

Including Judas, whom He knew to be a devil (John 6:70)

Judas ate bread (communed) with Jesus at the Last Supper...

but was not “with” Jesus

Luke 9:49-50 against = not with

Luke 11:23

John 8:29

with: *meta* = in association, following, in, of

One can say “Lord, Lord” and work in His name but be

- against Jesus
- not with Jesus, not following/in/of

leading one’s own parade, drawing disciples after themselves  
(Acts 20:30)

So in v22, do not wonder about the “work of God” done by “workers of iniquity”, wonder about the Wonderful Counselor, Who

- has all power and authority
- we are to be...with, follow, in, of

False prophets and the false believers who follow them (Warnings #1 and #2)

1. address Jesus as LORD...but aren't really with/of/in Him
2. are “in church” but not “in Jesus” (John 15:5)
3. say they “believe” but do not follow His voice, do not really believe... following (believing/doing) instead
  - philosophies of men
  - traditions of men
  - religions of men
4. walk on the broad way...the easier, more convenient, more popular, less costly, carnal way
5. take the name of the Lord in vain (hypocrisy)
6. the opposite of [Heb 11:24-27](#)
  - choosing to not suffer affliction for their faith
  - choosing to enjoy the pleasures of sin
  - esteeming the riches of the world to be greater than the reproach of Christ
  - not forsaking the world, all
  - fearing man more than fearing God
  - not enduring to the end (Matt 24:13)
  - walking by sight, not by faith

There are many “Christian” leaders and “Christians” who believe

- a man-centered gospel
- there is more than one mediator between God and man
- mysticism is OK (many forms, all conversing with demons)
- homosexuality is not sin (“Christian” rock star on 5/31/16, his lust)
- living together before marriage is OK
- etc that contradicts the Word of God

Jesus Christ calls them “ye that work iniquity”...

- love Self supremely before God and others
- do what they do for Self-gain and Self-pleasure rather than sacrifice of Self
- live by their agenda and will

and they have a major surprise coming unless they repent when all that is hidden is revealed when the Son of Man is revealed

I have a friend who works for a Christian company and he created marketing material for a very large Christian radio station network

The “Christian” radio network rejected:

- Bible stories; “make one up”
- testimonies that gave any glory to God
- any reference to anything “Divine”

Any “Christian” leader, any “Christian” who

- compromises the Word of God with worldliness
- is “all about the money”
- afraid to “rock the boat” (is on the wrong boat!)
- cares more about the “brand”/denomination than the Head

must heed this warning

It is one thing to throw around Jesus’ name but something completely different to

- deny Self (be Selfless, God first and others second),  
pick up your cross (die to Self), and  
follow Jesus (on the strait and narrow way that leads to suffering  
before glory)
- obey...when it means it costs something...everything
- forsake all
- lay down one’s will and do the Father’s will...  
yield one’s life in complete, unconditional surrender and obedience

Consider Eph 1-3      our riches in Christ

Take very careful note of “His” vs “ye” (us)

Consider Jesus Christ’s dictated letters...also individual applications

Rev 2:1-5 (Ephesus)

He knows their works, but has against:

- lost their 1<sup>st</sup>, Most Important Love –
  - Love: selfless, self-last
    - Jesus must be 1<sup>st</sup>
    - all others must be next
    - I must be last
  - personal relationship with Him...  
being “in” and “of” and “with” Him
- disorderly priorities – work is most important

Jesus Christ cares more about ministers/servants than the  
ministry/work

Rev 2:18-23 (Thyatira)

He knows their works, love, service, and faith, but has against:

- added to the Word of God
- not faithful to the Word of God
- followed false prophets
- worshipped idols

Rev 3:1 (Sardis)

He knows their works, but has against:

- dead religion...man working to be pleasing to God

Rev 3:14-20 (Laodicea)

He knows their works, but has against:

- lukewarm, superficial, apathetic relationship
- Self-sufficiency
- bask in worldly strength and “success”

Common ground: loved and warned by Jesus, but did not repent

- pride...love Self more than love Him
- self-willed
- moved off The Foundation and refused to come back

Rev 3:7-10 (Philadelphia)

He knows their works, He has nothing against

Commendation

- kept My Word (Luke 11:28...Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it)
- broken, humble, empty-handed before Him
- have repented and believe/trust the Witness of God
- are in one accord with Him...His will be done on earth as it is in heaven
- doing, believing, loving...being in, of, and with

1 Cor 13:1-3

us without Christ, our work “for” but not “in” Him

1 Cor 13:4-8

Christ in us

There is NOTHING in man of Divine (good, right, holy) significance

Created in the image of God but fallen/corrupted by sin and death

Rom 7:18

EVERYTHING Divine is external to man

All errors stems from not believing those two things

Our value to God is

- not the work we do...hoping for good standing based on our merit
- who we are...relationship/position based on the merit of Jesus

Jesus Christ is everything...we add nothing to His finished work

2 Tim 1:9 (God) hath saved us, and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Good News of God...His work

God loved

Man sinned

Man must pay

Man cannot pay

So God became a man to pay for man because God so loved

It's all about Jesus Christ...Beginning End, First Last, Alpha Omega

1 Cor 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption

2 Cor 5:21 For He hath made Him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him

We are benefactors of this Good News when we are

- broken of our pride and self-worth and self-will
- humbled
- empty-handed before Him

The many in v22 are standing on

- their work, not on Jesus'
- their will, not the Father's
- their righteousness, not Jesus'
- human love (Self first), not God's love (Self last)
- a Declaration of Independence vs Declaration of Dependence...  
not unconditional surrender

The many in v22 are NOT doing the will of The Father (believe, love),  
they are doing works...which do not save

v24-27 does...rock...does not...the sand:

Those who

- hear the teaching of Jesus (SoM)
- do the teaching of Jesus (SoM)
- selflessly serve and follow the Lord Jesus Christ (John 12:26)

are wise, building on a Rock, The Foundation of God's building...Jesus Christ

They are:

- poor in spirit...humble, not proud, "Lord have mercy on me, a sinner"
- meek...lowly in heart
- hungry and thirsty for more of Jesus
- as merciful with others as the Father has been merciful to them
- pure in heart...the heart of God is "in"
- peacemakers...with God and man, not trouble makers
- salt and light...letting the True Light shine
- not angry and bitter
- not lustful of the things of the world
- good to their word
- willing to turn the other cheek when "wronged"
- selflessly loving toward friend and foe alike
- not "for-show" Christians
- as forgiving of others as Jesus is of them
- not money-motivated or lovers of filthy lucre (root of all evil)
- not worry warts
- seekers first of the kingdom of God and His righteousness
- not judgmental and legalistic

They are the few who follow the Right Leader, The True Prophet (Warning #2),  
on the Right (strait and narrow) Way (Warning #1)

Rom 12:1-2 present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God,  
*which is* your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this  
world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye  
may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of  
God

Those who

- hear the teaching of Jesus (SoM)...even say “Lord, Lord” in v21
- do not the teaching of Jesus...do not take seriously the words of Jesus
- do not commit their lives to Jesus Christ without reservation
- selfishly serve themselves (even in the ministry)

are foolish, building on the sand...No Foundation)

They are the many who follow the wrong leader, false prophets (Warning #2)  
on the Wrong (wide and broad) Way (Warning #1)

Luke 6:46      Why do you call Me Lord, Lord and do not the things  
                                 which I say?

James 1:8      double-minded, unstable, hard-hearted

James 1:22      deceived themselves

Warning #3 says that there will be those who think they are Christians...  
but in truth are not!

Therefore, we MUST examine ourselves...judge ourselves lest we be judged

1. What is the most important thing, Who is the MIP, in my life?  
If it is not Jesus Christ, He is warning me in this passage
2. Are we doing the Father's will?  
Matt 22:36-40  
1 John 3:23  
Matt 16:24-25
3. What do we do for the Lord?  
What is expected?  
Col 3:23
4. Why do we do what we do for the Lord?  
Matt 6:1-18  
Motives count
5. Are we worthy of Jesus Christ?  
Matt 10:37-39      God's Love and order  
Col 1:9-10  
2 Thes 1:4-5, 11-12  
Luke 21:36      watch, pray, accounted worthy to escape
6. Do we know the day of our departure?  
Heb 9:27  
Rev 3:10



Heart exam: We must ask ourselves some hard questions:

Do I know why God would let me into heaven when I die?  
(not by my merit but only by Jesus' merit ie grace thru faith)  
Do I have a false sense of security...based on a doctrine of salvation by works (going to church, serving in a ministry, giving, etc)?  
Do I have an unconditionally surrendered, utterly dependent, personal relationship with Jesus or do I just think I do?  
Is Jesus Christ truly the Lord of my life or am I just paying Him lip service?

Do I love the brethren (ex. women the women and men the men)  
or do I just tolerate/ignore/steer clear of them?

Am I bitter?

Are my conversations with others

- encouraging?
- edifying?
- seasoned with grace?

Do I speak the "Christian language" but my heart and will are unchanged?

The conclusion of the Lord's teaching of Greater Righteousness:

Do the will of our Father

- doing = believing = loving (God first, all others next, self last)
- doing = being "of" Christ and "in" Christ and "with" Christ

Stand on The Rock!

Rom 10:4

Eph 2:10

At the end of the day,

- Nothing is to be gained by serving Self...only loss
- Nothing is lost by serving the Lord...only gained

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood, His righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' Name  
On Christ the Solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand

God has so loved man that He has warned

- The Church
- this church
- you and me

The wise man heeds the warning of God

The wise man embraces the will of the Father: believe and love

The wise man considers the end of the day

v28-29 astonished at His doctrine:

Are we astonished?

Is our heart cut by SoM, concluding with the 3 Warnings?

- Cut to angst and repentance (Acts 2:37)?
- Cut to anger and rebellion (Acts 5:33, Acts 7:54)?

Do we embrace what Jesus says or what man says?

EVERY single day we must make a Declaration of Dependence

EVERY single day must tender our Letter of Resignation

I hereby resign from:

- being the lord of my life
- from this world (in but not “of”)

I hereby resign to:

- humble myself for the Living God
- die to Self, pick up my Cross, follow Jesus Christ
- gleefully surrender and submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ
  - Supreme Authority
  - Final Authority
  - Sovereign God Almighty
- love first and serve in all things the Lord Jesus Christ

Let's gather in small groups to pray...in agreement with, in one accord with our Father...  
to let the Holy Spirit write these words on our hearts and to transform our lives

Warning #3: SoM...do it!

May we hear the voice of The Good Shepherd!

May we be faithful to the Word of God!

Closing Song