

The Wednesday Word, December 15, 2021: 14 Things that Jesus Would Never Say to His Followers!

1) “You haven’t repented enough so I can’t forgive you!”

Jesus would never say that!

**Our salvation does not depend upon how much we repent. It rests entirely on the doing, dying and rising again of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

2) “Shape up or ship out.”

Jesus would never say that!

**If we were qualified for salvation because of our efforts none of us would ever be saved. Our efforts do not reach perfection but Christ’s effort to save us was perfect. It is finished!*

3) “You have sinned, so I am, therefore, putting you on probation.”

Jesus would never say that!

** After a sinful fall there is no waiting time for restoration of fellowship with God. While there may be necessary time given in the church assembly, decreed for healing and restoration to service after a serious fall, there is no fellowship probation in Heaven’s courtroom. If you have fallen, bring the blood and enjoy instant communion with the Father. We have already been purchased forever. He does not cast us off and spurn us.*

4) “I am one of the many ways to get to God.”

Jesus would never say that!

**Jesus was both exclusive and intolerant. He excluded all other teachers and would not tolerate any others who claim to be the way to God. (See John 14:6).*

5) “You are wearing my patience very thin.”

Jesus would never say that! (Numbers 14:18 a). Jesus is the God of all patience (Romans 9: 22-24). He is entirely patient with us.

6) “You are not sanctified enough. I need you to do more before I accept you.”

Jesus would never say that!

He already is our sanctification. (1 Corinthians 1:30). In Him we are fully sanctified.

7) If you really loved me, you would not have fallen into sin.

Jesus would never say that!

In sovereignty, He chose us before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4). His choice of us was by grace alone ... not because He foresaw how much we would love Him (see Ephesians 2:7)

8) “Go into all the world and make me look cool.”

Jesus would never say that!

**We have an unpopular message (for the unsaved). Nevertheless, we should never attempt to make Jesus look ‘cool.’ Unpopular message? Yes indeed! As a build-up to the gospel to let someone know that they are a sinner before the all-holy God is uncool in the world’s eyes. To inform them that their only hope is the Lord Jesus is also uncool. But the truth is Jesus never*

compromised to gain followers. To the unbelieving Jews, He was a curse. Indeed, multitudes of people to this day find no beauty in Him.

9) “My passion is that everyone lives in peace”

Jesus would never say that!

**In Matthew 10:34 He says the very opposite.*

(10) “ You must get baptized or you can’t get to heaven!

Jesus would never say that!

Jesus accomplished our salvation at the cross. He proclaimed, ‘It is Finished’ (John 19:30). While we believe in Baptism, we also believe it cannot alter our standing before God.

11) “I’m taking my gift of eternal life back.”

Jesus would never say that!

**His gifts are irrevocable (see Romans 11:29)*

12) “I will love you in the proportion to which you love me.”

Jesus would never say that!

**Our love for Him is imperfect ... at best. But Jesus demonstrated how much He perfectly loved us by going to the cross. He said “Greater love has no man than this than a man lay down his life for his friends.” Jesus has loved us with the greater love ... a love, not conditioned by our love for Him. (See John 15:13).*

13) “Your love for me is not steady and consistent so I’m going to love you in the same inconsistent way.”

Jesus would never say that!

**Jesus is far from childish. Our love for Him never determines His love for us. His love was set upon us before time existed (Ephesians 1:4).*

14) Follow me and have a trouble-free life.

Jesus would never say that!

**(See Matthew 16:24).*

And that’s the Gospel Truth!