

Sermon Notes

Meeting Needs of Christian Evidences Loving Christ

Matthew 25:31-46

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

Jesus will separate all people into two groups (vv. 31-33)

Jesus, as the king of the universe, will judge all people.

The separation is based on a person's love for Jesus.

That love is evidenced by actions toward His brothers.

To treat a Christian with deeds of kindness, to meet their needs, is in effect to have treated Jesus that way.

The blessed of the Father will enter the kingdom (vv. 34-40)

The evidence is provided that they love Jesus.

(see 1 John 3:17-18)

The sample list of needs, and responding with a loving deed

- When there was a need of a brother, the righteous met the need.
- These deeds are relatively small things.
But they are the kinds of things we should do for one-another.

Doing it even to “the least” of Jesus’ brothers

The accursed will depart from Jesus into the eternal fire (vv. 41-45)

The evidence is provided that they do not love Jesus.

Eternal sentence - eternal punishment or eternal life (v. 46)

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

Related reading: Galatians 6:10, Ephesians 1:3-14,
2 Thessalonians 1:7-10

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**Application questions for 7/5/2015 sermon
Matthew 25:31-46**

What do you usually mean when you say, or think, “I love Jesus.”

Does it, at least in part, mean that you demonstrate your affection for Him by actions?

Have you thought of meeting the needs of Christians as a way to love Jesus?
Do you now think that?

What other kinds of needs, besides the ones listed in the passage, do you think your brothers and sisters in Christ have (not necessarily right now, just generally speaking)?

What could you do to meet those needs?

Thinking about what was said regarding doing these things for “the least”, do you think there are types of people you might not tend to pay attention to, who you should pay attention to their needs?

How might you cement these ideas in your mind, so that you are always looking for people’s needs and listening to God as to if you should meet any particular need?

Bonus:

Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?