

“TELL US PLAINLY”

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INTRODUCTION

1. In John 10: 24 the Jews said to Jesus, *“If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly”*.
2. Jesus obliged them by speaking plainly, even though His answer was not what they wanted to hear – John 10:30 – *“I and My Father are one”*.
3. *“Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him”*—John 10:31.
4. Jesus, either in person, or through inspired men, has *spoken plainly* in regard to every question for which man needs an answer regarding his salvation. – John 16:13; 2 Pet. 1:3; 2 Tim. 3: 16 – 17.
5. We do not have to guess what the truth is.
6. We need to listen to Jesus who has spoken PLAINLY.

I. *TELL US PLAINLY, IS GAMBLING SINFUL?*

- a. To Gamble is to rest something of value on the outcome of a game of chance.
- b. Gambling involves the creation of an unnecessary risk with a desire to gain something for nothing.
- c. Why Gambling is sinful:
 - i. Gambling destroys incentive to WORK – Gen. 3:19; Eph. 4: 28; 2 Thess. 3:10.
 1. Gambling contradicts the work ethic of the Bible.
 - ii. Gambling is a form of covetousness.
 1. Covetousness is a desire for that which rightfully belongs to another.
 2. We are not to covet – Rom. 13:9; Eph. 5:3.
 3. Gambling stands condemned by these passages.
 - iii. Gambling violates the “Golden Rule” – Matt. 7:12.
 1. Gambling tries, by trickery and skill, to take from another that which rightly belongs to him, without recompense in goods and services.
 - a. It is sinful.
 - iv. Some examples of GAMBLING:
 1. Bingo
 2. Lottery
 3. Betting on horses
 4. Matching coins

II. *TELL US PLAINLY THE RESULT OF A LIFE OF WORLDLINESS*

- a. The Pleasures of worldliness are fleeting, transitory, and unsatisfying – Heb. 11: 25; I John 2: 17.
 - i. Men who love money are never satisfied – Matt. 6: 19 – 20.
 - ii. Men who drink are never satisfied.
 - iii. Men who use dope (drugs) are never satisfied.
 - iv. Men who commit adultery are never satisfied.
- b. Worldliness harms the body.
 - i. One obligation of the Christian is to protect his body from harm.

- ii. I Cor. 6: 19 – 20; I Cor. 6:18; Prov. 5: 11
- c. Worldliness ruins influence
 - i. Matt. 18: 6 – 7
 - ii. Rom. 15: 1 – 3
 - iii. Matt. 5: 13 – 16
- d. Worldliness destroys the purity of the church.
 - i. The church is to be holy and without blemish – Eph. 5: 25 – 27; James 1:27; I John 3:7
 - ii. I Cor. 5: 6 – 7
- e. Worldliness destroys the soul in hell – Gal. 5: 19 – 21; I Cor. 6:9 – 10

III. ***TELL US PLAINLY THE CAUSES OF WORLDLINESS***

- a. Lack of LOVE for God.
 - i. 2 Tim. 3: 2 – 5
 - ii. I John 2:15
 - iii. I John 5: 3 – 4
 - iv. Matt. 22: 37 – 38
- b. Lack of BIBLE knowledge
 - i. Heb. 5:14
 - ii. I Pet. 1:14
 - iii. Jesus met Satan with the Word – Matt. 4: 1 – 10
- c. Lack of SPIRITUAL DESIRE
 - i. I Pet. 2:2
 - ii. Matt. 5:6
 - iii. Col. 3: 1 – 2; Matt. 6: 19 – 21
- d. Lack of SPIRITUAL CONCERN for one's own Soul.
 - i. Matt. 16:26; 10:28
 - ii. Acts 2: 40

IV. ***TELL US PLAINLY – IS IT IMPORTANT TO ATTEND THE SERVICES OF THE CHURCH ON A REGULAR BASIS?***

- a. Heb. 10:25
- b. Acts 2:42
- c. Acts 20:7
- d. Acts 5:42

V. ***TELL US PLAINLY, ARE WE TO BE CONCERNED WITH ONE ANOTHER AND SEE AFTER EACH OTHER?***

- a. Rom. 12: 15 – 16
- b. Rom. 12:10
- c. Heb. 3:13
- d. Heb. 10:24
- e. I Thess. 5:14
- f. I Cor. 12: 26 – 27

VI. ***TELL US PLAINLY, MUST ONE BE BAPTIZED TO BE SAVED?***

- a. Mark 16: 15 – 16

- b. John 3: 3 – 5
- c. Rom. 6: 3 – 4
- d. Gal. 3:27
- e. I Cor. 12:13
- f. Acts 2: 38

VII. CONCLUSION

- a. I think you can see that Jesus has spoken very plainly to us on these things we have studied, and on all things that pertain to our salvation.
- b. Are you here and out of Christ?
- c. You need to obey the gospel.