

Authentic Christianity

Who is Jesus? Part 1

John 7:53-8:11
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In order to reflect authentic Christianity here at CBC, we must apply these three lessons:

- 1. From the example of the Pharisees—
We need to be in tune with the spiritual pride in our hearts.**

“How quickly and self-righteously we bring before Jesus the sins of others while overlooking and denying our own sins. These hypocrites were guilty of sin in their own lives and were unwilling to face it.”

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- 2. From the example of the adulterous woman—
We need to be able to identify with the sifulness of the adulterous woman.**

“Christ’s forgiveness in each of our lives diminishes as we lose touch with the depth of our own sinfulness. When we no longer see

ourselves in the drama of the woman, when we feel we are free from accusation and judgment, we lose sight of God's grace... This drama of Jesus and the woman gains power when I become that woman and reflect on the seriousness of my own jeopardy. Through this new vision, I gain a new glimpse of Jesus' love and mercy."

The NIV Application Commentary by Gary M. Burge,
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"The worse we realize we are, the greater we realize God's grace is."

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3. **From the example of Jesus— We need to allow others to be in process without condoning their sin.**

"Most sinners loved being around Jesus. They enjoyed His company, sought Him out, invited Him to their homes and parties. Today most sinners don't want to be around Christians. Unbelievers tore off the roof to get to Jesus. Sometimes they crawl out the windows to get away from us!

Why is that? What did Jesus show them that we don't?

Grace.

People sensed that Jesus loved them, even when He spoke difficult words."

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Conclusion:

"This woman was guilty of sin, and according to the Law of Moses an adulteress was to be put to death. Is Jesus reversing the Mosaic system? No. He is placing His Cross between that woman and her sin. This One who is the Son of the virgin, who Himself was under a cloud all of His life, is going to the Cross to pay the penalty for even the sin of this woman. He did not come into the world to condemn the world. He did not come to judge this woman. He came into the world to be a Savior!

A great many people think they are lost because they have committed a certain sin. I have news for you. One is not lost because he is a murderer, or a liar, or a thief, or an adulterer, or because he has borne false witness or committed other sins. A person does these things because he is lost and does not believe in Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ forgives sins. He is the Savior. He died for the sins of