

Matthew 10:34-39

Christ's Coming Brings Division

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Divisions Over Christ Will Come

Matthew 10:34-36

Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. **35** For I came to SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, AND A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW; **36** and A MAN'S ENEMIES WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD.

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Love for Christ Above All

Matthew 10:37-39

He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. 38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. 39 He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it.

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Applications

- We must know that Christ's first coming brings division and not peace.
- We must understand that believers have moral obligations to family, but our highest obligation is to Christ alone.
- We must truly believe that living for the future resurrection is worth physcial death here and now.

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Many Falsely Claim Peace!

Jeremiah 6:13-14

For from the least of them even to the greatest of them, everyone is greedy for gain, and from the prophet even to the priest everyone deals falsely. They have healed the brokenness of My people superficially, Saying, 'Peace, peace,' But there is no peace.

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Luke 2:14 (KJV 1900)

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, Good will toward men.

<u>Luke 2:14 (NASB95)</u>

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.

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The Difference in Comings Matthew 10:34

Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

Isaiah 9:7

There will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore...

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Our Obligations in This World

Romans 12:18

If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

1 Timothy 5:8

But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

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We Must Love Christ Above All

Matthew 10:37

He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

Matthew 12:48-49

But Jesus answered the one who was telling Him and said, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" 49 And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, "Behold My mother and My brothers!"

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Live for The Kingdom

Matthew 10:39

He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it.

Revelation 20:6

Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

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