

When people say, “Thou Shalt Not Judge,” they really mean, “Leave me alone and let me sin in peace!” But friend, your sin will only lead you to Hell. It would be hateful for those who love Christ not to warn you of your sin and to point you to the Savior.

Penn Jillette, a famous magician and atheist once remarked that he does not have respect for Christians who do not share the gospel. He said “how much do you have to **HATE** somebody to not proselytize? How much do you have to hate somebody to believe everlasting life is possible and not tell them that?” His comments fall right in line with scripture which says “Let your love be genuine. Hate Evil and Cling to what is good” (Romans 12:9) and “You shall not hate your fellow countryman in your heart; you may surely reprove your neighbor, but shall not incur sin because of him” (Leviticus 19:17).

**Genuine Christian LOVE** will make right judgments about what is good and evil. Genuine Christian love will hate evil and therefore tell others to flee from sin and trust in Christ. Friend, you cannot cover up your sin with platitudes and excuses. You won't be able to use the excuse that “Christians were judgmental” to cover up your sin before the just and holy God.

## But praise God, there is hope.

Your sin is wicked, but God's grace is greater than all your sin. Jesus, the one who rebuked sin and hated evil, in love sacrificed himself on the cross to take upon himself the penalty of the sins of those who love him. He was crucified and died, taking the full wrath of God that those sins deserved. He was judged in the place of those who trust him. After he died and was buried, he arose again from the dead in power. After being seen by up to 500 people, he ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God as Lord and King. If you will turn from your excuses and pitiful attempts to cover your own sin and trust him as your King, you can be forgiven and granted eternal life. You will be able stand at the judgment day, having passed from

### JUDGMENT INTO LIFE.

\*Now you may still be thinking, “but I know Jesus said ‘Judge not, that you be not judged.’” You're right, he said this in Matthew 7. However, you must read the whole passage to know what he is talking about. Jesus was talking about hypocritical judgment. He was talking about a self-righteous attitude that results in judging someone without mercy for the very same things you do. A perfect example of this type of self-righteous hypocritical judgment is when those who refuse to repent of their sins come across a Christian preaching the truth and run up to them and judgmentally say “Judge Not.” If that is you, repent before it is too late.

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