

THE MESS IN THE MIRROR

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Matthew 7:1-5 “Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. For you will be treated as you treat others. And why worry about a speck in your friend’s eye when you have a log in your own? How can you think of saying to your friend, ‘Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’ when you can’t see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! **First get rid of the log in your own eye;** then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend’s eye.”

Three Truths to Address the Mess in the Mirror

1. I AM a Mess!

Romans 3:19-20, 23 “Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God. For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. **The law simply shows us how sinful we are. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.**”

James 2:10 “For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God’s laws.”

1 Samuel 16:7 “The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

Matthew 23:27 “You are like whitewashed tombs - beautiful on the outside but filled on the inside with dead people’s bones and all sorts of impurity. Outwardly you look like righteous people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness.”

2. I CAN’T FIX My Mess

You can’t fix your mess by pretending it’s not there.

Proverbs 28:13 “People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.”

You can’t fix your mess by blaming other people.

Galatians 6:5 “For we are each responsible for our own conduct.”

Romans 2:1, 3 “You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God’s judgment?”

You can’t fix your mess by trying harder or doing better.

Jeremiah 13:23 “Can an Ethiopian change the color of his skin? Can a leopard take away its spots? Neither can you start doing good, for you have always done evil.”

3. JESUS SOLVES My Mess.

Romans 3:22 “We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.”

John 3:17 “For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.”

John 8:12 “Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, ‘I am the light of the world. If you follow Me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.’”

**If you walked your way into a mess,
you need to FOLLOW JESUS and walk your way out.**

- Confess – I made a mess
- Repent – I want out of this mess
- Believe – Jesus can deliver me from my mess
- Receive – Jesus, come into my life and turn my mess into a message

A Prayer for Salvation:

“Dear God, I come to You in the name of Jesus Christ. I ask You to save me today. I confess that I have sinned against You. I am not worthy to be called Your child. Please forgive me of my sins. I believe that Jesus Christ is Your son. I believe that he died on the cross and rose from the dead so that I might be saved. I ask You to come into my heart now by the power of the Holy Spirit and make me born again. I give my life to You and promise to obey You and follow You. Save me from sin. Deliver me from the devil. Heal me and fill me today. I thank You now by faith, in Jesus' name. Amen.”

Signed

Date

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Memory Verse: Romans 3:22 “We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.”