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THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
Looking for Life in All the Wrong Places
John 5.31-47

The religious leaders were upset that Jesus healed on the Sabbath and that he equated himself with God. So they looked for ways to kill him (v.18). How is it that the people who know the most about scripture and are considered the most godly often participate in activities that are un-Christlike?

WHY DO CHRISTIANS OFTEN ACT LIKE UNBELIEVERS?

- * They are too consumed with their own self-importance.

How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? v.44

- * They idolize the wrong things.

You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. v.39

- * They are too caught up in their own accomplishments.

- * They live in their own 'Echo Chamber'.

HOW TO ENABLE OUR 'WALK' TO MATCH OUR 'TALK':

1. Come **TO JESUS**. *...yet you refuse to come to me to have life. v.40*

2. Take **SCRIPTURE** to heart.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly... Colossians 3.16

Let the Word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Colossians 3.16 MSG

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119.103

3. Be a **CONDUIT** for God's **LOVE**.

Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that. Ephesians 5.1-2

4. **REPEAT**

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?