# JESUS CHRIST BRINGS DIVISION

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**Topic:**

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**Key Text; Mathew 10:34-39**

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**Prayer**

Most gracious Lord, King of heaven and earth, I bless You because You remain King and Lord, I honour You dear Father of light. Thank You for Your love towards us that we might be called Your children, I pray that as we learn from You today, You'd make these words useful in our lives to preparing for Your glorious kingdom in Jesus Christ name, Amen.

**Study**

**Matthew 10:34-39 KJV** Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword**. [35]** For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. **[36]** And a

man's foes shall be they of his own household. **[37]** He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. **[38]** And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. **[39]** He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

**Matthew 10:34 KJV** **Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.** If we read deeply into these verses of the scriptures we'd see that it's one that calls for soberness and deep reflection. Firstly, The Lord said He did not come to send peace on earth, one would begin to wonder that, but the scriptures says that Jesus Christ is the Prince of peace. How would He then not come to send peace but a sword? A sword is a weapon (such as a cutlass or rapier) with a long blade for cutting or thrusting that is often used as a symbol of honor or authority. From what The Lord said, we can see that He was not referring to a physical sword but a spiritual

one, such as the *sword of the Spirit* **Ephesians 6:17 KJV** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

The Word of God can also be referred to as what The Lord Jesus Christ was talking about. It is sharper than any kind of sword on earth and of course, it is capable of causing division on earth. **Hebrews 4:12 KJV** **For THE WORD OF GOD is quick, and powerful, and SHARPER THAN ANY TWOEDGED SWORD, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** Looking into the scriptures carefully, one would see that a sword can symbolize war. The truth of the matter indeed is this, the world cannot be at peace because the new heavens and a new Earth is where we have been promised true peace, not here on Earth. In short, when people begin to hear the word peace and safety being promised by the

Antichrist, sudden destruction comes upon them.

**1 Thessalonians 5:3 KJV** For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. The peace The Lord is talking about here is not the one meant to be enjoyed by His own children **eternally,** but a temporary peace that can make those who stand for Him go back to stay with world if care is not taken. Therefore He did not come to send an eternal peace meant for the future on a temporary earth that would soon get devoured with fire. The Lord came to bring division between families, this division is one that His "**S-word**" will cause. His spoken and written Words would do the work it was sent. **Isaiah 55:11 KJV** So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

The moment this word cuts through the heart of a man, then his actions would begin to cause divisions because everything about him changes and would act in direct opposite to what the world expects. This was what happened to Apostle Paul, he had an encounter with The Word of God on his way to Damascus, immediately, those who had been his supporters in persecution rose against him and in many instances tried to kill him. That's the division of the **s-word** Christ sends is meant to do. **Acts 9:22-24 KJV** But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ. **[23]** And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him: **[24]** **B**ut their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him. **Luke 12:49 KJV** I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled? He said that he has come to set fire on the earth. And wished it's kindled already, this fire points to The Holy Spirit which later

manifested on the day of Pentecost and is still at work now.

By the statement The Lord Jesus Christ made, we see that He longed for every heart to be already ablaze with this fiery passion for God. Those who have received the fire would have that Godly passion for that which is good: a strong passion for the things of God. When that passion steps in, then division is inevitable in a family, because not all might receive the fire at once, so the s-word will divide those who receive the fiery passion from those who do not, and set them against each other. **Romans 8:5 KJV** For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

Those who are after the things of the flesh would find it hard to cope with those who have received this fiery passion for God: hence, division sets in, therefore, **Matthew 10:35 KJV** For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in

law. **Matthew 10:35 CEB** *I've come to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.* The Lord said a man would be against his father and daughter against her mother and vice versa. This extends beyond the family setting. A boss would be against his worker, a teacher against his student etc. There will be great contention because the spirit at work in them both has changed, as such, they cannot agree**. Amos 3:3 KJV** Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

The Spirit in the life of a child of God alone irritates the demons in the lives of the children of the devil, not to talk of where the Spirit is fiery and has brought about an undeniable and unwavering passion which gives no room for compromise. Ungodly siblings would stand against godly siblings; same with mother-in-laws against daughter-in-laws, the stand of those who would not compromise would cause serious conflict in their family, in fact, not only in the family now but also in the

church, she is now being penetrated into by the powers of darkness. There are many Judas' in the fold already who would lift up their heels against God's children. **Psalm 41:9 KJV** Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

The Lord says in **Matthew 10:36 KJV** And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. A man's foe "**shall be**", when that fire of rekindled passion begins to burn, then shall there be that division which spurs out of hatred. Naturally, once a person accepts Jesus Christ and moves with a powerful passion for Him in an unbelieving family, division must set in., Those Christians who are not attacked are those who are hiding and compromising. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself said division would set in, in as much as you have decided to stand for Him, because His ways are not their ways, and His will not theirs, they are contrary, as such, one would be severely antagonized by them. The moment one stands for the truth of the gospel

even right from one's household, enemies would spring up. The Lord is not One who would not tell you what to expect immediately you choose to follow Him, He said that you will face a lot even in your family, but the joy of it is that He will be with you; for His eyes are set upon the righteous, He does not not blink His eyes for once in watching over them.

Your confession of Him before men and being an ardent follower of Him will certainly bring offences because what you were doing with them before you'd stop it, those ways of lies, backbiting, hatred, bitterness you do show with them before, would stop and you'd always tell them how wrong it is, so they will stand against you. The division is of truth against the lie, love against hatred, righteousness against unrighteousness, holiness against unholiness but you should stand fast in what you have held unto and not be shaken, for The Lord said, **Matthew 10:32-33 KJV** **W**hosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. **[33]**

But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. It is better to stand with the Lord than to stand with the world. Because He knew what the outcome of such division would be, hence, He gave a stern warning to those who choose to be on His side.

**Matthew 10:37 KJV** He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. At this point, it is possible to be shaken in heart because of the division you are seeing and the serious antagonism you are facing, you prefer to choose your parents, siblings, friends, church members above Christ's by reclining from the things you hold unto concerning Him, as such, He said you'd be unworthy of Him. When these things begin to happen to us, we must persevere and not go back to join the way of Christ's enemies if we don't want to be rejected by Him on that final day. **Luke 14:26 KJV** If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife,

and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. In this verse, The Lord said it is a deep matter, He added and said, we should love Him than our own life, this is a serious matter.

It is when we hate even our own lives for His sake that we would not mind what people do or say to us, we'd only be concerned about what He says about us. It's unfortunate that many only follow Christ by mouth these days and at the sight of little persecution, they deny Him. The Lord said they are not worthy of Him; and can not be His disciples, we must be ready a times to face serious antagonism because of Him and should not weaver in our stand with Him. **1 Peter 3:12-14 KJV** For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil**. [13]** And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? **[14]** But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye : and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; If we

suffer for righteousness sake, He said happy are we, He said we should not be afraid of their terror, neither should we be troubled, which means they will try to terrorize us but He is with us.

**Matthew 10:38 KJV** And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He commands us to take up our cross and follow after Him. That means we should make a decision that partains to life and death to follow Him. Our decision for Him must be clear and firm, we cannot be two sided. Going into this book of **Matthew 10:21 KJV** And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. Even in this, we ought not to fear them but Him. We must remember that **Matthew 10:39 KJV** says He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. He said you trying to save your life will only cause you to lose it, which is more grievous, preserving one's life and saving

it on earth will only cause us to lose and destroy it; but losing it for His sake would help you find it, preserving it and saving it from the penalty of eternal death.

Do not seek to save that life of yours because of your present situation. **Luke 17:33 KJV** Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it. **Deuteronomy 6:5 KJV** And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. The Lord requires all from us, ALL our hearts, soul and might(power), our totality is to love Him than any other thing or anyone on earth. Brethren, are you facing a lot in your family, neighborhood, work places? You need to take your stand and love Christ, don't seek to save your lifeor your reputation, rather choose to stand for Christ no matter what happens. You will save it eternally.

Keep on preaching, keep warning, keep standing for Holiness and Righteousness, even if you are killed for it, you will save your soul

from eternal destruction. **Mark 8:35-37 KJV** For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. **[36]** For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? **[37]** Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? There is nothing that worths your soul on earth, why do you want to bend to their evil? You want to exchange your soul with the comfortability of this world? Think it well, there is nothing you can give in exchange of your soul.

This world is a sinful one, an adulterous one, that if you are not careful, you will think you are the one on the wrong way/path because of the multitude of those who are against the good, they make evil look good, and good evil; would you stand with such a generation as this? **Mark 8:38 KJV** Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory

of his Father with the holy angels. The Lord is coming soon, stand fast and firm, waiting. Very soon, all these would be over, may we not save our lives to lose it in Jesus Christ name.

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