

# Boldly tell them Jesus Saves

Today (as I write this article) it is being reported that a man was confronted by security guards at the Mall of America for wearing a t-shirt with “Jesus Saves” written upon it. “People are offended,” the security guards said, “So take it off, or leave the mall.” In the final outcome, the man was allowed to stay after the incident went viral on social media. As it turned out, more people were offended by the security guards than by the t-shirt.

Many years ago, I bought a thousand sign boards and began printing “Jesus Saves” on them with a message that led them to our web page. I posted them at intersections and along the highways wherever I found numerous “yard sale” signs posted, along with house sales and rental signs. I do not know of anyone offended by the yard sale signs, but there were certainly those offended when “Jesus Saves” signs began to appear in the same places.

The apostle Paul told the young man Timothy, “*God hath not given us the spirit of fear (timidity); but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner...*” II Timothy 1:7-8. Christian people have become so very timid and fearful that someone might be offended when we tell them the truth about Jesus Christ.

Christians often stand by as their friends and loved ones die in sin without the Savior, because they do not want to offend them. The sad truth is, all too often they are “ashamed” to speak of Jesus as the Savior from sin. The prophet Jeremiah dealt with the matter of “shame” in his writings to the people of Israel in his day.

*“For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace. Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.”* Jeremiah 6:13-15

It seems the prophet and the priest were ashamed, but those who committed abominations were not ashamed. Such is the condition of present day America. The LGBTQ+ community are not ashamed to get in your

face, while those who worship God are often hiding behind the four walls of the church building. Those who commit abominations have come out into the open, and we who profess to have the answer in Jesus Christ have retreated to the closets.

In the early days of our ministry, during the 1960s and 70s, we held street services in the parking lot of a Dunkin Donut store at a busy intersection in Houston, Texas. A woman was offended and would call out the police because we were “too loud and were disturbing her peace.” I visited her neighborhood which was a mile away and discovered that you could barely hear anything from our services. Her true offence was that we actually dared to preached the gospel of Jesus Christ outside the walls of the church.

Today, in many places across our nation, drag queens are brought in to read stories to our children and grandchildren at certain schools and libraries. Imagine the outcry in those same schools and libraries if someone would stand and begin to sing “Jesus saves, Jesus saves,” or to preach Jesus as the only savior from sin and the only way to God. The outrage would include charges of “bigotry, homophobia, and hate speech, all because someone loved the souls of people enough to speak the truth of Jesus Christ.

It is often said that God “loves the sinner, but hates their sin.” It is not only “their sin” God hates, but sin...period. Sin destroys souls, lives, families, nations, and civilizations. Sin is the venom of the “serpent” who visited humanity in the garden of Eden and brought the whole world into darkness. Sin is the thing Jesus Christ came, suffered, and died to take away out of the heart of those who trust in him.

With God, there is no difference between a “Christian” liar or fornicator and a drag queen, and I would be the chief of liars if I told you there was. Does that mean fornicators, liars, and drag queens will be in heaven? Such a thing will never be! God said, “*But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*” Revelation 21:8

Jesus still Saves  
...from all Sin.

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life” John 3:16.

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