

# THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

*"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..."* (Jude 3)  
**September 10, 2017**

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### **ELDERS**

Richard Price  
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Johnny Downs  
Josh Fulcher  
Josh Price  
Wesley Tucker

### **PREACHER**

Luke Puckett

### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

Bible Class: 9:30  
AM Worship: 10:15  
PM Worship: 1:00

### **WEDNESDAY**

Bible Class: 7:00pm

### **LADIES CLASS**

Will resume in  
the fall

## **THOSE TO SERVE**

### **Announcements:**

Josh Fulcher

### **Lead Singing:**

Wesley Tucker

### **Opening Prayer:**

Bill Vincent

### **Scripture Reading:**

Chris Smith

### **Lord's Table**

Nathia Whitley  
Kevin Smith  
Richard Jones  
Chris Smith

### **Closing Prayer:**

Johnny downs

### **Greeters (East)**

Richard and Rita

### **Greeters (West)**

Debbie and Vicki

### **LESSON**

**AM:** Bradley Smith

**Scripture reading:**

Philippians 2:5-8

**PM:** Bradley Smith

**Scripture reading:**

Genesis 6:14-16

## **A Message To Our Visitors**

It is our privilege to have you visiting with us today. Please know that you are our honored guest. Please let us get to know you, and fill out an attendance card so we can have record of you being here. Please return to be with us again at your earliest opportunity. If you have questions or would like to study the Bible with us, please let us know. Thanks again for visiting with us, and may God continue to bless you according to His divine purpose.

# WHY BEING JUDGED IS A GOOD THING

*By: Andy Brewer*

It's safe to say that in today's culture we, as a people, hate the idea of being judged. Anytime even the hint of judgment is felt you'll typically hear a barrage of statements like:

- "You can't judge me."
- "No one can judge me but God."
- "Doesn't the Bible say 'Judge not that ye be not judged?'"
- "What right do you have to judge me?"
- "Why do you have to be so judgmental?"
- "The world would be such a better place if we would love each other instead of judging one another."
- "Who do you think you are to judge me?"
- Ad nauseum...

Needless to say, most people don't like the idea of their actions being judged by another. I'm not sure there is anything that can infuriate some people faster. But why? I'm not convinced that being judged is a bad thing. Instead, I believe judgment is something that we should appreciate and embrace and I think when we take an honest look at it you will too.

## **What Does the Bible Say About Judgment?**

Is it true that judgment is always wrong all the time? You might be surprised to hear that the answer to that question is "no." Now, what is true is that Jesus condemned a particular type of judgment, but not judgment as a whole.

In Matthew 7:1 Jesus did say to "judge not, that ye be not judged." However, while many people stop there the conversation about judgment actually extends a bit further. In verse 2 Jesus gave a warning about judging like we would want to be judged and in verses 3-5 He went on to say that our most severe judgment should be directed toward ourselves. However, even implied in these verses, regarded as Jesus' only words on the matter, is the reality and need for judgment among us.

But contrary to popular belief, the first few verses of Matthew 7 weren't all Jesus ever had to say about judgment. Later in the very same chapter Jesus would go on to talk about judging a tree by its fruit as a metaphor for the way we should righteously judge each other (vs. 16-20). In John 7 Jesus condemned the Pharisees, not because they were judging someone for their actions, but because of the way they were judging someone for their actions; and in the midst of that conversation Jesus said this – "Judge not according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment" (John 7:24). Jesus actually told us to judge one another, but just to make sure that we judge based on substance and not just appearance.

In fact, it's the height of ignorance to say that we should never judge under any circumstances. If we can't judge one another then at the same time we can't perform some of our most basic functions as Christians:

- How can we know who to trust and not trust with our spiritual direction (1 John 4:1)?
- How can we know when to confront the guilty for their sins (Matthew 18:15-17; 1 Corinthians 5:1ff)?
- How can we know who to mark and avoid (Romans 16:17)?
- How can we warn others about wolves among us (2 John 9-11)?
- How can we know when we have Diotrophes type people around us (3 John 9-10)?
- How can we know who is in need of being saved from death (James 5:19-20)?

And to take it even a step further, if we can't Biblically judge the evil in one another's lives does that mean we can't judge what's good either? We never hear anybody condemn judgment when a person is being praised for their good works, only when they are being confronted for their mistakes and sins.

So essentially what I'm saying is that the idea of not being able to judge one another under any circumstance is unbiblical, unsustainable, and something in which it is impossible to be consistent.

## **So, Why Should I Consider Being Judged a Good Thing?**

Simply put, the reality of being judged, not only by God, but by our fellow man gives us two things that we desperately need: expectation and accountability. Most people don't like being judged because it implies that there is a standard they are supposed to be living by and they don't like the idea of a standard to which they will be held accountable. But expectation and accountability are not things we should hate and reject, but things that we should love and embrace. God's expectation is what's best for us here and eternally, and accountability by our friends, family, and brethren keeps us in the boundaries of those expectations walking in the light and enjoying fellowship with God and His people (1 John 1:7) so that we can look forward to eternity with hope.

Judgment, when administered properly, is an act of love. It's a statement by those around us that says we aren't doing what's right and they love us enough to confront us about it so we can make the necessary corrections to be better. So when we find ourselves in the seat of the judge or the judged let's remember what its purpose is and how it can and should enhance our lives.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ Kay Robertson (14th)

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## Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Leviticus
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 2 (**Johnny Downs**) meets today.
- ⇒ **Team workgroups:** To find out which team you are on, see the bulletin board.
- ⇒ **Area events:** Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings, singings, and Bible schools are coming up in our area.
- ⇒ **Personal invitation handouts** are available. Please make sure to take some and handout or leave with a tip, and invite someone to services.
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Oct 3rd at 6:30pm
- ⇒ **Singing and fellowship:** Saturday the 23rd at 6pm
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Cranberry Sauce
- ⇒ **Sick:** If you know someone who is sick, please get this information to your team leader or Luke.

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## Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Vicki Wilson
- ⇒ Grayson Fulcher (recovering from broken arm)
- ⇒ Josh Price (recovering from surgery)
- ⇒ Kim Scott
- ⇒ Kristen Scott
- ⇒ Sue Owczyk (Peggy N. sister)
- ⇒ Trish Puckett (underwent more knee surgery, home recovering)
- ⇒ Sonny McManus (Member at Seven Oaks, has colon cancer)
- ⇒ Paul Brandon
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Dennis Thomas (Judy Black's cousin, has throat cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Billy and Cindy Potts (Wesley's uncle and aunt have cancer)
- ⇒ Dean Chadwick (Tammy's mother)
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Continue to remember all those who have lost loved ones this year

## **WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**

Hear the Word  
*(Rom 10:17)*

Believe the Word  
*(John 8:24)*

Repent  
*(Luke 13:3)*

Confess Christ  
*(Rom 10:10)*  
*(Acts 8:37)*

Be Baptized  
*(Acts 2:38)*  
*(Acts 22:16)*

Remain Faithful  
*(Rev 2:10)*  
*(Acts 8:12-24)*

Heaven can be your home if you obey God!  
*(Heb 5:8-9)*

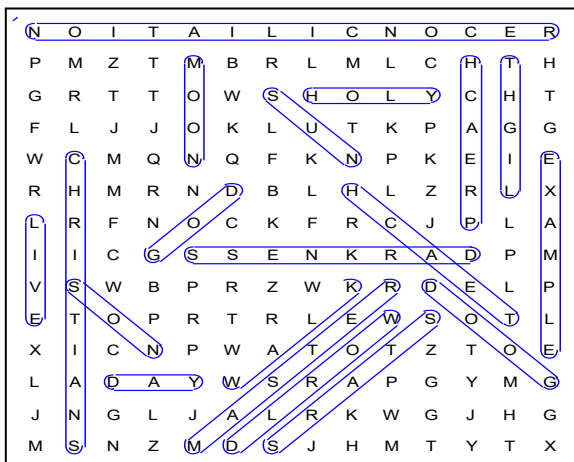
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| Junia      | Tryphosa  |
| Mary       | Urbanus   |



**Bible question:** What Israelite woman married an Egyptian and later saw their son stoned to death?

**Last week's question and answer:** Who said "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?"  
Answer: Goliath (1Samuel 17:43)

**Those answering:** Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy Newsome