

Message:

**What Was Meant to Defeat Us,
Can Deliver Us!**
PART FIVE
Demonization or Humanization

Scripture Text:

Matt 5, 7, 11, 12 - John 10, 15



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Announcements: Yard Sale, New Classes Coming On Wed & Tuesdays, Israel Course

Introduction: We Delegitimize, Demoralize, Devalue, Divide, Demonize and use Double Standards

- Part One:

1. Delegitimization: What is legitimate? People Are All Legit!

WE SHOULD: Find Our Legitimacy in Christ & Help others find their Legitimacy

Jeremiah 42:10 Matthew 5:1-20, 1 John 4:1-21

Love Legitimizes: What will you DO with what you have been given?

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- Part Two:

2. Demoralization: What is moral? What God Says Is Moral!

The Questions is what is or isn't moral. People are OFFENDED when morality is defined!

WE SHOULD: Turn to God & lead others to Hope in Christ!

We must repent of our evil ways and turn to God!

2 Timothy 3:1-17 (17). - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

WE SHOULD: Test all Things (according to the WORD) Hold to what is good! **THIS GIVES US HOPE!**

Hebrews 11:1, Ephesians 2:12, 1 Thessalonians 4:13, Romans 15:13, Colossians 1:27, Romans 15:4, Romans 8:24-25, Jeremiah 29:11, 1 Corinthians 13:13, 1 Corinthians 15:19, Proverbs 13:12, 1 Peter 3:15, Romans 12:12, 1 Peter 1:3, 1 Thessalonians 5:8, 1 Thessalonians 1:3, Ephesians 1:18, Romans 8:24, Romans 5:5, 1 Peter 1:13, Hebrews 10:23, Psalm 39:7, 1 John 3:3, Philippians 3:13-14, Proverbs 24:14, Psalm 71:14, Psalm 42:11

- Part Three

3. Devalue: Where do you find your value? Who Do You Value?

- Humanity has value through creation and eternal life?

WE SHOULD: Know the Value of Life. Yours and Others and Never Devalue it!

Proverbs 8:10-11, Matthew 13:44-52, Romans 12:1-21

*** Gold is found in dirt and rock! MORE DIRT THAN GOLD, MORE ROCK THAN DIAMONDS! What are You digging for?**

Philippians 2:1-11, Genesis 1:27, Psalm 139:13-14, Jeremiah 1:5, Luke 12:7, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Ephesians 2:10, 1 Peter 2:9, Luke 6:31, Romans 12:10, Matthew 25:40, John 15:9-13, Luke 10:27

- Part Four

4. Division: Are You a divider or a unifier?

WE SHOULD: Be Unifiers In Truth and Not Dividers! Proverbs 6. - Romans 16 - Ephesians 4

We Must Ask Ourselves: Am I The Unifying Voice? Or the Dividing Voice? _____

Am I Unifying From a Place of Victory In Christ Jesus or Victim Hood? _____

Part 5 - Demonization: What Is Good and What Is Evil?

DEF. :to portray (someone or something) as evil or as worthy of contempt or blame : VILIFY

To show someone beyond restoration, not worthy of forgiveness, unable to be rehabilitated.

This makes for hopelessness, uselessness w/no value & places all blame on that person. A Step In The Process of Dehumanization.

Intro: How Can We Love Someone So Much & Then It Changes?

- Why do we demonize people: We blame shift, redirect

*** Have You Been Demonized? Have You Demonized Someone?**

1. They Demonized Jesus, Making Him Evil, Unworthy!

-Matthew 11:18-19 - Matthew 12:22-32

2. Everyone Has Hope For Restoration Until The Very End

Matthew 12:31- 32

3. Shake It Off- When They Spoke Evil of Jesus He Just Shook It Off!

The Fruit of Your Life Will Prove Who You Are! John 10:17-21

4. A Greater Calling, A Calling To Grow Up/Mature, A Call to Humanize

Matthew 5:43-48

We are all sinners and have fallen short of God's standard ([Romans 3:9-20](#); [1 John 1:8](#); [Ecclesiastes 7:20](#); [Psalm 14:2-3](#)).

[Second Corinthians 5:21](#)

5. What If We Humanized Our Worst Enemies?

Demonizing, Dehumanizing or Humanizing People: What If We Began To Give People Every Benefit of Doubt, Restoration & Hope

Closing: What If We Stopped Being The Victim

What if We Started Loving and forgiving Our Enemies!

Matthew 7:15-20, John 15:1-27 - GOD THE FATHER IS THE HUSBANDMAN, HE PRUINS!

Coming Up In This Series:

6. Double Standards: What standards do you choose to live by?

7. How Do We Defeat the Big D's and Find Deliverance, DO WE HAVE A RIGHT TO JUDGE OR AN OBLIGATION TO?

What did I LEARN most? _____

How will I LIVE out what I Learned? _____

How can I GIVE it, or help someone else with what I have learned? _____

I Choose to be a Life-Giver, This Week In This Way? _____