

What “Hyp” are you?

Our God-given 1st Amendment Right

Power in our words

1 Peter 3:8-22

- “Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For, “Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech.” 1 Peter 3:8-10
- Deceit vs. Deceive
 - Deceit is the noun for the act of practice of deceiving
 - Deceive is the verb form meaning to trick or mislead someone into believing something false
- People like to speak their
- Don't think of the consequences

Spiritual Guardrails

Genesis: Eat the forbidden fruit

- Who is the author of deceit?
- Be on Guard:
 - Content intake
 - Friendships
 - Influences
- Iron sharpens iron
 - Bad company makes us Dull

Who is bad company?

- Anyone who is not Biblically aligned...
 - Spiritually uneven
 - Friends
 - Co-workers
 - Family...etc

Unequally Yoked

1 Corinthians 5:5

- “Hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord”
- Sometimes we need some tough love.
- Love them, yes
- Pray? Absolutely
- But be on guard and stay yoked with the holy spirit and those who sharpen you, not dull you.
- Be the best example of Christ you can be

Differences in values

Love vs. Hate

- Differences in reactions to life events.
- Matthew 12: Jesus Heals a blind man.
 - Amazement and awe
 - Disdain
 - Jesus calls out the “experts”, the priests, the pharisees
 - Matthew 12:24,34-35

Character

Do you actions match?

- Becareful of “Do as I say, not as I do.”
- Our actions and our words shape the perception.
- Jesus addresses the Pharisees in Matthew chapter 23: 25-28
 - Jesus is calling them out
 - Using his passionate voice.
 - Jesus is trying to speak to their heart
 - Heart: Hear: Ear:

Change the Perception

How?

- How do we fix the hypocrisy perception?
- Read the word of God
- Study the word of God
- Apply the word of God...
- Psalms 119:1-3
 - “Blessed are those whos ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord. Blessed are those who his statutes and seek him with all their heart=they do no wrong but follow his ways.”

Change the Perception

How?

- We are not perfect
- Romans 3:23 confirms that
- Doesn't mean we get to keep sinning
- Psalms 119:9-12..."I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."
- Get into the word

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How?

- 1 Peter 3:11-12 “They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil”
- Always sick? Seek his face, seek peace and pursue it.
- God desires a relationship with us. He is not a genie.
- How healthy would your personal relationships be in we treated our spouse like we treat God.
- We need to be like 1 Thess 5:16-18

Be prepared to answer

Passionate and gentle

- 1 Peter 3:13-15 “who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened. But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,”
- Control your passion keep your flesh at bay.
- We are instructed share our Hope, our Joy, where our love and salvation comes from.

My Hope

Is in you

- Psalms 39:7 “ But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you.”
- Why Jesus is our Hope?
- My hope lies in Jesus Christ, who came to Earth, lived a sinless life, was rejected, beaten, crucified as the sacrificial lamb, was raised three days later, ascended into heaven, and redeemed us by his blood.
- We can add more 1 Thess 4:16-18 & Acts 1:11
- Hope simplified: I am saved through the blood of Jesus Christ.

What is our Mission?

Preach the Good news and make disciples

- 1 Peter 3:15-18 “But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.”
- Charlie Kirk, Had answers ready immediately. His impact in the community, the nation, globally, and ultimately for the kingdom of God are felt throughout.
- Stark differences in reaction to his death
- He welcomed conversation and received gratitude while others hurled insults

How do we handle insults?

Do we respond how Jesus did?

- Luke 23:34 “Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”...And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.”
- 1 Peter 3:17-20 “For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water,”

He is Risen

Our Blessed Hope

- Jesus died and went to preach to those who died prior to him coming to earth.
- Our hope is
- He is seated at the right hand of the father
- Interceding for us
- Forever we will be with him praising his name, praising the father, forever He is glorified.

Conclusion

His blood redeems us

- 1 Peter 3:20-22...were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.”
- Don't judge. We have all sinned. John 8:7 “When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”
- Today is #backtochurch & Charlie Kirk funeral

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- We can either user in a fresh revival, take no action and let it pass by, or through poor perception cause a retreat.
- We live in a world that says, *'I can say whatever I want'*, but God's Word reminds us that our speech, our actions, and our character reveal whether we are hypocrites or truly hyper for Christ. 1 Peter 3 calls us to be like-minded, compassionate, humble, and to repay evil with blessing. If we surround ourselves with bad company, allow deceit to creep in, or live double lives, we give the enemy a foothold. But when we root ourselves in God's Word, pursue peace, and live with the hope of Christ's return, our lives become a testimony of grace and truth. So today, the challenge is simple: don't just claim your God-given rights—live and walk in what Gods calling.for your life. Let your life show the world that your hope, your voice, and your future are in Jesus Christ alone.