

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning 2-26-23
Christianity 101 – Message 27 Part 6
“Why have you done this?”

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back: At Joshua's life...

- 1) Mentors can make a difference – it is more than words spoken; it is your life on display!
- 2) Little things can turn out to be big blessings or result in tragic consequences.
- 3) Your testimony can reach further than you know –
- 4) **Joshua's** parting charge – be careful, the culture can suck you in.
 - a) Idol – someone or something that occupies the place of God in your life.

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) Joshua gave the same counsel to the Israelites **that** God gave to him.
- 2) Joshua's final words – Joshua 23:1-2, 11-16
- 3) Interesting situation – there is no leader appointed by God that we can find here.

2. **Battle's** are won in obedience: Judges 1:1-8

a. It is a good thing to ask the Lord. Judges 1:1

- 1) **“The Israelites asked the Lord”** – Man is talking with God. God is answering!
- 2) God said – **“Go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand.”**
- 3) Their victories – verses 8-11, 17-18

b. Faith is growing:

- 1) Faith can grow as we walk, live and are obedient each day.

c. Never forget – we were Won in Obedience:

- 1) Philippians 2:5-8

d. Others obeyed as well:

- 1) **“the house of Joseph”** part of Ephraim and some of Manasseh obey. Judges 1:22-26

3. Blessings are forfeited in disobedience: Judges 1:21, 27-36

a. What did God say?

- 1) All the inhabitants of the Promised Land were to be driven out.

b. What were they thinking?

- 1) Benjamin, Ephraim, Manasseh, Zebulun, Asher, Naphtali and Dan did not obey.

c. The Angel of the Lord appears: Judges 2:1-5

- 1) This is Jesus –

- a) Verse 1 – God reminds them –
- b) Verse 2 – God reminds them –
- c) Verse 2 – God asks – **“Why have you done this?”**
- d) Verse 3 – God will not drive them out – they will become a thorn to you.

- 2) Application – Some might be thinking **– what's** the big deal here?

- a) Our society today is very “Pluralistic” –
- b) A theme of our day may be “tolerance” – but is it?
- c) What is God's plan for us today?

d. We must be light in the darkness:

- 1) II Corinthians 6:14-17 – What do you see here?
- 2) The key for believers – Verse 17 – “separate”
 - a) Separation from evil – seen in our behavior.
 - b) Dedication to the service of God – seen by what we say no to.
- 3) Danger of not obeying this truth –

4. Today's Take Away:

- a. There is a way that seems right unto man but the end... Proverbs 14:12

- 1) The Bible points out this dangerous way:
 - a) James 4:4 – Friendship with the world
 - b) James 1:27 – Spotted by the world.
 - c) I John 2:15 – Love the world.
 - d) Romans 12:2 – Conformed to the world.