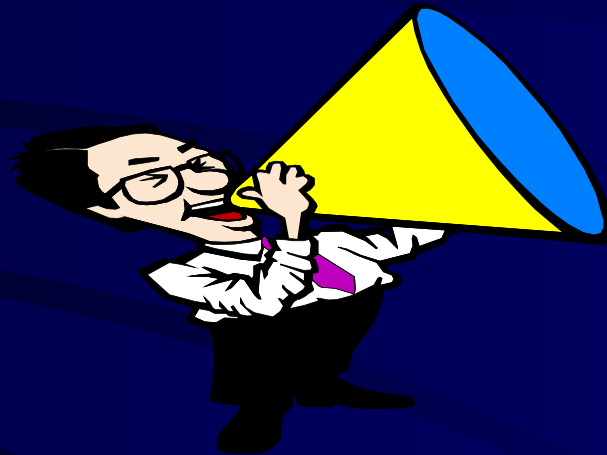


The Christian way is
not the Religious way



Sunday 9th February 2020

Introduction Sermon on the Mount

SOTM: Matthew Chapters 5 to 7

Two contrasts:

Matt 5v14 - Two Lights

Matt 5v17 - Two ways of fulfilling the Law

Matt 6v12 - Two people praying

Matt 7v13 - Two gates

Matt 7v17 - Two Trees

Matt 7v24 - Two Houses

One leads to destruction the other is the true way

One is the Religious way

One is the Christian way

Christianity is Different to Religion

1 It's ATTRACTIVE

2 It's Adoptive

3 It's Accomplished

Christianity is Attractive

Matt 5v14 'You are the light of
the world

Matt 5v15 No one after lighting a
lamp puts it under a bowl'

- Christian lights the room
- Christian is **attractive** and **attracted to the world**
- Religion is not attractive to world; feel condemned
- **Religion not attracted** to those who **disagree** with them

Christianity is Adoptive

Matt 5v16 'Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

- Christian serves because they're adopted in God's family
- Christian is **Salt** and **Light**
- Salt preserves, protects
- **Salt is tasty**
- **Religion not so tasty!**

Christianity is Distinctive because it is Accomplished

Matt 5v17 'Do not think I have come to abolish the Law or the prophets; I have come NOT to abolish them but to fulfil them'

Jesus said 'It is Finished' meaning 'It is accomplished.'

- Religious Phsrisees 'did' the law (635 of them)
- Matt 5v20 'unless your righteousness exceeds that of the Pharisees'
- **Jesus accomplished the law and In Him we obtain mercy**
- **Religion is Do Do Do Do**
- **Christianity is about what he has 'Done'**