

STAND UP FOR JESUS

We sing the song, “Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross...” This is a song with a great deal of meaning in the words we sing. Perhaps we sing a better religion than we practice. Why should we stand up for Jesus? We need a reason or reasons to do what we are asked to do. I would think we would stand up for Jesus because he is deity. Notice the first chapter of John (vss.1, 14, 17, 29, 49, 51). Also John 11:25f; 12:48; 14:6; Col. 1:27). Paul said in I Cor. 10:31, do all to the glory of God. Let’s notice some areas that we need to stand up for Jesus.

I. Stand Up for the Gospel of Christ.

A. I Cor. 15:1-4

1. Romans 1:14-16
2. Acts 20;24, 27,32
3. I Thess. 2:4
4. II Cor. 4:3

B. In an effort to grow many churches have gone far beyond the command of Christ given in Matt. 28

1. Instead of carrying out these orders we are tempted to poll the people, see what they want, and give it to them.
2. This makes sense in the business world, but salvation and business are different matters altogether.

II. Stand up for the Name of Christ.

A. Greatest name—Jesus Christ.

1. Proverbs 22:1—good name
2. Acts 11:26
3. Acts 26:28
4. I Pet. 4:16

B. Isaiah 62:2—after Gentiles

1. James 2:7
2. III John 7
3. Acts 4:12

III. Stand up for the Church of Christ.

A. People today are ashamed of the church

1. Romans 16:16
2. Matthew 16:18
3. Acts 20:28
4. Ephesians 5:25
5. Colossians 1:18

B. Here’s precisely the problem with the market-oriented, user-friendly, pragmatic approach to ministry; it is man-centered, not God-centered.

1. It’s concern is what people desire, not what God demands.
2. It sees the church as existing for people’s sake rather than for God’s sake.
3. It works from a faulty blueprint rather than fulfilling the plan of the Master Builder.

C. Authority in the name –

1. Col. 3:17
2. Matthew 28:18

D. One Body –Eph. 4

1. I Cor. 12:20
2. II Cor. 11:12
3. Eph. 1:22,23

IV. Stand up for the Commandments of Christ.

- A. If Jesus has all authority, and the scriptures state that he does, it stand to reason that we should obey and stand up for His commandments.
 - 1. John 14:15
 - 2. John 15:12-14
 - 3. Luke 6:46
 - 4. I John 5:3
 - 5. John 12:48
- V. Stand Up for the Salvation in Christ.
 - A. Plan of Salvation
 - 1. Hear–Rom. 10:17; Acts 18:8
 - 2. Believe–John 3:16; Mk. 16:16
 - 3. Repent–Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30,31
 - 4. Confess--Rom.10:9,10; Acts 8:37
 - 5. Baptize–Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; I Pet. 3:21
 - B. Heb. 5:8,9
 - C. Galatians 3:26,27
- VI. Stand up for the Example of Christ.
 - A. Heb. 4:15
 - 1. I Pet. 2:22
 - 2. II Pet. 1:16
 - 3. I Cor. 11:1
 - B. We must develop the attitude of Jesus.
 - 1. John 8:29–I always do what is pleasing to him.
 - 2. Gal. 1:10–please God, not men.
 - C. We want to act too much like the world today.
 - 1. Live, act, talk, dress, behave like the world.
 - 2. “Are we worldly when we do not think a thing about dumping \$1,000 or more on a vacation, but we would not even fathom the idea of doubling our contribution on a given 5th. Sunday to support a mission work?”
 - 3. Be not fashioned by the world (Rom. 12:1,2).
 - 4. Be not a lover of the world (I Jo. 2:15-17).
 - 5. Be not stained by the world (Jam. 1:27).
 - 6. Mark 4:19–cares of this world.
 - 7. We are to be salt and light (Matt. 5:13-16).

Con: Stand up, stand up for Jesus.... Are you doing that?