## WILL YOU CHOOSE TO FOLLOW HIM?

- Matthew 4:18-22 18 Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 19 And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. 21 Going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. NASU
- Matthew 4:18–22 (LBLA) 18 Y andando junto al mar de Galilea, vio a dos hermanos, Simón, llamado Pedro, y Andrés su hermano, echando una red al mar, porque eran pescadores. 19 Y les dijo\*: Seguidme, y yo os haré pescadores de hombres. 20 Entonces ellos, dejando al instante las redes, le siguieron. 21 Y pasando de allí, vio a otros dos hermanos, Jacobo, hijo de Zebedeo, y Juan su hermano, en la barca con su padre Zebedeo, remendando sus redes, y los llamó. 22 Y ellos, dejando al instante la barca y a su padre, le siguieron

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"The best argument for Christianity is Christians: their joy, their certainty, their completeness.

But the strongest argument against Christianity is also Christians--when they are sombre and joyless, when they are self-righteous and smug in complacent consecration, when they are narrow and repressive, then Christianity dies a thousand deaths.

• Acts 10:34 (KJV) Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

• Acts 10:34 (LBLA) — 34 Entonces Pedro, abriendo la boca, dijo: Ciertamente ahora entiendo que Dios no hace acepción de personas,

- Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
- Galatians 3:28 (LBLA) 28 No hay judío ni griego; no hay esclavo ni libre; no hay hombre ni mujer; porque todos sois uno en Cristo Jesús.

• 2 Corinthians 5:16 (NASB) Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer.

• 2 Corinthians 5:16 (LBLA) De manera que nosotros de ahora en adelante ya no conocemos a nadie según la carne; aunque hemos conocido a Cristo según la carne, sin embargo, ahora ya no le conocemos así.

• Philippians. 2:14-15 (NASB-U) Do all things without grumbling or disputing; [15] so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world

• Philippians 2:14–15 (LBLA) — 14 Haced todas las cosas sin murmuraciones ni discusiones, 15 para que seáis irreprensibles y sencillos, hijos de Dios sin tacha en medio de una generación torcida y perversa, en medio de la cual resplandecéis como luminares en el mundo,

### HE IS GOD

- John 1:1-3
- John 14:6
- John 14:9
- Colossians 1:15-18 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. 17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. 18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. NASU

## HE IS LOVE AND HIS DESIRE IS FOR YOU AND ME

- Ecclesiastes 7:20 20 Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins. ESV
- Ecclesiastes 7:20 NCV 20 Surely there is not a good person on earth who always does good and never sins.
- Ecclesiastes 7:20 (LBLA) 20 Ciertamente no hay hombre justo en la tierra que haga el bien y nunca peque.

• 1 John 1:8-10 - 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ESV

• 1 John 1:8–10 (LBLA) — 8 Si decimos que no tenemos pecado, nos engañamos a nosotros mismos y la verdad no está en nosotros. 9 Si confesamos nuestros pecados, Él es fiel y justo para perdonarnos los pecados y para limpiarnos de toda maldad. 10 Si decimos que no hemos pecado, le hacemos a Él mentiroso y su palabra no está en nosotros.

# Romans 3:10 – "There is none righteous, not even one."

Romans 3:10 (LBLA) — 10 como está escrito: NO HAY JUSTO, NI AUN UNO;

Psalm 14:1 (NASB95) — 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds; There is no one who does good.

Psalm 14:1 (LBLA) — I El necio ha dicho en su corazón: No hay Dios. Se han corrompido, han cometido hechos abominables; no hay quien haga el bien.

Psalm 103:14 (NASB-U) For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust.

Psalm 103:14 (LBLA) — 14 Porque Él sabe de qué estamos hechos, se acuerda de que somos solo polvo.

- Romans 5:6-10 (NASB-U) For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. [7] For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. [8] But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. [9] Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. [10] For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.
- Romans 5:6–10 (LBLA) 6 Porque mientras aún éramos débiles, a su tiempo Cristo murió por los impíos. 7 Porque a duras penas habrá alguien que muera por un justo, aunque tal vez alguno se atreva a morir por el bueno. 8 Pero Dios demuestra su amor para con nosotros, en que siendo aún pecadores, Cristo murió por nosotros. 9 Entonces mucho más, habiendo sido ahora justificados por su sangre, seremos salvos de la ira de Dios por medio de Él. 10 Porque si cuando éramos enemigos fuimos reconciliados con Dios por la muerte de su Hijo, mucho más, habiendo sido reconciliados, seremos salvos por su vida.

• <u>2 Peter 3:9</u> - (NASB-U) The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

• 1 Timothy 2:4 - who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

- Colossians 1:19-22 19 For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, 20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven. 21 And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, 22 yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—NASU
- Colossians 1:19–22 (LBLA) 19 Porque agradó al Padre que en Él habitara toda la plenitud, 20 y por medio de Él reconciliar todas las cosas consigo, habiendo hecho la paz por medio de la sangre de su cruz, por medio de Él, repito, ya sean las que están en la tierra o las que están en los cielos. 21 Y aunque vosotros antes estabais alejados y erais de ánimo hostil, ocupados en malas obras, 22 sin embargo, ahora Él os ha reconciliado en su cuerpo de carne, mediante su muerte, a fin de presentaros santos, sin mancha e irreprensibles delante de Él,

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