

# I Quit: Churchianity

MATTHEW 15:1-20 (p. 680)

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Message 1

PRAY • I AM A QUITTER -> QUIT GOING TO CHURCH // REALIZED IT'S LIKE A SCRIPT

Actor = **Hypocrite**

HYPOCRISY IS A PROBLEM THESE DAYS • "LOOK LIKE HEAVEN, LIVE LIKE HELL"

[Jesus:] These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

Matthew 15:8

WE HATE HYPOCRISY TOO, JUST MORE IN OTHERS • BUT IT'S EVERYWHERE (CREDIT CARDS) • QUIT!

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

Proverbs 4:23

CHURCHIANITY: FOLLOWING THE SCRIPT OF CHURCH TRADITIONS RATHER THAN FOLLOWING JESUS.

What is Churchianity?

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Churchianity is:

- ▶ **Heartless worship**
- ▶ **Human teaching**

HOW CLOSE TO HOME? HAVE YOU CONFUSED CHURCHIANITY FOR FOLLOWING JESUS?  
SOMETIMES THE CHURCH'S FAULT • SOMETIMES YOUR FAULT

How to Quit

Matthew 15:10-20

- ▶ **Leave** the Churchians (for Jesus)
- ▶ **Watch** your **heart**

Your Options

- ▶ Quit going to **church**.
- ▶ Quit going to the **wrong church**.
- ▶ Quit **simply going** to **church**.

QUIT CHURCH • QUIT THE WRONG CHURCH • QUIT \_\_ GOING TO \_\_ CHURCH • I QUIT \_\_ GOING \_\_ IN '96

The Secret to Quitting (next page)

Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

John 11:25

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

Mark 16:6-7

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

Romans 8:11

It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he'll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself? When God lives and breathes in you (and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus), you are delivered from that dead life. With his Spirit living in you, your body will be as alive as Christ's!

Romans 8:11 MSG

NOTHING ELSE GIVES LIFE, NO ONE ELSE GIVES LIFE, NO SCRIPT GIVES LIFE.  
QUIT WHAT DOESN'T GIVE LIFE AND RECEIVE THE ONE WHO GIVES LIFE.

THROW IN THE TOWEL --> DENY YOURSELF --> GIVE YOUR HEART --> RESURRECTION POWER