

Practical Lessons – Part 1

Talking about music, it's meaning and our lessons



Do you accept Jesus Christ as the Son of God? How about His Word? In this lesson we will be talking about both of these, but in a different way than our other lessons.

We have talked a lot about the Bible and what it is. Now we will be taking a mid-term test of sorts to discuss what you've learned.

Hopefully applying it to talk about how Christ has spoken to us and what that means to us in our daily lives.

We like to say that America is a very free place, yet Christ refers to freeing us from slavery. What could that possibly mean to us as free Americans? Are we enslaved?

John 8:34 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin

John 8:35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever

John 8:36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

If we are, then who has the answer? There are a lot of confused people who listen to popular music for some answers. Lets talk a little about one artist, Marilyn Manson and some words from some of his music

Misery Machine - Marilyn Manson

Man in the front got a sinister grin, careen down **highway 666**

We wanna go, crush the slow, as the pitchfork bends the needles grow

My arms are wheels, my legs are wheels, my blood is pavement

We're gonna ride to the abbey of the ema, to the abbey of the ema

Blood is pavement

The grill in the front is my sinister grin, bugs in my teeth make me sick sick sick

The objects may be larger than they appear in the mirror

My arms are wheels, my legs are wheels, my blood is pavement

We're gonna ride to the abbey of the ema, to the abbey of the ema

Blood is pavement

When you ride you're ridden, when you ride you're ridden

I am fueled by filth and fury

Do what I will, I will hurry there, there

My arms are wheels, my legs are wheels, my blood is pavement

Blood is pavement

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What are your thoughts about anything in these words?

What is “cool” about them? We all may feel at times like we want people to pay attention to us, and being loud and vulgar will may get people to do that.

If we get attention by being loud and others get more attention to being louder, what do we have to do to get more attention than them?

We may get caught in needing to be louder in more and different ways, always having to do more. Could we become “slaves” to that need? Why or why not?

What is the Answer?

If we search the New Testament for the word love, we will find it 299 times. Why would one word appear so many times?

What do you think Jesus means in this verse?

John 15:17 This I command you, to love one another.

John 15:18 "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.

John 15:19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

Romans 12:9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;

Romans 12:10 love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

Think about these verses and others that we have read. How are they different from what Marilyn Manson has to say? Many of Marilyn’s fans profess a love of Satan himself. What would either Romans 12:9 or 12:10 say about this?

How are some of the things you hear in music on the radio different than what we discuss from the Bible? Think of something specific and write it down.

Is all music you hear bad? The answer should probably be no, but we must put a lot of thought into what we are hearing. Satan is alive and well in the world, and as Christians he would like nothing better than to take you away from your Christian salvation.

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If you turn your back on Jesus Christ, what is the alternative to eternal life?



Revelation 20:15 and if any one's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

Revelation 20:7 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Revelation 20:8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, as for murderers, fornicators, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their lot shall be in the lake that burns with fire and sulphur, which is the second death."

As Christians we need to think about this in everything we do.

It is also fair to say that because something (like rude music) is not looked down on by society, that doesn't mean that we as Christians give in to it.

Psalm 9:15 The nations have sunk in the pit which they made; in the net which they hid has their own foot been caught.

Psalm 69:5 O God, You know my foolishness; And my sins are not hidden from You.

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