

## Ezekiel 33:30-32

*"As for you, son of man, the children of your people are talking about you beside the walls and in the doors of the houses; and they speak to one another, everyone saying to his brother, 'Please come and hear what the word is that comes from the LORD.' So they come to you as people do, they sit before you as My people, and they hear your words, but they do not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their hearts pursue their own gain. Indeed you are to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not do them.*

On Sunday morning, do you regret having to go to church? Does it become a chore more than a privilege or a joy to go to church? Maybe you sit there each week pretending everything is ok when it's not. Putting on your Sunday best to put on a show for others, so they will think you are a good Christian. But as soon as church is over, you can't wait to get back to your usual life of sin.

Or maybe you go to church to feel good about what you have done all week. Do you think that by going to church that you're all right with God, and that He will forgive you?

I know these are harsh words, but there are some of you that really need to hear them. As you may know by my teachings, I am not always a "make you feel good" type of teacher. God's word and the truth of God's word cannot be watered down to make others feel good.

Anyone can go to church, but everyone that goes to church will not be going to heaven. That's a sad fact, but it's also the truth. Going to church and trying to look good to others or God does not save you or even pardon your sins. Only by having a relationship with Jesus Christ will you be saved. And you don't need to be at church to have that relationship with Jesus. In fact to have a relationship with Jesus is something you do 24/7. 24 hours a day 7 days a week not just on Sunday, or even Wednesday if you so choose to go then as well.

Maybe you do feel good about going to church, but the cleanness you feel goes away before the day is over, or maybe you don't even make it to lunch when you feel that emptiness and dirtiness again. We are all sinners and fall short of the glory of God. But thanks be to God we are forgiven through His Son Jesus Christ.

✠ **1 Cor 15:57** *But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

So stop the showing or pretending like you're ok on Sunday, and come to reality. That reality is that you are a sinner, and the only way to heaven is through Jesus Christ!

Once you do that, you will find joy in going to church on Sunday, and spending time with Jesus the rest of the week too!

† **Psalm 63:7** *Because you are my helper, I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings.*