

## Tough Questions – Part 3

*Why Has the Church Acted So Unlike Jesus?*

July 20, 2008

### The Problem:

How should followers of Jesus respond to this question?

**1. “You’re Right: We’ve missed the mark” (Revelation)**

⇒ “But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”

(1 Peter 3:15)

**2. “We’re Sorry” (Repentance)**

⇒ “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” (Matthew 4:17).

⇒ “Confess your sins to one another ...” (James 5:16).

Three Parts to Repentance:

1. Feeling it
2. Saying it
3. Changing it

**3. “We Need Christ” (Regeneration)**

⇒ “No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again” (John 3:3-5).

⇒ “But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior.” (Titus 3:4-6)

**4. “We’ll Grow Up” (Sanctification)**

⇒ “Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in him...” (Colossians 2:6).

### Questions to Consider:

1. Have you embraced God’s standard?
2. Are you living a lifestyle of repentance and confession?
3. Have you experienced the power of a new birth from Jesus?
4. Are you growing in Jesus? Who is helping you?

### A Final Challenge:

## Tough Questions – Part 3

*Why Has the Church Acted So Unlike Jesus?*

July 20, 2008

### The Problem:

How should followers of Jesus respond to this question?

**1. “You’re Right: We’ve missed the mark” (Revelation)**

⇒ “But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”

(1 Peter 3:15)

**2. “We’re Sorry” (Repentance)**

⇒ “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” (Matthew 4:17).

⇒ “Confess your sins to one another ...” (James 5:16).

Three Parts to Repentance:

1. Feeling it
2. Saying it
3. Changing it

**3. “We Need Christ” (Regeneration)**

⇒ “No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again” (John 3:3-5).

⇒ “But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior.” (Titus 3:4-6)

**4. “We’ll Grow Up” (Sanctification)**

⇒ “Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in him...” (Colossians 2:6).

### Questions to Consider:

1. Have you embraced God’s standard?
2. Are you living a lifestyle of repentance and confession?
3. Have you experienced the power of a new birth from Jesus?
4. Are you growing in Jesus? Who is helping you?

### A Final Challenge: