



The Reason We Need Jesus as Lord and Savior

Matthew 5:21-30

- 1) The mind of every person exposes a murderer at heart, guilty before God
 - a) Selfish, unrighteous anger is tantamount to murder
 - b) Insulting one born in God's image evidences a murderous heart
 - c) Bitter name-calling reveals a desire to shed blood
- 2) The thoughts of every human reveal an adulterous infidel
 - a) Those who simply stare with lustful intent commit adultery
 - b) Those who desire what is not theirs covet what they do not possess
- 3) There is hope for murderers & adulterers in the blood of Jesus Christ
 - a) By receiving Christ by faith we are cleansed from all our sins
 - b) Murder in the mind is rectified by seeking peace with those we hate
 - i) Have you offended someone? Immediately seek their forgiveness
 - ii) Are you being sued? Seek to pay damages
 - c) Adultery in the mind must be checked and monitored daily
 - i) Flee lustful desires (1 Cor. 6:18); pursue righteousness (2 Tim. 2:22)
 - ii) Think righteous things (Phil. 4:8)
 - iii) Mortify deeds of flesh; live by the Spirit (Rom. 8:13)
 - iv) Work out your salvation... (Phil. 2:12-13)
 - d) Value your relationships and seek to nurture them
 - e) Honor your purity and strive to guard it