



## The Grave Importance of Our Words

### Matthew 12:33-37

- 1) To be saved, we must confess Jesus as God  
(John 5:36; 14:11; cf. 10:25, 37-38)
- 2) Our true identity in Christ is manifested in our actions & words  
(33; cf. 7:15-20; Jn 15:4-7)
- 3) Those who hate Christ are as dangerous as snakes (34)
  - a) They knowingly deny what is true (cf. John 8:44)
  - b) They deceive and take folks by surprise
  - c) Nothing they say is worth listening to
- 4) Believers speak decent words (34b-35; cf. 1 Sam 24:13; Isa. 32:6; Eph 4:29; Jas 3:2-12)
- 5) All of our careless words will be judged (36-37)
  - a) Antithesis of encouraging or worshipping words
  - b) NOT casual words about daily life
  - c) Cursing, lying, destruction, flattery, vulgarity, hatred, gossip, course jesting
  - d) Believers will be held accountable (cf. 2 Cor. 5:10)
  - e) Unbelievers will be judged (Rev. 20:11-15)
- 6) God removes all our sins when we confess Jesus Christ as Lord  
(Rom. 10:9-10)
  - a) Saved by grace, through faith, unto works (Eph 2:8-10)
  - b) Seek to bridle your tongue (Jas. 1:26)
  - c) Season your speech with salt (Col. 4:6)
  - d) True salvation leads to "obedience... by word and deed"  
(Rom. 15:18)