

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
MATTHEW 9:10-13
JUNE 12, 2019

INTRODUCTION:

1. A tax collector named Matthew is called to be a disciple of Jesus. (Matt. 9.9)
 - a) After being called, Jesus went to his house for a meal. (Matt. 9.10)
 - b) Jesus was joined by “*many tax collectors and sinners*” (Matt. 9.10; Mark 2.15).
 - c) The scribes and Pharisees: “*complained... ‘Why do you eat with tax collectors and sinners?’*” (Luke 5.30). **MATTHEW 9.11:** “*Why does your Teacher...?*”
2. Jesus teaches a lesson on attitude: “*I desire mercy and not sacrifice*” (Matt. 9.13)

I. THE ATTITUDE OF THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES

A. Christians are to be separated from the world.

1. **1 CORINTHIANS 1.2:** “*to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints*”
 - a) “Sanctified” and “Saint” are cognates of the word “*hagios*” meaning “holy, separated, set apart.” (Rev. 4.8; Acts 3.14; 2.4)
 - b) We are called for the purpose of becoming holy. (1 Thess. 4.7)
 2. **1 CORINTHIANS 6.11:** “*And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified...*”
 3. **2 CORINTHIANS 6.17:** “*Therefore ‘Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.’*”
- B. We are to be separated from the world, but not the people of the world. (1 Cor. 5.9,10)
1. We are to be holy in our conduct. (1 Pet. 1.14-16; Eph. 5.11)
 2. Can we marry those who are not Christians? (1 Cor. 7.12,13.16; 1 Pet. 3.1)
 3. Can we socialize with those who are not Christians? (Mark 2.15; 1 Cor. 10.27)
 4. Are there times when we should not be in the company of an unbeliever?
 - a) When their influence on us is greater than our influence on them. (1 Cor. 15.33)
 - b) When their behavior changes our behavior. (Prov. 22.24)

II. THE ATTITUDE OF JESUS CHRIST

A. Jesus references our condition.

1. **MATTHEW 9.12:** “*When Jesus heard that, He said to them, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.’*”
2. What kind of sickness did these individual have? Sin – v. 13.
3. Jesus describes Himself as the physician who can heal the sin sick soul.

B. Jesus references our conduct.

1. **MATTHEW 9.13:** “*But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’*” What did this mean to them? What does it mean to us? (Hos. 6.6)
2. Religious service means nothing to God when offered hypocritically. (Isa. 1.11-17)
 - a) Worship without obedience? (1 Sam. 15.22)
 - b) Worship without our showing mercy? (Mic. 6.6-8)
3. God places emphasis on our showing mercy.
 - a) The Pharisees were religious. Yet they condemned without mercy. (Luke 18.9-14)
 - b) Our attitude toward the lost is to be one of mercy. (James 2.12,13)

C. Jesus references our calling. (Matt. 9.13)