



What did Jesus mean when He said, “Unless you do not ‘hate’ your family, you cannot be My disciple”?

We must first establish what we _____ and then work from there

1. What He could not have meant:

- That we should _____ our family members
- We are commanded by God to _____ one another – especially our family members

2. So, what did He mean?

- When Jesus said “hate family” it appears He was using an Aramaic idiom meaning to “_____” or to put _____ in importance
- He was saying our love for God must take _____ everything/everyone

Did Jesus say He came to cause division and conflict instead of peace?

1. What He could not have meant:

That He is _____ division and conflict

2. So, what did He mean?

- Jesus’ message causes _____ division and conflict, rather than _____ earthly peace
- It signifies that following him requires ultimate _____, which can disrupt personal _____, _____ ties, and _____
- The “sword” represents a _____, not literal _____

Is it biblical to be baptized for someone who is dead?

Mormons call the practice _____ or _____ baptism

- Joseph Smith instituted the practice in 1840 in response to concern among his followers for forebears who died _____.
- These baptisms are performed as an _____ for people who are selected from genealogical records in Mormon archives.
- _____ Mormons with special temple privileges serve as proxies by undergoing baptism in a basin, patterned after the bronze sea of Solomon's temple.
- According to Mormons, the practice affords the dead the opportunity to pursue salvation through a system of _____ righteousness.
- Mormons teach salvation by _____. Baptism for the dead is part of that system.
- This disregards the _____ of Scripture and it undermines the biblical gospel.

1. What Paul could not have meant

- Salvation is based on _____
- Believers can be _____ for _____ by being baptized in their place

2. What Paul likely meant

- The context of 1 Cor 15 is the defense of the _____ (a critical doctrine some in Corinth were rejecting) – not _____
- Baptism is sometimes used _____ with salvation in the N.T.

Possible interpretations consistent with Scripture:

- Some Christians at Corinth, still influenced by their pagan background, were practicing a pagan ritual that Paul simply used to emphasize the _____ of the resurrection
- Some Christians at Corinth were being baptized for _____ believers who had died before they could be baptized
- Paul could have been asking, "If Jesus was not resurrected and believers will not be resurrected, why be baptized for a _____ Savior?"
- The Corinthians were being baptized _____ – the testimony of Jesus and believers who had _____

baptized "for" the dead can mean:

"over" the dead, "above" the dead, "across" the dead, "beyond" the dead, "on behalf of" the dead, "instead of" the dead, "in the name of" the dead, "in reference to" the dead, or "with regard to" the dead, "
_____ " the dead

"The person who is baptized is not saved by being baptized, let alone a dead person. No one is saved by baptism, not living people, to say nothing of dead ones. Scripture teaches we are saved by faith in Jesus Christ. Baptism is simply an act of obedient faith that proclaims the testimony of salvation. Scripture doesn't say, 'It is appointed unto man once to die and after this the baptism' – it says 'after this the judgment.' ... Some believers at Corinth were being baptized 'because of' the faithful witness of believers who had died."

John MacArthur, "Resurrection Incentives," Oct. 9, 1977, <https://www.gty.org/sermons/1880/resurrection-incentives>