

HOW DO YOU RELATE TO THOSE WHO HUMBLY TRUST CHRIST?

Jesus declares how you treat believers in Him, reveals your relationship to Him; thus whether precious or on the precipice of His eternal judgment

Matthew 18:5-10

- I. **REVIEW: UNDERSTAND THE OVERALL CONTEXT OF MATTHEW 18**
 - a. Jesus reveals the incredible value of His children (1-10)
 - b. Jesus thus goes after those who sin (11-14)
 - c. Jesus seeks after straying sheep is through His Body, the Church (15-20)
 - d. Jesus reveals how His Body is to respond if straying sheep repent; forgive! (21-35)

- II. **REALIZE IF YOU RECEIVE THOSE WHO HUMBLY TRUST CHRIST...YOU RECEIVE HIM (5)**

- III. **REALIZE IF YOU CAUSE TRUE BELIEVERS TO STUMBLE, THIS REVEALS YOU ARE ON YOUR WAY TO HELL AND ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF HEART CHANGE (6-9)**
 - a. Jesus declares whoever stumbles believers in Him, have a fate worse than death awaiting them (6)

 - b. Although inevitable, Jesus warns those who cause true believers in Him to stumble are headed to hell, therefore they must take drastic action (7-9)

- IV. **RECOGNIZE HOW VALUABLE TRUE BELIEVERS ARE TO CHRIST AND TREAT THEM ACCORDINGLY: Jesus commands us to not to look down upon or think lightly of His precious humbly dependent ones (10)**