

Refrigerator Notes 01 March 2015
'An Adulterous and Sinful Generation'
Mark 8:31-38

1. Our sermonic title was taken from Mark 8:38. Jesus says, "If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and Sinful generation, the Son of Man, will be ashamed of him when he comes."
2. Clearly the definition of adulterous in the OT was understood as a sexual relationship between a married man and women, other than his wife
3. However, Jesus expanded the definition of adultery to sexual relations other than between a married man or woman
4. Adultery was considered a sin as well as fornication, the only acceptable sex is in a marriage
5. The scripture was not to be interpreted literally this morning, which has a far reaching grasp
6. First, I asked you to consider, if the generations in Jesus' time is any different than our generation today?
7. The word adulterous does not simply apply to an outwardly physical immoral act, but as we learned this morning, the word also applies to spiritually immoral act or contemplation
8. Second, I asked if you had been unfaithful to Christ, whom is the bridegroom of the church?
9. At the time of our Lord, it was Israel as a nation who were not just physically, but spiritually immoral as well
10. Meaning that Israel had defected from their true God, putting and building other idols
11. It's about our relationship with our Savior that is at the focal point and at question this morning
12. It further means it's about our worship and chasing after other things that are NOT of GOD!
13. Surely the adultery that existed in Christ time are the same challenges that we are constantly faced with today in our generation
14. We tend to think that Jesus' ideas were lofty, but impressive in His time, but many Christians feel that the church is our sink with the world today
15. My last question to DPC was 'Is our reality much different in Jesus' time than it is today
16. How many of us are putting our egos first and still chasing bright shining objects, which don't give hope, but bring despair?
17. If we examine our relationship with Jesus, and ask, 'if Jesus should divorce us because of our unfaithfulness and spiritual immorality?
18. Absolutely Not! If we turn to Jesus and repent —There is no depth of sin to which a sinner may go, but God in His infinite wisdom and love will forgive that person, if we come earnestly to Christ and repent
19. Come now let us settle this matter, shall we continue to be a part of this adulterous generation?
20. Are you ashamed of the Gospel? Then listen to Jesus!