

## **Jesus Has a Manifesto!** **Leviticus 17:10-18:5**

**Intro:** Congratulations! Those of you who are alive and reading (hearing) these words have made it through the vibrant '50's, the tumultuous '60's, the reactionary '70's, the abundant '80's and the rollercoaster '90's; entering the 21<sup>st</sup> century should be a piece of cake to you! Through all of this, whether it's been stated in these words or not is the search for...*sense*. Can anyone make *sense* out of what's going on? Is there meaning and/or peace in this chaos? How should we behave? Listen and learn; Jesus has an answer!

### **I. Biblical Background for Jesus' Manifesto**

- A. Hear the Word of the LORD! (Leviticus 18:1-5)
- B. Disobeying the Word of the LORD! (Psalm 106:35)
- C. Stubbornly disobeying the Word of the LORD! (Ezekiel 20:32)
- D. Reminder not to disobey the Word of the LORD! (Jeremiah 10:1,2)

### **II. Biblical Setting for Jesus' Manifesto**

- A. Jesus word to men of his day: Repent! (Matthew 4:17)
- B. Repentance is mandatory for entrance to the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 4:17)
- C. The teaching of Jesus' Manifesto is imperative for the occupants of the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 5-7)
- D. Repentance is mandatory for the church of Jesus Christ (Revelation 2,3)

### **III. Biblical Conduct of Jesus' Manifesto**

- A. Jesus' kingdom dwellers are to be, well, different! (Matthew 5:1-11)
- B. Jesus' kingdom dwellers are to be clearly different: (Matthew 6:8)
- C. Jesus' kingdom dwellers are to be special (I Peter 2:9)

### **IV. Biblical Key's of Jesus' Manifesto**

- A. Kingdom dwellers are to be **different** from everyone else
- B. Kingdom dwellers learn the nature of their difference from the theme of Jesus' teaching: **contrast!**
- C. Nonetheless, kingdom dwellers are to be different so that they can make a **difference!**