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## Are Christians Judgemental?

For anyone the wagging finger can signify judgementalism, but are Christians judgemental?



In the Christian view we are all created equal and we care for others and welcome others including strangers and foreigners. Christians do, however, expect people to become better (to constantly change for the better).

Right at the very beginning of the Bible in Genesis chapter 1 at verse 27 we are told:

*So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God He created them;  
male and female He created them.*

That fundamental concept, that we are all created in God's image, is then used throughout the Bible. If we are all created in God's image then we are all equal.

To be a Christian means that we believe in Jesus Christ and so that is what the word "CHRISTian" means. So any Christian needs to see what Jesus Christ says.

Jesus Christ tells all Christians in the Gospels to NOT judge others.

In the Gospel according to St Luke chapter 6 it says at verse 37:

*<sup>37</sup> “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.*

So Christians are commanded by Jesus Christ himself not to judge others. We are told clearly by our Lord Jesus Christ not to judge others.

We are not perfect people and do not always get everything right. That is what makes Christianity so accessible to everyone because it offers forgiveness for getting things wrong. In fact it offers anyone forgiveness no matter who they are.

St Paul wrote, in the letter to the Romans at chapter 7 at verse 21, that he wanted to do good but kept on getting things wrong:

*<sup>21</sup> So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right therewith me. <sup>22</sup> For in my inner being I delight in God’s law; <sup>23</sup> but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. <sup>24</sup> What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!*

So if even St Paul who is a really good person and a Saint keeps getting it wrong when who are we to suggest we are better than St Paul ?

If even St Paul constantly needs the forgiveness given by Jesus Christ then so does every one of us. This means that all of us need to constantly repent of the wrong we do and receive the forgiveness that Jesus Christ freely gives to every one of us. What matters is the recognition that we are imperfect and realising the value of forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

If even we are wrong-doers in need of forgiveness, just the same as St Paul, or even more so than, then we are actually in no position to judge anyone else. That same gospel passage in St Luke also contains, in the same passage, and in the same section in the very next chapter, chapter 7, the famous phrase “...**take the log out of your own eye**” which comes from the passage:

*<sup>3</sup> “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.*

If you really care for someone then it is appropriate to be honest with them. There is no example of our Lord Jesus Christ lying to anyone just to keep them happy.

So, no .... The truth is that Christians are required to NOT be judgemental.

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