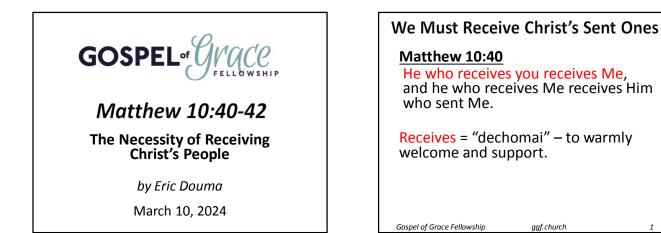
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Reception Leads to Reward

Matthew 10:41

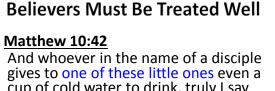
He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

Matthew 23:29

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Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous,

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cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.

Applications

- 1. We must know that those who reject Christ's apostles' words are rejecting Christ Himself.
- 2. We must understand that the mistreatment of the "little ones" is mistreatment of believers.
- 3. We should know that treating believers well is a sign of regenerate behavior.

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Red Letter Christians?

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RLC: "Why did Jesus have to die? Was it to appease a wrathful God's demand for punishment? Does that mean Jesus died to save us from God? How could someone ever truly love or trust a God like that? How can that ever be called "Good News"? It's questions like these that make so many people want to have nothing to do with Christianity" (Derek Flood).

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The Apostles Bear Christ's Words

- 1. Called (Rom. 1:1)
- 2. Eyewitnesses of resurrection (1 Cor. 9:1)
- 3. Did miraculous deeds (Heb. 2:3-4)
- 4. Instructed by Christ (Acts 1:21-22; Gal. 1:17-18)

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The Apostles' Self-Awareness2 Peter 1:20–21But know this first of all, that no prophecy of
Scripture is a matter of one's own
interpretation, 21 for no prophecy was ever
made by an act of human will, but men moved
by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.Deter 3:16...as also in all his letters, speaking in them of
these things, in which are some things hard to
understand, which the untaught and unstable
distort, as they do also the rest of the
Scriptures, to their own destruction.Gospel of Grace Fellowshipggf.church2

Who Are the Little Ones?

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Matthew 18:6

but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

Matthew 25:40

The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, *even* the least *of them*, you did it to Me.'

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Sign of Regeneracy: Love for Believers

Matthew 24:45-46

Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time? 46 Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.

Galatians 6:2

Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

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