

Is A Cynical Attitude Of Mind Wrong?

Living in a society that is selfish and under a leadership that is often corrupt makes it very easy to become cynical.

Are we justified to have such an attitude of mind?

Within the **Handbook For Life**, the Holy Bible, given to us by our Creator, we find principles that bring peace and contentment to our lives and the community as a whole.

What does this ‘Handbook For Life’ tell us about a cynical attitude of mind?

1 Corinthians 13:7 [Amplified Bible] *“Love is ... ever ready to believe the best of every person.”*

If we are cynical we are not showing love.

Galatians 6:2 [Amplified Bible] *“Bear, endure or carry one another’s burdens and **troublesome moral faults**, and in this way fulfil and observe perfectly the law of Christ, the Messiah, and complete what is lacking in your obedience to it.”*

What is this law of Christ?

John 13:34-35 [NIV] *“A new command I give you: **Love one another**. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*

The law of Christ was that of love towards one another.

Christ expressed this law in His own life and even in the last moments of His agonising death on the cross.

Luke 23:33-34 [NIV] *“When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, **“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”** And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.”*

The love that Christ had for all human beings caused Him to die in this agonising fashion that we may not have to face eternal death.

It was this loving attitude of mind that made Jesus Christ our Messiah [the one anointed, qualified and appointed, to save].

Being the Son of God as well as the human Son of Man, Jesus Christ’s life was worth far more than the combined value of all humans who will ever live.

Hence a suitable substituted for our own deserved death, due to the sins we have committed against our Creator God.

Romans 3:23 [NIV] *“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”*

All have come short of receiving God’s gift of eternal life in a glorified body.

Romans 6:23 [NIV] *“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

What then is the antidote to a cynical attitude?

Philippians 2:1-8 [NIV] *“If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. **Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.** Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. **Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:** Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross!”*