

*Luke 12:49-53*

THE FIRE  
OF CHRIST



# THE FIRE OF DIVISION

## The Text in Context

- Jesus' dividing effect – **Luke 2:34-35**
- **11:53-54** – rejected.
- **12:1** – call for disciples to be separate.
- **12:1, 13, 22, 41, 54** – division of people.
- **12:49-53** – a fire of division is kindled at the cross (cf. **1 Corinthians 1:22-24**)

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## Christ Divides

- The nature of division – **1 Cor. 11:19** – distinguishes approved from unapproved. (cf. **1 John 2:18-23**)
- Includes the positive effect of bringing others to the light – **Ephesians 5:8-14**
- Brings clarity – **2 Timothy 2:19; Luke 11:23**

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# THE FIRE OF TRIALS

## The Text in Context

- Fire often stands for trial.
- Division brings trial, and is a trial itself:
  - **12:1** – avoiding their hypocrisy means standing opposed to them.
  - **12:4-5, 11-12** – exhortation to not fear implies persecution.

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## Following Christ Brings Trials

- Christ to undergo trial, and calls disciples to follow – **12:50; 9:21-26**
- Fire of trial benefits us – **Mark 9:49-50**
- Fire helps prove our faith – **1 Peter 1:6-9; 4:12-16**
- We are appointed to it – **1 Thess. 3:3-4**
- Saved through fire – **1 Corinthians 13:15**

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# THE FIRE OF JUDGMENT

## The Text in Context

- Context is sandwiched with judgment – **11:47-51; 12:57-13:5**
- Rightly directed fear – **12:4-5, 8-9** – fear the Judge.
- Soul required – **12:20**
- Jesus to return, be ready – **12:35-48**
- Jesus' death kindles the fire of judgment – **12:49-50; John 12:31-33; 16:8-11**

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## Christ Will Come in Judgment

- Mercy, salvation, peace, etc. – Luke 1:50, 68-70; 2:13-14, 30-32; 4:18-19; 19:9-10
- Judgment – Luke 1:51-53; 3:7-9, 15-17; 6:24-26; 10:12-16; 13:34-35
- Christ will come to judge – Heb. 9:27-28
- We must all appear in judgment – 2 Corinthians 5:9-11

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