

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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which was also in Christ Jesus:*

*Philippians 2:5*

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## INTRODUCTION

*The one objective of every Christian should be to grow and become more and more like our Savior, Jesus Christ. Christ has left us an "example, that we should follow his steps." (I Peter 2:21). The Apostle Paul said, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:" (Philippians 2:5); "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." (I Corinthians 11:1); "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Philippians 1:21), and "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20). John said, "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." (I John 2:6). Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23).*

*There are many passages we could use, but these should be enough to teach us that IMITATING CHRIST should be top priority for every Christian.*

*As one visits among Christians in various congregations he will see many attitudes that are completely out of harmony with the life and teaching of Christ. This is true because many have never studied the life of our Lord enough to really know Him and his example. This is the reason for this series of studies - we want to better understand who our Lord Jesus Christ is, how He lived, and how we can become more like Him every day.*

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# CHRIST IN PROPHECY

## Lesson One

### *INTRODUCTION*

1. When we study the Old Testament we see that it is centered in Christ -- the prophecies of His coming and His work.
2. On the road to Emmaus as Jesus talked to the two men about His death and resurrection, Luke tells us what Jesus did: *"And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself."* (Luke 24:27).
3. Jesus said to the eleven and those who were with them in Jerusalem: *"These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms concerning me."* (Luke 24:44).
4. Peter said, *"But those things which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled."* (Acts 3: 18).
5. Let us study some of these prophecies and their fulfillment.

### **I. SOME PROPHECIES CONCERNING CHRIST AND THEIR FULFILLMENT:**

- A. Christ was to be of the seed of woman (Gen. 3:15).
  1. Paul said, *". . . God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law,"* (Gal. 4:4; Matt. 1:18).
  2. *"Her seed"* would bruise Satan's head (Gen. 3: 15).
    - a. When Christ died on the cross and arose from the dead He bruised Satan's head - he destroyed the power of Satan (Heb. 2:14; I John 3:8; Col. 2:14 - 15; 2 Tim. 1:10; Matt. 16:18).
- B. Christ was to be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14).
  1. He was born of the virgin Mary (Matt. 1: 18 - 25).
- C. Christ was to be the Son of God (Psalms 2:7).
  1. Matt. 3:17; Luke 1:32 - 35; John 3:16; Heb. 1:5).
- D. All nations of the earth were to be blessed in Abraham's seed (Gen. 22:18).
  1. Christ is that Seed (Gal. 3: 16, 19).
- E. Jesus was to be the Anointed of God (the Messiah) - Psalms 45:7; 2:2; Isaiah 61:1; Luke 4: 16 - 21; Heb. 1:9.
  1. In the Old Testament three classes of men were inducted into office by the ceremony of anointing:
    - a. Priests - Exodus 28:41
    - b. Kings (Saul and David) - I Sam. 15:1; 16:13
    - c. Prophets - Elijah was told to anoint Elisha in his place - I Kings 19:16.

2. To "anoint" means to consecrate and set one apart to an office.
3. Jesus is "The Anointed One" of God. The name "Christ" means "the anointed one" -- the Messiah ( Acts 2: 36).
4. God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power (Acts 10:38; John 3:34; Luke 4:18; Isa. 61:1; Luke 4:1).
  - a. Jesus was anointed by God at the beginning of His earthly ministry when He was baptized (Matt. 3; 16 - 17; John 1: 32 - 34).
  - b. The ceremony of anointing often preceded the coronation by a considerable period of time. (I Sam. 16: 12 - 13; Dan. 7: 13 - 14).
5. The title "Christ" describes Jesus in His capacity as prophet, priest and king of His people, the church.
  - a. Prophet - Acts 3:22; Heb. 1: 1,2; John 16:13; 17: 8.
  - b. Priest - Heb. 7: 11 - 17, 25 - 28; Heb. 4:14.
  - c. King - Col. 1:13; Matt. 25:34.
- F. Jesus was to be born in Bethlehem of Judea (Micah 5:2).
  1. Fulfilled - Matt. 2:1.
- G. Jesus was to be introduced by John the Baptist (Isaiah 40:3).
  1. Fulfilled - Matthew 3:1 - 3; Luke 1:17.
- H. Jesus was to be King (Psalms 110:1 - 2; 2:6; 45: 6,7; Daniel 7: 13 - 14; Isaiah 9: 6 - 7; Zechariah 6: 12 - 13).
  1. Jesus began His reign (after His resurrection and ascension back to heaven) on the first Pentecost after His resurrection (Acts 2: 22 - 36; Eph. 1: 19 - 23; Col. 3:1; 1:13).
  2. Jesus will reign until the end of the world ( I Cor. 15: 24 - 26).
  3. His Kingdom is a spiritual kingdom (John 18:36).
- I. The Gentiles would be admitted unto His service (Psalms 2:8; Isaiah 62:2).
  1. Fulfilled - Acts 10: 34 - 35; 28:28; Romans 1:16; Matt. 28: 19 - 20).
- J. Christ was to come through the tribe of Judah ( Gen. 49:10; Psa. 60:7).
  1. Fulfilled - Heb. 7:11 - 14.
- K. Christ was to be called "Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14).
  1. Fulfillment - Matthew 1: 22 - 23
  2. "Immanuel" means "God with us" (Matt. 9: 2 - 8; Mark 2: 3 - 11 He had the power to forgive sins).
  3. Jesus was God in the flesh (John 1: 14 - 18; I Tim. 3:16; John 14: 9).
- L. Christ was to be a prophet "*like unto*" Moses (Deut. 18:15).
  1. Fulfillment - Acts 3:22.
- M. The rulers, Jews and Gentiles, would join forces against Jesus to put Him to death (Psalms 2:1 - 4).
  1. Fulfillment - Acts 4: 26 - 28.

- N. It was foretold that they would part His garments among them and cast lots for His vesture (Psalms 22:18 - "*They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture*").
1. Fulfillment - Matthew 27: 35; John 19: 23 - 24.
- O. He would be despised and rejected of men (Isaiah 53:3).
1. Fulfillment - John 1:11.

## QUESTIONS

1. How many men did Jesus talk to on the road to Emmaus? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What did Jesus talk to these men about? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Jesus said, "*that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the \_\_\_\_\_, and in the \_\_\_\_\_, and in the \_\_\_\_\_ concerning me.*"
4. Christ was to be of whose seed? \_\_\_\_\_
5. The seed of woman was to bruise whose head? \_\_\_\_\_
6. When did Christ bruise Satan's head? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Christ was born of the virgin \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Who is the father of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How many were to be blessed by the seed of Abraham? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Who is the seed of Abraham? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What does "Messiah" mean? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Name three classes of men in the Old Testament who were inducted into office by the ceremony of anointing:
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
13. What does "anoint" mean? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What does "Christ" mean? \_\_\_\_\_
15. With what did God anoint Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
16. When did God anoint Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Did the ceremony of anointing often precede the coronation by a considerable period of time? \_\_\_\_\_
18. The title "Christ" describes Jesus in what capacities? \_\_\_\_\_

19. Where was Jesus born? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Who introduced Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
21. When did Jesus begin to reign as King over His kingdom? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
22. How long will He reign? \_\_\_\_\_
23. What kind of kingdom is He reigning over? \_\_\_\_\_
24. Where in the New Testament do we have the record of the first Gentiles coming into His Kingdom? \_\_\_\_\_
25. Jesus was to come through what tribe? \_\_\_\_\_
26. What does "Immanuel" mean? \_\_\_\_\_
27. Christ was a prophet "*like unto*" whom? \_\_\_\_\_
28. Who combined forces against Jesus to put Him to death? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
29. Who cast lots for Jesus' coat? \_\_\_\_\_
30. Where in the Psalms was this prophesied? \_\_\_\_\_
31. Was Jesus despised and rejected of men? \_\_\_\_\_

## BEING LIKE JESUS IN HUMILITY

### Lesson Two

#### *INTRODUCTION*

1. Humility is "humbleness of mind; modesty; a sense of insignificance" (Webster's Dictionary).
2. Jesus was "*meek and lowly in heart*" (Matthew 11: 29).
3. As Christians we are to follow Him ( Luke 9:23).
4. We are "*to walk, even as he walked*" (I John 2: 6).
5. We are to "*follow his steps*" ( I Pet. 2:21).
6. We are to be changed into the image of Christ ( 2 Cor. 3:18; James 1:25).
7. We all need to ask ourselves, "How much am I like Jesus in the matter of humility?"

#### **I. HUMILITY IS THE MARK OF ACCEPTABLE SERVICE - Luke 18: 9 - 14; Prov. 15:33.**

- A. Jesus said, "*Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*" (Matthew 5:3).
  1. Without this attitude no man will ever learn and obey the gospel. ( I Cor. 3:18).
- B. Jesus said, "*He that humbleth himself shall be exalted.*" (Luke 18: 14; Matthew 23:12).
- C. Jesus said, "*But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.*" (Matthew 23:11).
- D. Jesus said, "*Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant.*" (Matthew 20:27).
- E. Jesus said, "*Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*" (Matt. 18:4).
- F. The men God has used to accomplish His work have been humble men (Mic. 6:8).
  1. ABRAHAM was an humble man: he said to the Lord about himself, "*which am but dust and ashes*" (Gen. 18:27).
  2. JACOB was an humble man: he said to God, "*I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands.*" (Gen. 32:10).
  3. MOSES was an humble man: "*(Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth)*" (Numbers 12:3).
  4. PAUL was an humble man: he said, "*For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.*" ( I Cor. 15:9); "*Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;*" (Eph. 3:8).
  5. PETER said: "*For God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.*" ( I Pet. 5:5).

## II. JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE IN HUMILITY

- A. Jesus said, "*For I am meek and lowly in heart*" (Matt. 11:29).
- B. Jesus "*came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many*" (Matt. 20: 28).
- C. Jesus washed His disciples' feet (John 13: 13 - 15).
- D. Jesus is co-eternal and co-equal in nature with God the Father ( Psalms 90:2).
  1. But He was willing to empty Himself of the "*form of God*" and that "*glory*" He shared with the Father: to take "*the form of a servant*" and come to live on earth as a man that He might save man by His death on the cross (Phil. 2: 1 - 8; John 17:5; Luke 19:10).
    - a. What if God should ask you to give up your life in this body of flesh and live in the body of an earthworm? That would not even begin to illustrate to us the condescension of Christ in taking upon Himself the body of man (Heb. 10:5; Heb. 2: 14).

1. Paul said Christ "*emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of man*" ASV (Phil. 2:7).
2. The Word, before He became flesh, was in the "form" of God -- The word "FORM" is from "*morphe*"; the form by which a person or thing strikes the vision; the external appearance" Thayer, pg. 418.
3. The Word did not empty Himself of the attributes of Deity, but of the form of God.
4. Christ "*emptied Himself*" -- HOW? "*taking the form of a servant*"; WHEN? "*having been made in the likeness of men*".
5. The expression "*emptied himself*" is not a complete thought and is not the end of the sentence. It had to be explained , and it is explained, by the words that follow immediately: "*but emptied himself* (HOW?) "*taking the form of a servant,*" (WHEN?) "*being made in the likeness of men*".

2. Paul, in this context, said, "*let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus*" (Phil. 2:5).
3. Do we really have this attitude?
  - a. Would you give up financial security, convenience and worldly prestige just to be an humble servant of Christ?

- b. Some Christians will discourage their sons from preaching the gospel because it means giving up some financial security and retirement benefits!
- c. This attitude is unlike Jesus. Paul said this about Jesus: *"though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich"* ( 2 Cor. 8:9).
- d. Jesus said, *"Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head."* (Luke 9: 58).

### III. ARE WE REALLY LIKE JESUS IN THIS MATTER OF HUMBLE SERVICE?

#### A. PREACHERS are prone to the temptation of pride.

1. As preachers grow in knowledge, develop their abilities, and become successful in their work, brethren begin to compliment and (many times) flatter them: they (preachers) begin to think of themselves more highly than they ought to think (Romans 12:3).
2. Preachers are not anything but ministers who "plant" and "water": God is the one who gives the increase ( I Cor. 3: 5 - 7; Isa. 55:11).
3. Preachers need to ask themselves: "How do the people I work with see me? Do they see me as an humble servant of the Lord, or do they see me as one who wants to be served?"

#### B. ELDERS are prone to the danger of pride.

1. Paul warns, *"Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil."* (I Tim. 3:6).
2. Peter warns, *"neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock."* (I Pet. 5:3).
3. Elders, many times, assume a domineering, superior attitude when they are placed in that position of authority.
4. Authority does not rule out humility and service to others.
5. Many elders of forty years ago, puffed up with a sense of their own importance and authority, imposed upon congregations the support of human institutions, sponsoring churches, and recreational activities. Some elders accepted oversight of work that did not belong to them when they began to sponsor work for many churches. (I Peter 5:2).
6. Elders must not bind their opinions and personal scruples on congregations (Rom. 14:1 - 4).
  - a. There is one lawgiver (James 4:12).

#### C. ALL CHRISTIANS are prone to pride. Let us look at some passages that warn us about a prideful attitude:

1. *"Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another."* (Gal. 5:26).

2. "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." (Phil. 2:3).
3. "Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." (James 4:6).
4. "Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;" NKJV ( I Cor. 13:4).
  - a. Some members get upset because they don't get to lead singing, teach a class, or get their way about a pet project!

## CONCLUSION

1. Let us all honestly ask ourselves the question, "How much am I like Jesus in humility?"

## MATCH

**MATCH THE FOLLOWING BY SELECTING THE NUMBER AT LEFT AND PLACING IT IN THE PROPER SPACE AT RIGHT:**

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|---|-------|-------------------------|
| 1. Take my yoke upon you  | _____ | and follow me.          |
| 2. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk. | _____ | let him be your servant |
| 3. And whosoever will be chief among you.                         | _____ | even as he walked       |
| 4. Are changed into the same image                                | _____ | and learn of me         |
| 5. And take up his cross daily                                    | _____ | from glory to glory     |

## TRUE OR FALSE?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ The poor in spirit will not enter the kingdom.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Those who are filled with pride will be exalted.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The greatest are those who serve.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Those who will be chief, let him not serve.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Those who humble themselves as little children are the greatest in the kingdom.

## WHO SAID?

1. "God resisteth the proud" \_\_\_\_\_

2. *"Which am but dust and ashes"* \_\_\_\_\_
3. *"For I am the least of the apostles"* \_\_\_\_\_
4. *"For I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant;"* \_\_\_\_\_

## QUESTIONS

1. Jesus said He was "\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_." Matt. 11:29
2. What did Jesus say He came to do? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What great lesson was Jesus teaching us when He washed His disciples' feet? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What form was Jesus willing to give up, and what form did he take that we might be saved? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Whose mind did Paul say Christians are to have? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Why do some parents not want their sons to preach? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What causes preachers to become prideful many times? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Do preachers have anything to be prideful about? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Who gives the increase, God or the preacher? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What question do preachers need to ask themselves? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Are Elders in danger of being lifted up with pride? \_\_\_\_\_
12. How do elders manifest that they are prideful? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. What happened to elders who were lifted up with pride forty years ago? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. Do elders have a right to bind their opinions and scruples on a congregation? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Are we as Christians prone to pride? \_\_\_\_\_
16. How do Christians manifest their pride? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Do any of us have anything to be prideful about? \_\_\_\_\_
18. If we really want to be like Jesus, our example in humility, what must we do? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## HOW MUCH ARE WE LIKE JESUS IN LOVE FOR LOST SOULS?

### Lesson Three

#### INTRODUCTION

1. The ultimate desire of every child of God should be to be like Christ ( 2 Cor. 3:18).
2. What a different world this would be if every child of God would act like Jesus (I John 2:6) "*walk, even as he walked*".
3. How much are we like Jesus in love for lost souls? (2 Cor. 5: 14 - 15; Eph. 5:2).

#### I. JESUS' MAIN PURPOSE IN LIFE WAS TO SAVE SOULS

- A. He came to this earth "*to seek and save the lost*" (Luke 19:10).
- B. He gave His life a ransom for many ( Matt. 20:28).
- C. He tasted death for every man (Heb. 2:9).
- D. His love for lost souls caused Him to give up the glory He had with God and come to this low land of sin for the purpose of saving lost souls (Phil. 2: 6 - 8; John 17:5).
- E. Jesus knew the value of ONE SOUL (Matt. 16:26).
- F. Jesus' constant business in life was reaching lost souls with the truth.
  1. On some occasions He taught great multitudes (Mark 4:1).
  2. At noon He taught the woman at Jacob's well ( John 4: 6 - 7).
    - a. What the woman did -- (John 4:28, 39 - 42)
  3. In the night He taught Nicodemus (John 3: 1 - 5).
  4. Jesus depicted the attitude of God, and Himself, toward lost souls in the parable of the Shepherd who left the 99 sheep to find the one that was lost (Luke 15: 3 - 7).
  5. Again, He taught His and the Father's concern for the lost in the parable of the lost coin (Luke 15: 8 - 10).
  6. When Jesus selected the twelve and sent them forth on the limited commission He showed His concern for the lost (Luke 9:1 - 6; Matt. 10: 5 -15).
  7. When Jesus appointed the 70 and sent them forth He showed His love for the lost (Luke 10:1 - 3).
  8. Jesus showed His concern for souls when He told Peter three times to feed His sheep (John 21: 15 - 17).
  9. Jesus showed His concern for lost souls when He gave the great commission (Mark 16; 15 - 16; Matt. 28: 19 - 20).
- G. Do we as Christians have the same attitude toward lost souls that Jesus did?
  1. Have you made it your primary business in life to seek and save the lost?
  2. Would you give up a night of TV or a sports event to save the lost?

3. Would you deny yourself financially to save the lost?
  - a. Would you give up a new car?
  - b. Would you give up new clothes?
  - c. Would you give up a big bank account?
  - d. Would you give up steak and high eating?

**II. JESUS SAW SOULS AS "*FIELDS WHITE UNTO HARVEST*" (John 4:31 - 35).**

- A. Jesus wants us to lift up our eyes and see these souls that are before us (John 4:35) "*lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; For they are white already to harvest*".
- B. Jesus said, "*The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few*" (Matt. 9:37).
  1. The laborers are still few!
- C. Can you see the fields of souls that are white unto harvest that are before you?
  1. Look at your own family.
  2. Look at your neighbor.
  3. Look at the person you work with.
- D. If you found gas at .25 cents per gallon, what would be the first thing you would do?
  1. Fill-up yourself, then call your friends and tell them to go fill up.
- E. Why do you not share the good news of the gospel with the same people?

**III. JESUS' CONCERN FOR LOST SOULS BROUGHT HIM TO TEARS.**

- A. Jesus WEPT over Jerusalem (Luke 9:41; Matt. 23:37).
- B. Down through the years some of God's greatest noblemen have shown deep feelings for the souls of men:
  1. David (Psalms 119: 136) "*Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law*".
  2. Jeremiah (Jeremiah 9:1) "*O that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people*".
  3. Paul ( 2 Cor. 2:4).

**MATCH THE FOLLOWING**

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|--------------------------------|-------|---|
| 1. For the Son of man is come  | _____ | who was made a little lower than the angels |
| 2. Even as the Son of man came | _____ | glorify thou me with thine ownself          |
| 3. For what is a man profited  | _____ | to seek and to save that which was lost     |
| 4. And now, O Father           | _____ | not to be ministered unto                   |
| 5. But we see Jesus            | _____ | if he shall gain the whole world            |

## QUESTIONS

1. Where did Jesus sit when He taught the multitude? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What was the first thing Jesus said to the woman at Jacob's well? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What time of day was this? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Jesus went from the subject of literal water to what kind of water? \_\_\_\_\_
5. When did Nicodemus come to Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What did Jesus teach Nicodemus about? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Give Bible examples to show that God and Christ are interested in ONE SOUL:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What do we mean by "limited commission"? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. How did Jesus send out the seventy? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What did Jesus tell Peter three times to do? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Who did Jesus say the gospel is to be preached to? \_\_\_\_\_
12. How do we show we do not have the attitude of Jesus toward the lost? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. Did Jesus want us to see the lost before us? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Name some places we should look to find the lost: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
15. Did Jesus' concern for the lost bring Him to tears? \_\_\_\_\_
16. Should our concern for the lost bring us to tears? \_\_\_\_\_
17. What should we do about it? \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

# JESUS' ATTITUDE TOWARD THE WORD OF GOD

## Lesson Four

### INTRODUCTION

1. The grand design of the gospel is to save man from his sins and bring him into fellowship with God through Christ (Luke 19:10; Mark 16: 15 - 16; I John 1:3; Matt. 28:19).
2. The great objective of our life in Christ is to become more like Jesus from day to day: to follow His example, to imitate His character, to be "*changed into that same image*" (2 Cor. 3: 18 ).
3. In our study now about Jesus, we want to look at His attitude toward the word of God.

### I. WHAT WAS JESUS' ATTITUDE TOWARD THE WORD OF GOD?

- A. He gave complete and unreserved endorsement to the Old Testament.
- B. He quoted from it continually and showed its fulfillment in Him.
  1. To His disciples after His resurrection (Luke 24:44).
- C. He upheld the law of Moses in its completeness.
  1. Matthew 5: 17 - 18
- D. Jesus said, "*THE SCRIPTURE CANNOT BE BROKEN*" (John 10:35).
- E. Jesus reported the events of the Old Testament as historical fact (John 12: 48 - 50; 6:38).
  1. He believed in the creation (Matt. 19:4; Gen. 1: 27).
    - a. He taught that man and woman were created in the beginning.
  2. He believed in Cain and Abel (Luke 11:51).
  3. He believed in Noah and the flood ( Matt. 24: 37 - 39; Luke 17: 27).
  4. He believed in the destruction of Sodom ( Luke 17: 28 - 29).
  5. He believed in the tragic death of Lot's wife because of her disobedience (Luke 17: 32).
  6. He believed in the divine inspiration of Moses (John 5:46; Matt. 15:3 - 4; Ex. 20:12; Lev. 19:3).
  7. He believed God fed Israel manna in the wilderness ( John 6:49).
  8. He believed Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness (John 3:14).
  9. He believed the story of Jonah (Matt. 12: 38 - 41).
- F. Jesus not only gave His endorsement to the Law, but he lived perfectly under the Law.
  1. He said He came to fulfill the Law (Matt. 5: 17 - 18).
  2. He challenged His enemies to convict Him of even one sin (John 8:46).
- G. Jesus was completely obedient to God (John 8: 29).
- H. Jesus, in His conversations and activities of life, made a constant appeal to the scriptures.
  1. Jesus to the devil -- "*It is written*" (Matt. 4:4, 7, 10).

2. Jesus to the Sadducees (Matt. 22: 28 - 29).
  3. The rich young ruler (Matt. 19: 16 - 17).
  4. John 8: 16 - 18, 17 *"it is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true"*.
- I. Jesus gave His endorsement to the New Testament in the promise of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles.
1. John 14:26; 16:13

## II. HOW MUCH ARE WE LIKE JESUS IN THIS MATTER?

- A. Millions of people in the world claim to love Jesus and say they have a relationship with Him, yet they have no real respect for the law of God.
1. They don't think you have to obey what the word of God says on many subjects -- i.e. Baptism, the church, Lord's Supper, Godly living, etc.
  2. These people are not like Jesus.
- B. There has been the tendency in the church from the earliest beginnings to "mouth" love and loyalty to Christ while disregarding His law.
1. 2 Pet. 2: 18 - 19, 14
  2. The doctrine of Balaam (Rev. 2:14).
    - a. They compromise with the world (Rev. 2: 14 - 15).
- C. In recent years we have seen, in the church, an attitude that seeks to bend the law of God to conform to our sinful lives (Rom. 12:2).
1. Those who use God's grace as an excuse to lower the standards of God's law in order to embrace and fellowship digressives.
  2. We appropriate God's grace by faith (Rom. 5:2; Eph. 2:8).
- D. The attitude in the church that "we do many things for which we have no authority".
- E. Heb. 5:8 - 9; I John 2: 3 - 4; Matt. 7:21.

## QUESTIONS

1. What is the purpose and design of the gospel of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the great objective of our life in Christ? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Did Jesus give complete endorsement to the Old Testament? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What did Jesus say He came to do to the law? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What did Jesus say "*cannot be broken*"? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Did Jesus teach that male and female were created in the beginning? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Did He believe in Cain and Abel? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Describe life in the days of Noah: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Did the people heed the preaching of Noah ( 2 Pet. 2:5), and realize the danger of the flood? \_\_\_\_\_
10. How did Jesus describe the activities of the people in the days of Lot? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. What did Jesus say happened in the same day that Lot went out of Sodom? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. What did Jesus say for us to do about Lot's wife? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Who did Jesus say Moses wrote about? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What did Jesus say Israel ate in the wilderness? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Who did Jesus say must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
16. How long did Jesus say the Son of Man was to be in the heart of the earth? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
17. What did Jesus say He came to do to the Law? \_\_\_\_\_
18. What did Jesus challenge His enemies to do to Him? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Was Jesus completely obedient to God? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Give some examples of Jesus appealing to the scriptures: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
21. The Holy Spirit was to guide the apostles into what? (John 16:13) \_\_\_\_\_
22. Are people who claim to love Jesus, yet have no respect for God's word, really like Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
23. Has there always been a tendency in the church for people to "mouth" love and loyalty to God while disregarding His law? \_\_\_\_\_
24. Give an example of those in the church today who seek to bend the law of God to conform to their sinful lives: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
25. How is God's grace appropriated? \_\_\_\_\_
26. Are those in the church who claim "we do many things without the authority of Christ" seeking to be like Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

# BEING LIKE JESUS IN COMPASSION

## Lesson Five

### INTRODUCTION

1. Matthew said, "*But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.*" (Matt. 9:36).
  - a. In this text we see that the sympathies of Jesus were deeply moved by the sight of great multitudes hungry for the bread of life.
  - b. Compassion means "fellow-suffering, pity, sympathy" (Webster); "to have pity; suffering with another".
  - c. All that was within Christ was stirred by the sight which He beheld.
2. Jesus, our High Priest today, can "*be touched with the feeling of our infirmities*" (Heb. 4:15; Heb. 2: 16 - 17).

### I. EXAMPLES RECORDED IN THE GOSPELS OF JESUS' COMPASSION

- A. Jesus had compassion on the multitudes that had been with Him three days and had had nothing to eat -- He fed them (Matt. 15: 32 - 38).
- B. Jesus had compassion on the multitude and healed their sick (Matt. 14:14).
- C. Jesus had compassion on two blind men and restored their sight (Matt. 20: 30 - 34).
- D. Jesus had compassion on a leper and made him clean (Mark 1: 40 - 41).
- E. Jesus had compassion on the man possessed with demons and cast them out (Mark 5: 18 - 19).
- F. Jesus had compassion on the widow of Nain whose son had died and raised him from the dead (Luke 7: 11 - 15).

### II. THE COMPASSION OF CHRIST IS SEEN IN THE GREAT TRANSACTIONS OF HIS LIFE:

- A. The New Covenant He sealed with His blood is full of compassion for men.
  1. Alien sinners can be forgiven of their sins (Mark 16:15 - 16; Acts 2: 37 - 38; Heb. 10:17).
  2. When a child of God sins He has provided for his forgiveness (Acts 8:22; I John 1:9).
- B. His incarnation shows His great compassion (John 1: 14; Phil. 2: 1 - 8; Gal. 4: 4 - 5).
- C. His death on the cross shows His compassion.
  1. He bore the penalty for our sins (I Pet. 2:24; Heb. 1:3).
  2. He died for our sins ( I Pet. 3:18; Heb. 9:26).

- D. His continual intercession for us shows His compassion ( I John 2: 1 - 2; Heb. 4: 14 - 16).

### III. THE COMPASSION OF JESUS IS SEEN IN HIS PROVIDING FOR OUR EVERY NEED.

- A. The New Testament to guide us ( 2 Tim. 3: 16 - 17; 2 Pet. 1:3).
- B. The church to fulfill our spiritual needs (Eph. 1: 22 - 23; 4:16; 4: 11, 12).
- C. He provided all spiritual blessings in Himself (Eph. 1:3).
- D. He is our High Priest that we might be able to talk to God in prayer (Heb. 4: 14 - 16).

### IV. OUR LORD HAS TAUGHT US TO BE COMPASSIONATE.

- A. Paul said, "*Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies,*" or "*a heart of compassion*" ASV (Col. 3:12).
- B. John warned about shutting up one's "*bowels of compassion*" from a brother in need ( I John 3:17).
- C. We are to have "*compassion one of another*" ( I Pet. 3:8).
- D. We are to "*weep with them that weep*" (Rom. 12:15).

### V. HOW MUCH ARE WE LIKE JESUS IN COMPASSION?

- A. When we have a lack of compassion, we have a lack of sympathy.
  - 1. Do you find it hard to sympathize with those of your brethren who are in sorrow or in need?
  - 2. When Jesus saw Mary weeping and the Jews with her weeping, He wept. (John 11: 33 - 35).
  - 3. Paul said we are to: "*. . . weep with them that weep*" (Rom. 12: 15).
- B. A lack of compassion is a lack of mercy.
  - 1. We are to show mercy to our brethren who sin ( Gal. 6: 1 - 6).
  - 2. We expect great mercy and patience from God in respect to our own sins, and then we give sparingly of that same mercy to others!
- C. A lack of compassion is expressed in lack of action.
  - 1. Most Christians feel sorry for the troubled teenager who is fighting a battle with peer pressure and moral weakness ( and sometimes losing that battle), but do we have compassion to help that young person? We should!
  - 2. The widow who has lost her constant companion is lonely and feels useless; do we have compassion to help her and to lighten her load? We should!

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## QUESTIONS

1. When Jesus saw the multitudes He was moved with what? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Define "compassion": \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. How many days had the multitude been with Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Should we have compassion on the sick today? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What did the multitude do to the blind men who cried for Jesus to have mercy on them? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What did the leper ask of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What did the man possessed with demons ask of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What did Jesus say to the widow of Nain? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Does the incarnation of Christ show His compassion? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Tell how Jesus' death on the cross shows compassion: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Does His continual intercession for us show compassion? \_\_\_\_\_
12. List four needs of man that Christ in His compassion has provided:
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
  4. \_\_\_\_\_
13. Must a Christian put on a heart of compassion? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Does one have the love of God in him who shuts up his "bowels of compassion" from his brother in need? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Are we commanded to have compassion one of another? \_\_\_\_\_
16. Are Christians to weep with one another? \_\_\_\_\_
17. When we have a lack of compassion do we also have a lack of sympathy? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Give an example of Jesus showing sympathy: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
19. Tell how we sometimes show a lack of mercy to our brethren who sin: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
20. Give examples of how we can put compassion into action in our lives: \_\_\_\_\_

# CHRIST AND SPIRITUAL MATURITY

## Lesson Six

### INTRODUCTION

1. The Christian is to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18; I Peter 2: 1- 2; Heb. 5: 12 - 14; Heb. 6:1).
2. We are to behold, as in a glass, the glory of the Lord and are to change into the same image (2 Cor. 3:18; Col. 3:10).
3. To the Christian, life is to be rich and rewarding because Christ is at the very center of his life and demands his profound allegiance (Matt. 6: 24, 33; Luke 9: 57 - 62).
4. Christ challenges the Christian to spiritual maturity.

### I. ALL OF THE CHRISTIAN'S LIFE IS TO BE ORGANIZED AROUND CHRIST.

- A. He realizes that Christ is the preeminent One (Col. 1:18).
  1. Christ comes before FAMILY (Matt. 10:37).
  2. Christ comes before MATERIAL THINGS ( Matt. 6: 24 - 33).
  3. Christ comes before the DEAD ( Luke 9: 59 - 60).
  4. Christ comes before FRIENDS (Luke 9: 61 - 62).
  5. "*Seek ye first the kingdom of God . . .*" (Matt. 6:33).
- B. Christ is the Head of the church ( Col. 1:18; Eph. 1: 22 -23).
- C. Christ is the Way (John 14:6).
- D. Christ is the Door (John 10:9).
- E. In Christ we have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10).
- F. For the Christian to live is Christ ( Phil. 1: 21).
  1. The Christian says, "*It is no longer I that live but Christ liveth in me.*" (Gal. 2:20).
- G. The Christian has the mind of Christ ( Phil. 2:5).

### II. THE WORD OF CHRIST IS THE CHRISTIAN'S CREED.

- A. The Christian accepts every word of Christ (John 12:48).
- B. The Christian wants the whole counsel of God ( Acts 20:27).
- C. The Christian speaks sound doctrine (Titus 2:1).
- D. God's word will furnish us completely unto every good work ( 2 Tim. 3: 14 - 17).
- E. The word of God gives us "*all things that pertain unto life and godliness*" (2 Pet. 1:3).

### III. THE STRENGTH OF THE CHRISTIAN IS FOUND IN HIS FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER, CHRIST, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- A. John said, "*truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ*" (I John 1:3).
- B. We have fellowship with the Father and Christ when we walk in the light, or word of God (I John 1: 7; 2 John 9).
- C. We have fellowship with Christ in the Lord's Supper (I Cor. 10:16).
- D. Phil. 2:1 "*Fellowship of the Spirit*" -- The Spirit revealed the gospel (Eph. 3:5).
  - 1. The actions of Christians are directed and controlled by the Spirit through the word (2 Cor. 5:7).

### IV. CHRIST CHALLENGES THE CHRISTIAN TO GROW.

- A. Matthew 5:48
- B. Matthew 6: 33
- C. Paul said, "*Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men*" (I Cor. 14:20).
- D. Paul said, "*quit you like men, be strong*" (I Cor. 16:13).
- E. Heb. 6:1 -- "*let us go on unto perfection*".
- F. Heb. 5: 12 - 14
- G. Eph. 4: 14 - 16
- H. Phil. 3: 13 - 16
- I. The Christian, if he is to grow, must take time to meditate, and in his meditations he learns to look his faults in the face (Psa. 1:2; 19:14; I Tim. 4:15).
  - 1. Sins in the heart must be faced frankly and corrected.
    - a. Self-centeredness (2 Tim. 3:2).
    - b. Pride (2 Tim. 3:2).
    - c. Covetousness (2 Tim. 3:2).
    - d. Unthankful (2 Tim. 3:2).
    - e. Without natural affection (2 Tim. 3:3).
    - f. Envy (Gal. 5:21).
    - g. Jealousy (Gal. 5:20).
    - h. Strife (Gal. 5: 20).
    - i. Mark 7: 20 - 23.

FILL-IN-THE-BLANKS

1. "But \_\_\_\_\_, and in the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (2 Pet. 3:18).
2. "Wherefore, laying aside all \_\_\_\_\_ and all \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and all \_\_\_\_\_ (I Pet. 2:1).
3. "For every one that useth \_\_\_\_\_ in the word of righteousness;" (Heb. 5:13).
4. "Therefore leaving the principles of \_\_\_\_\_ let us go on unto perfection;" (Heb. 6:1).
5. "Be we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." (2 Cor. 3:18).
6. "No man \_\_\_\_\_ masters;" (Matt. 6:24).
7. "But seek \_\_\_\_\_, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6:33).
8. "And Jesus said unto him, \_\_\_\_\_ and birds of the air have nests; \_\_\_\_\_ hath not where to lay his head." (Luke 9:58).

QUESTIONS

1. Must Christ have preeminence in our lives? \_\_\_\_\_
2. List four things that Christ is to come before in our lives:
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
  4. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are the **body** and the **church** the same institution? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who is the **head** of the church? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Is there any other way to the Father except by Jesus Christ? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Can man be saved without entering the door? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Where is the "*more abundant life*" found? \_\_\_\_\_

- 8. What did Paul mean when he said, "*for me to live is Christ*"? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Who did Paul say lived in him? \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Whose mind is the Christian to have? \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. What will be the standard of judgment in the last day? \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Is it necessary for Christians to hear and practice all the counsel of God? \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. What kind of doctrine are Christians to speak? \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. What furnished us completely unto every good work? \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. Do Christians have fellowship with the Father, Christ, and the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. When do we have fellowship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 17. What does Christ challenge the Christian to do? \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. Name some of the sins of the heart that the Christian must frankly face and correct if he is to grow? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 19. What must Christians take time to do if they are to grow? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 20. Be ready to discuss some of the sins of the heart in class: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

John 8:12

Lesson Seven

## INTRODUCTION

1. It is the purpose of light to illuminate and to make manifest.
2. This is what Jesus does for the human family: He manifests to us what we need to know (John 3: 19 - 21; 1:4).

## I. THE SUBJECTS WHICH JESUS HAS MADE MANIFEST

- A. Jesus made manifest the true character of God ( John 1: 18; 12: 44- 45, 49 - 50; 14: 7 - 9; Heb. 13:8; Col. 2:9; Psa. 102:27 -- Immutability.
  1. Jesus revealed God to man in all of His greatness and glory.
  2. Jesus placed before men:
    - a. God's mercy (Luke 17: 11 -14).
    - b. God's goodness ( Acts 10:38; Rom. 2:4; 11: 22).
    - c. God's compassion (Luke 7: 11 -15).
    - d. God's purity ( I Pet. 2:22).
    - e. God's justice (Psa. 89: 14; Acts 7:52; 3:14; John 5:30).
    - f. God's truth (John 8:32; 14:6).
    - g. God's love (John 3:16; 2 Cor. 5:14).
    - h. God's concern for perishing sinners ( Luke 19:10).
- B. Jesus made manifest the true condition of the sinner.
  1. He came to earth to save the lost (Luke 19:10; Matt. 1: 21; Rom. 3:23).
  2. He taught if a man dies in his sins he cannot go to heaven (John 8:21).
  3. He taught if a man rejects Him he will die in his sins (John 8:24).
  4. He taught that lost sinners will go into "*everlasting punishment*" (Matt. 25: 41 - 46).
- C. Jesus made manifest the way of man's salvation.
  1. He revealed Himself as the Way to heaven (John 14: 6).
  2. He revealed Himself as the Door (John 10:9).
  3. He revealed that He came to earth expressly to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10).
  4. He revealed that He came to give His life a ransom for many (Matt. 20: 28).
  5. He revealed that He shed His blood for the remission of sins (Matt. 26:28).
  6. He revealed that one must do the will of God to enter the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 7:21).
  7. He revealed one must be born again to enter the kingdom of God (John 3:3 - 5).

- D. Jesus manifest He would build one church.
  - 1. "Upon this rock I will build My church" (Matt. 16:18,16).
  - 2. "And there shall be one fold" (John 10:16).
- E. Jesus manifest when the church would be built.
  - 1. Mark 9:1
  - 2. Acts 1:8
  - 3. Acts 2: 1- 2
- F. Jesus manifested how we are to treat our enemies.
  - 1. We are to love our enemies (Matt. 5: 44 - 47).
- G. Jesus manifested how we are to pray.
  - 1. Luke 18:1
  - 2. I Thess. 5:17
- H. Jesus manifest that there is but one reason for divorce.
  - 1. Matt. 19: 3 - 9; Matt. 5:32; Luke 16:18
- I. Jesus made manifest the future blessedness -- Heaven.
  - 1. John 14: 1 - 6; Matt. 25: 46
- J. Jesus made manifest the basis for unity.
  - 1. John 17: 20 - 21
  - 2. I Cor. 1:10

## QUESTIONS

1. What is the purpose of light? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Did Jesus manifest to the human family all they need to know? \_\_\_\_\_
3. List some of the great attributes of God that Jesus made manifest to man: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
4. Why did Jesus come to earth? \_\_\_\_\_
5. If a man dies in his sins, can he go to heaven? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Where will lost sinners go? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What did Jesus reveal Himself as in John 14:6 and John 10:9? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
8. What does the word "ransom" mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
9. For what purpose did Jesus shed His blood? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What must one do to enter the kingdom of heaven? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Can one enter the kingdom of God without the new birth? \_\_\_\_\_
12. How many churches did Jesus build? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When did Jesus build His church? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. How are we to treat our enemies? \_\_\_\_\_
15. What did Jesus teach us about prayer? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
16. Will Jesus come the second time to receive the faithful into heaven? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Upon what basis are men to have unity? \_\_\_\_\_

## JESUS, OUR EXAMPLE OF A SERVANT

Luke 22: 24 - 30; Matt. 20 - 28; Mark 10: 34 - 45

### Lesson Eight

#### INTRODUCTION

1. In our text the mother of James and John had desired an exalted position for her two sons in the kingdom of Jesus.
  - A. She wanted one to sit on the right hand and the other on the left (Matt. 20:21).
2. When the other ten heard their desire it brought about strife ( Luke 22 : 24).
3. Jesus told them His kingdom would not be like the kingdoms of men with high exalted positions where the greatest exercised authority and were served (Matt. 20: 25 - 26; Luke 22:25).
4. In Jesus' kingdom the greatest would be the greatest servant ( Matt. 20: 26 - 28; Luke 22: 26 - 27).
5. Jesus said, "*BUT I AM AMONG YOU AS HE THAT SERVETH*" (Luke 22: 27).
  - A. He washed their feet giving them an example of humility and service (John 13:3 - 17).

#### I. OUR LORD'S POSITION AS ONE "*THAT SERVETH*" (Luke 22: 27).

- A. Jesus, when He came to earth, "*took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men*" (Phil. 2:7).
- B. In the world Jesus did not live like the rich and cultured few whom others served.
  1. He was born among the poor working class (Matt. 13:55).
    - a. Joseph was a carpenter.
  2. Jesus was a carpenter (Mark 6: 3).
    - a. No doubt He worked at this trade until he was 30 years old (Luke 3:23).
    - b. At age 30 He left Nazareth and journeyed where John was baptizing; He was baptized in Jordan (Matt. 3: 13 - 17).
  3. Jesus had no property (Luke 9: 58).
  4. Jesus was poor ( 2 Cor. 8:9).
- C. In the circle of His own disciples He was one who SERVED.
  1. Matthew 20:28
  2. John 13: 14 - 16
- D. He came into the world not to do His own will but the Father's will (Heb. 10:7; John 4:34; John 6:38).
  1. That is the position of a servant -- one who does another's will.
  2. In Gethsemane He prayed that the Father's will be done (Matt. 26:39, 42, 44).
  3. He submitted to the Father's will (Heb. 5: 8, 9; Phil. 2:8).

- E. Jesus bore patiently all manner of reviling and persecution (I Pet. 2:23).
- F. He cared for others, not for Himself.
  - 1. Mark 10:45
  - 2. Luke 19:10
  - 3. Matt. 9: 36 - 38
  - 4. Heb. 2:9

## II. THE WONDER AND MARVEL OF JESUS BEING A SERVANTS IS MADE THE GREATER WHEN WE CONSIDER THAT:

- A. He was GOD in the flesh (John 1:1; 1:14; I Tim. 3:16).
- B. He is CREATOR (John 1: 3; Col. 1:16).
- C. He is the SAVIOR ( Matt. 1:21).
- D. He is KING ( Matt. 25:34; Col. 1: 13; John 18:36).
- E. He had POWER OVER NATURE -- the winds and the sea obeyed Him (Matt. 8: 26 - 27).
- F. *"IN HIM DWELLETH ALL THE FULNESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY"* (Col. 2:9; 1:19; John 14:9).
- G. He was the SPOKESMAN TO THE HUMAN FAMILY (John 17: 8, 20 - 21; Heb. 1: 1 - 2).
- H. He is LORD ( 2 Pet. 2:20; Eph. 4:5).
- I. Even though Jesus was all of this, it DID NOT KEEP HIM FROM SERVING MAN!
- J. He continues to serve man today.
  - 1. He is our ADVOCATE ( I John 2:1).
  - 2. He is our "PROPITIATION" ( I John 2:2).
  - 3. He is our "HIGH PRIEST" ( Heb. 4: 14 - 16).

## III. THE EXPLANATION OF JESUS BEING A SERVANT OF MAN IS FOUND IN HIS DIVINE NATURE.

- A. His immeasurable love for man ( I John 3:16; John 3:16; Eph. 5:2).
- B. His compassion for man (Matt. 9: 36 - 38).

## IV. CHRISTIANS, AS SERVANTS OF CHRIST, ARE TO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE AS A SERVANT.

- A. In cheerfulness we are to choose to fulfill the most lowly jobs that are to be done.
  - 1. Count the people in the assembly.
  - 2. Count the contribution.

3. Clean the building.
  4. Work around the building
  5. Encourage others, etc.
- B. We follow His example as a servant when we manifest great lowliness of spirit and humility of bearing.
1. We are to "walk" with all lowliness and meekness, forbearing one another in love (Eph. 4: 1 - 3).
  2. "Lowliness of mind" (Phil. 2:3).
  3. "Be subject one to another and be clothed with humility" (I Pet. 5:5- 6).
  4. Romans 12:3
- C. In always thinking and working for the good of others.
1. Phil. 2: 3 - 4.
  2. Romans 15: 1- 3.
  3. 2 Cor. 12:15.
- D. Let self-sacrifice be the rule of our lives ( 2 Cor. 12:15; Acts 20:35).
- E. In gladness we bear injustice and persecution (Matt. 5: 10 - 12).
1. Jesus did ( I Pet. 2: 21 - 23).
- F. In selecting a place to serve in which we receive the least and give the most.
1. Choosing to "with on tables" rather than to "sit at meat" (Luke 22:27).
  2. We should not look for chief rooms or seats (Luke 14: 7- 11).

## CONCLUSION

1. How many of us are really servants like Jesus?
2. Do you live your life for Him? (Gal. 2:20).

## QUESTIONS

1. What two disciples of Jesus wanted high and exalted positions in the kingdom of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What was the attitude of the other ten apostles when they heard of their desire? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who did Jesus say would be the greatest in His kingdom? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Did Jesus say, "I am among you as he that serveth"? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What did Jesus do that gave them an example of His humility and service? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What form did Jesus take when He came into the world? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Did Jesus live like the rich and the cultured few when He came into the world? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What kind of people was Jesus born among? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What kind of work did Joseph (Jesus' foster father) do? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What kind of work did Jesus do? \_\_\_\_\_
11. At what age did Jesus leave this work? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Did Jesus own any property? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Was Jesus poor or rich? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Jesus came into the world to do whose will? \_\_\_\_\_
15. What did Jesus pray in Gethsemane? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
16. Jesus became obedient unto what? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Was Jesus' great concern for Himself or for others? \_\_\_\_\_
18. When Jesus walked upon the earth, was He "God in the flesh"? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Why do we wonder and marvel at Jesus being a servant among His own servants? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
20. Tell how Jesus continues to serve man today: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
21. Did Jesus have immeasurable love and compassion for man? \_\_\_\_\_
22. Should Christians cheerfully choose to do the most lowly jobs? \_\_\_\_\_
23. How are Christians to walk? (Eph. 4: 1 - 3) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
24. Do the true servants of Christ always work for the good of others? \_\_\_\_\_
25. What is the rule of the Christian's way of life? \_\_\_\_\_
26. What is to be our attitude when we are persecuted? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
27. In selecting a place to serve should we look for a place where we will receive the most and give the least? \_\_\_\_\_
28. Are many people truly servants like Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

# "JESUS OUR LORD"

Romans 4:24

Lesson Nine

## INTRODUCTION

1. In our study of Jesus we see many great contrasts laid down in the word of God concerning Him.
2. By faith we accept all these and make them a part of our daily speech and understanding of Jesus.
3. Jesus is SAVIOUR, TEACHER, FRIEND, KING, REDEEMER, SERVANT, HIGH PRIEST, and LORD.
4. There is a great contrast between servant and Lord, but Jesus is both.
5. "Lord" means: "Sovereign rulership"; one having disposition of men or property.
6. "Lord" was the title a slave would use of his master. In the slave/master relationship, the slave acknowledged the right of the master to have authority over his very life.
7. Jesus is our Lord: we are His servants (Rom. 1:1; Phil. 1:1).
8. By His resurrection and ascension God exalted Jesus to Lordship.
  - A. Eph. 1: 20 - 23
  - B. Phil. 2: 8 - 11
  - C. Acts 2: 31 - 36
9. Today there is but ONE LORD ( I Cor. 8:6; Eph. 4:5).

## I. BECAUSE OF JESUS' TENDER LOVE AND COMPASSION, THE TITLE "JESUS OUR LORD" IS SWEET TO THE BELIEVER.

A. The privileges accorded the believer because he has "received Christ Jesus the Lord".

1. Salvation from sin (Acts 4:12; Col. 2:6).
  - a. The believer has called upon the name of the Lord by *believing, repenting, confessing Christ, and being baptized* for the remission of sins (Rom. 10:13; Acts 22:16; Acts 2:38).
  - b. The believer is given *the second law of pardon* when he sins (Acts 8:22; I John 1:9).
2. He is Lord of our lives as we live on this earth ( Rom. 14:8; Phil. 1:21; Gal. 2:20; I Pet. 3:15).
3. In the church He is the Head-- Lord. (Eph. 1: 22 - 23; Col. 1:18).
4. We can glorify God "*in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ*" ( Eph. 5: 19 - 20; Col. 3: 16 - 17).
  - a. All worship is in the name of our Lord (by His authority).

5. We have fellowship with the Lord on the Lord's day at the Lord's table ( I Cor. 10: 16 - 17; 10:21; 11: 20).
  - a. As servants we come around the Lord's table to eat and drink with the Lord (Luke 22: 30; Matt. 26:29).
    - (1) This is not a common thing for a servant to eat with his Lord! What a privilege! (Luke 17: 7 - 10).
- B. To the Christian the title "JESUS OUR LORD" has these meanings:
  1. We yield to Jesus our Lord ONLY.
    - a. Only one is our Master (Matt. 23: 8, 10).
      - (1) We do not yield to Moses ( Matt.17: 4 - 5).
      - (2) We do not yield to the pope (Matt. 23:9).
      - (3) We do not yield to any man ( I Cor. 4:6).
  2. We yield to Jesus our Lord WILLINGLY.
    - a. This is voluntary service (Matt. 11: 28 - 30).
    - b. Luke 17:10
  3. We yield to Jesus our Lord UNRESERVEDLY.
    - a. Col. 3: 23
  4. We yield to Jesus our Lord as LAWGIVER.
    - a. James 4:12
    - b. His word decides religious practice (Matt. 28:18; John 12:48).
  5. We yield to Jesus our Lord TRUSTFULLY, believing that He will do His part well as Lord.
    - a. No lord can be so wise, good, and great as Christ the Lord! (Eph. 1: 20 - 23; Phil. 2: 9 - 11).
    - b. He is able to save us to the "UTTERMOST" (Heb. 7:25).
    - c. He is able to provide our daily needs (Matt. 6: 24 - 33).

**II. CHRISTIANS FIND MUCH COMFORT IN THE WORD "OUR" (Rom. 4:24; 2 Pet. 3:18).**

- A. It causes us to remember our personal interest in the Lord.
  1. Each Christian uses this title in the singular.
  2. Paul did, "JESUS MY LORD" (Phil. 3:8).
- B. It brings a host of brethren before our minds, for it is in UNITY with them we say, "OUR LORD".
  1. When we talk about "*our Lord*" it causes us to remember each other.
- C. It fosters UNITY as we all serve "OUR LORD" (Eph. 4:5; I Cor. 1:10).
- D. Our zeal to serve "OUR LORD" forbids all self-examination.
  1. I Cor. 4:6

2. Matt. 23: 5 - 12

## CONCLUSION:

1. As we serve Jesus our Lord, LET US:
  - A. Worship God in the name of Our Lord (Eph. 5:20).
  - B. Imitate our Lord's:
    1. Love
    2. Humility
    3. Obedience
    4. Care
    5. Concern for the lost
    6. Respect for the Father
    7. Compassion
    8. Love for the church
  - C. Let us serve our Lord, obeying His every command (John 14:15).

## QUESTIONS

1. Do we find many contrasts concerning Jesus laid down in the word of God? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What does "Lord" mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Whose servants are Christians? \_\_\_\_\_
4. By what did God exalt Jesus to Lordship? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. How many "Lord (s)" are there? \_\_\_\_\_
6. How does one call upon the name of the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. As we live our lives on this earth, is Jesus to be the Lord of our lives? \_\_\_\_\_ What does this mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Who is the head of the church? \_\_\_\_\_
9. In whose name are we to glorify God? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What does "in His name" mean? \_\_\_\_\_
11. All worship is to be in whose name? \_\_\_\_\_
12. In what do we have fellowship with the Lord on the Lord's day? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. Is it a great privilege for a servant to eat and drink with his Lord? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Do Christians yield to any other Lord? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Does Jesus make men serve Him against their will? \_\_\_\_\_
16. After we have done all those things which we are commanded to do, what kind of servants are we? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Whatsoever we do, how are we to do it? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
18. Who is the one lawgiver? \_\_\_\_\_
19. How is Jesus able to save us? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Give the passage of scripture where Paul refers to Christ Jesus as "*MY LORD*": \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
21. Does it cause us to remember others when we use the term "*our Lord*"? \_\_\_\_\_
22. We worship God in whose name? \_\_\_\_\_
23. List some ways we are to imitate our Lord: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_
24. How do we show our love for the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_  
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# THE MIND OF CHRIST

## Part One

Rom. 8:9

Lesson Ten

### INTRODUCTION

1. The Philippians were to have the "*mind of Christ*" (Phil. 2:5).
2. Peter said, "*Arm yourselves likewise with the same mind.*" ( I Pet. 4:1).
3. To have the "*mind of Christ*" is to have the THOUGHTS, PURPOSES, SENTIMENTS, RESOLUTIONS, INTENTIONS, and the SPIRIT which characterized the Savior.
4. Christ lived a perfect life (Heb. 4:15) and left us an example to follow ( I Pet. 2:21; 1 Cor. 11:1).
5. To follow the life of Christ demands that we have an accurate concept of His life.
6. Not everyone correctly understands what the "*mind of Christ*" or the "*spirit of Christ*" is.
7. We must learn that there are TWO sides to the Son of God.
  - A. He is a "LAMB" (Acts 8: 32 - 33).
  - B. He is a "LION" (Rev. 5:5).
8. Many think that only the characteristics of a lamb is true evidence of the spirit of Christ.
  - A. These people think of our Master as a "sissy" without backbone, and that He had no courage or combative spirit about Him.
  - B. Our Lord was a "*lamb*" with regard to personal matters (Acts 8: 32 - 33; I Pet. 2: 22 - 23).
9. But, He was a "LION" with regard to error, both in doctrine and practice.
  - A. Example of His being a "*lion*" -- Matt. 21: 12 - 13; Matt. 15: 7 - 9.
10. WAYS WE MANIFEST THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST:
  - A. When we are OBEDIENT AS HE WAS OBEDIENT.
  - B. When we TEACH AS HE TAUGHT.
  - C. When we LIVE AS HE LIVED.
  - D. When we LOVE WHAT HE LOVED.
  - E. When we HATE WHAT HE HATED.
11. Let us now study the "*mind* (or spirit) of Christ".

### I. WHAT WAS THE "MIND OF CHRIST" WITH REFERENCE TO OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD OF GOD?

- A. "*Because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.*" (John 5:30).
- B. ". . . *My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.*" (John 4:34).

- C. "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me."  
(John 6: 38).
- D. In Gethsemane Jesus prayed to the Father ( Matthew 26:39).
  - 1. Jesus had intense emotion as He prayed, being the Son of man.
    - a. Luke 22:44; John 12:27
    - b. Heb. 5: 7 - 9
  - 2. But He was obedient (Heb. 5: 8 - 9).
- E. Jesus' ATTITUDE toward keeping the Law:
  - 1. One must keep it all (Matt. 23: 23).
  - 2. Matt. 5: 17 - 18
- F. Jesus taught that one must completely reject the traditions and commandments of men  
(Matt. 15: 2 - 9).
- G. Jesus manifested the highest regard for the revealed word of God.
  - 1. He obeyed the law of God perfectly.
- H. If I have the "*mind of Christ*" I will strive to obey the law of Christ perfectly (Gal. 6:2).

## II. WHEN WE TEACH AS HE TAUGHT WE MANIFEST THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST.

- A. He gave us the golden rule (Matt. 7:12).
  - 1. This would solve many problems in the church.
- B. He taught us how to act toward our enemies.
  - 1. Do not seek personal revenge (Matt. 5: 38 - 42).
    - a. Romans 12: 17 - 21
  - 2. Do good to our enemies (Matt. 5: 44).
  - 3. Love our enemies ( Matt. 5: 44 -48).
- C. Jesus taught we must be willing to forgive those who sin against us.
  - 1. Matt. 18: 21 - 22
  - 2. Matt. 6: 14 - 15; Eph. 4:2
  - 3. How does God forgive? (Heb. 10:17)
- D. Jesus taught to look "*on a woman to lust after her*" is sin -- adultery in the heart (Matt. 5: 28).
- E. Jesus taught that there is but one reason for divorce and remarriage -- fornication (Matt. 19:9).
- F. Jesus taught that there is one church (Matt. 16:18; Eph. 4:4).
- G. Jesus taught that one must be baptized to be saved (Mark 16: 15 - 16; Acts 2:38).
- H. Jesus taught that the doctrines and commandments of men make worship vain (Matt. 15: 9).

**III. WE MUST LIVE AS HE LIVED TO MANIFEST THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST.**

- A. We will not live to perfection all the time as Jesus lived ( I John 1:8; Rom. 3:23).
  - 1. He lived without sinning.
  - 2. He was tempted in all points like we are, but did not yield to temptation and sin (Heb. 4:15; I Pet. 2:22; I John 2: 15 -16).
  - 3. Why we sin -- James 1: 13 - 15.
- B. He is our example of how to live ( I Cor. 11:1).
- C. How did Christ live?
  - 1. In submission to the will of God (John 6:38).
  - 2. He lived a life of humility (Phil. 2:8; I Pet. 5:5).
    - a. Washed His disciples' feet ( John 13).
  - 3. He lived a life of self-sacrifice ( 2 Cor. 8:9; Luke 9: 58).
  - 4. He loved His disciples ( John 15: 13).
  - 5. He worked ( John 9:4; Acts 10:38; I Cor. 15: 58; John 13: 34 -35).
  - 6. He prayed without ceasing (Luke 18:1).
    - a. His baptism (Luke 3:21).
    - b. Before choosing His apostles (Luke 6: 12 - 13; I Thess. 5:18).
    - c. Luke 11:1
  - 7. He had compassion (Matt. 9: 36; Luke 7:11 -15; Matt. 14:14).
  - 8. He was willing to forgive others (Luke 23: 33 - 34; Luke 19:10).
  - 9. He had mercy (John 8: 3 - 11; James 2:13; Matt. 7: 1 - 5).
  - 10. He wept (John 11: 35; Rom. 12:15).
  - 11. He had joy (Heb. 12:2; Phil. 4:4).
  - 12. He had courage to stand against sin (Rev. 5:5; Eph. 5:11).
  - 13. He suffered ( I Pet. 2:21; I Pet. 4:16).
  - 14. He hated sin (Heb. 1:9).

**QUESTIONS**

- 1. Are Christians to have the "mind of Christ"? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Where is the "mind of Christ" revealed? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. What does it mean to have the "mind of Christ"? \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Did Jesus Christ live a perfect life? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Does everyone correctly understand the "mind of Christ"? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Name the two sides to the Son of God: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Do many people think Jesus only had the characteristics of a lamb? \_\_\_\_\_
8. When was Jesus a "lion"? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. List ways we manifest that we have the "spirit (mind) of Christ": \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_
10. What was the "mind of Christ" concerning obedience to God's word? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. What did Jesus teach one must do with the traditions and commandments of men? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. Are we to "*fulfill the law of Christ*"? \_\_\_\_\_
13. How are we to treat others? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. How did Jesus teach us to act toward our enemies? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
15. Are we to be willing to forgive those who sin against us? \_\_\_\_\_
16. How does one commit adultery in the heart? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
17. What is the one reason the innocent party can divorce his companion and marry another? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Did Jesus say He would build many churches? \_\_\_\_\_
19. How many churches did Jesus say He would build? \_\_\_\_\_
20. What did Jesus teach one has to do to be saved from past sins? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
21. What did Jesus say makes worship vain? \_\_\_\_\_
22. Can men live to perfection as Jesus did? \_\_\_\_\_
23. Discuss how Jesus lived as our example: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# THE MIND OF CHRIST

## Part Two

### Lesson Eleven

#### INTRODUCTION

1. Philippians 2:5
2. I Peter 4:1
3. To have the "mind of Christ" is to have the THOUGHTS, PURPOSES, SENTIMENTS, RESOLUTIONS, INTENTIONS, and the SPIRIT that characterized the Savior.
4. Let us continue our study.

#### I. WHEN WE LOVE WHAT HE LOVED WE HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST.

- A. *"Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity"* (Heb. 1:9).
  1. Christ loves uprightness -- right doing.
  2. He lived a life of uprightness, free from sin (I Pet. 2:22).
  3. He went about doing good ( Acts 10:38).
- B. Christ loved the Heavenly Father enough to obey Him.
  1. Heb. 5: 8, 9
  2. John 15:10
  3. If we have the spirit of Christ we will love God enough to obey Him. ( Matt. 7:21; John 14:15).
- C. Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it.
  1. Eph. 5:25; Acts 20:28
  2. If we have the spirit of Christ we will love the church, and give a life of service to God in the church.
  3. We will glorify God in the church by Christ Jesus (Eph. 3:21).
  4. Indifferent members of the church are not manifesting the spirit of Christ.
    - (1) How do we show indifference?
      - a. Not attending the services.
      - b. Not giving of our means.
      - c. Not working.
- D. Christ loved all His disciples.
  1. John 15:13; I John 2:2
  2. Do we love our brothers and sisters in the Lord? (John 13: 34 - 35).
  3. If we don't, we don't have the spirit of Christ! ( I john 4:20).
  4. How do we show a lack of love?

(1) Not speaking to one another.

E. Christ loved lost souls.

1. Luke 19:10 -- He came "*to seek and to save that which was lost*".
2. Heb. 2:9 -- He tasted death for every man.
3. Christ made it His constant business in life to reach the lost.
  - a. Woman at Jacob's well (John 4: 6 - 7).
  - b. Nicodemus (John 3:1 - 5).
4. Mark 16: 15,16
5. If we don't love lost souls we don't have the spirit of Christ!

F. Christ loved the truth.

1. John 8:32
2. John 14:6
3. Matt. 5: 17 - 18
4. John 10:35
5. We must love the truth if we are to have the mind of Christ (2 Thess. 2:10).

G. Christ loved children and the home.

1. Matt. 18: 2 - 5
2. Matt. 19: 3 - 12
3. Matt. 5: 28 - 30
4. When one does not love children and the home, he does not have the spirit of Christ.

## II. WHEN WE HATE WHAT HE HATED AND HAVE COURAGE AS HE HAD COURAGE, WE HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST.

A. He "*hated iniquity*" (Heb. 1:9; Rom. 12:9; Psa. 119:104; Matt. 10:34; I Tim. 1:18; I Tim. 6:12; II Tim. 4:7).

B. He opposed evil, false doctrines and false teachers in every form.

C. He is "*the Lion of the tribe of Judah*" (Rev. 5:5).

D. Jesus confronted the Jews who sought to bind their traditions upon men.

1. The Pharisees sought to bind the traditions of the elders (Mark 7: 2 - 5).
2. Jesus answered the Pharisees like a "*lion*" (Mark 7: 6 - 13).
3. Truth offends (Matt. 15:12).

E. In the sermon on the mount He warned about "*false prophets*" (Matt. 7:15).

F. In Matthew 16 He warns about "*the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees*:" ( Matt. 16: 6,12).

G. During the last week of His earthly ministry He had several confrontations with the Jewish leaders, which shows His attitude toward false teachers and false doctrines.

1. He entered into the temple of God and "*cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, and said unto them, it is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.*" (Matt. 21: 12 - 13).
  2. Later that same week, He gave another scathing rebuke to these false teachers and their false doctrine in Matthew 23:
    - a. Matt. 23: 1 - 12
    - b. Matt. 23: 13; Lk. 11:52
    - c. Matt. 23: 14
    - d. Matt. 23:15
    - e. Matt. 23:16
    - f. Matt. 23:23
    - g. Matt. 23:25
    - h. Matt. 23:27
    - i. Matt. 23: 29,30
- G. The early disciples understood His attitude toward false doctrine and false teachers and imitated that attitude (or spirit).
1. Stephen rebuked the Jews (Acts 6: 9 - 10; Acts 7: 51 - 54).
  2. Paul's rebuke of the false prophet Bar-Jesus at Paphos (Acts 13: 6 - 12).
  3. Paul rebuked Peter ( Gal. 2: 11- 16).
  4. Paul to Timothy ( I Tim. 1:3; II Tim. 4:2).
  5. Paul to Titus (Titus 1: 13).
- H. Christ was opposed to evil in every form and we today must oppose the same.
1. We must oppose:
    - a. False teachers and false doctrines.
      - (1) We must oppose false doctrine no matter who is teaching it.
        - (a) It may be an elder (Acts 20:30).
        - (b) It may be a preacher (Acts 20:29).
        - (c) It may be a member.
    - b. We must oppose immoral and lascivious conduct.
      - (1) Dancing (Gal. 5:19).
      - (2) Fornication (Eph. 5:3; I Cor. 6:18).
      - (3) Immodest dress and mixed swimming ( I Tim. 2:9 - 10).
      - (4) Drinking ( I Pet. 4:3).
      - (5) Gambling.
      - (6) Materialism
      - (7) Indifference

## CONCLUSION

1. I am concerned about the attitude of many in the church today.
  - A. Many don't seem to understand the spirit of Christ; they don't want any controversy, and they don't want false teachers named or their false doctrine labeled as false.
  - B. Many want all positive and no negative teaching.
  - C. I hope you have been able to see that this is NOT the spirit of Christ.
2. Do you have the spirit of Christ?

## QUESTIONS

1. What does Jesus love? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Did Jesus keep the Father's commandments? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Does one have the spirit of Christ who does not love God enough to obey Him? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. How much did Christ love the church? \_\_\_\_\_
5. If we love the church what will we do? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Where must one be to glorify God? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Does one have the spirit of Christ if he does not love his brethren? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Give examples that show the love of Christ for the lost: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. What did Jesus say would make us free? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Who did Jesus say is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Can one have the spirit of Christ who does not love children and the home as God ordained it? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What does Jesus hate? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Jesus is the "lion" of what tribe? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Did Jesus confront the false teachers of His day? \_\_\_\_\_
15. What kind of clothing did Jesus say false prophets would come in? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
16. What "doctrine" did Jesus warn about? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
17. What did Jesus do when He entered the temple? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

18. How man "woes" did Jesus pronounce upon false teachers in Matthew 23? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
19. What was the attitude of the Jews who heard Stephen preach? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
20. State the rebuke that Paul gave Bar-Jesus: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
21. Who did Paul rebuke Peter before? \_\_\_\_\_
22. What did Paul tell Timothy to "charge" some? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
23. If we have the mind of Christ what will we do when we hear false doctrine being taught? \_\_\_\_\_
24. Does it matter who is teaching it? \_\_\_\_\_
25. Must we oppose immoral and lascivious conduct? \_\_\_\_\_
26. Do people who don't want controversy understand the spirit of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_
27. Be ready to discuss in class what is wrong with gambling: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# WHY DID CHRIST COME TO THE EARTH?

## Lesson Twelve

### INTRODUCTION

1. We sing the song "Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?", and then we answer, "Because He Loved Me So".
2. Love is one of the reasons He came, but there are other reasons.
3. Let us look at the subject in detail.

### I. JESUS CAME FROM HEAVEN TO THIS EARTH (John 1:1, 14,18; 3:13; 17: 3 - 5; Phil. 2: 6 - 7; Eph. 4: 9 - 10).

- A. He came down from heaven (John 3:13).
- B. The Father sent Him ( John 17:3).
- C. He left the glory He had with the Father (John 17: 3 - 5).
- D. He was known as the WORD before He became flesh (John 1:1, 14).

### II. THE MANNER OF HIS COMING

- A. He was born of a virgin (Matt. 1: 18 - 25; Isa. 7;14).
- B. He was not born in a rich family (Luke 2: 4 - 7).
- C. He never lived in "pomp" (Matt. 8:20).
- D. He walked here on earth a poor man ( 2 Cor. 8:9).
- E. He did not have men ministering to Him (Matt. 20:28).

### III. HE CAME BECAUSE HE LOVED LOST MAN.

- A. Eph. 5:2: "*. . . Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us . . .*"
- B. Eph. 3:19: "*. . . To know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge. . .*"
- C. Eph. 5:25: "*. . . Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it*".
- D. Luke 19:10: "*For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*"
- E. Matt. 23:37: His feeling for His Jewish brethren.
- F. Heb. 2:9: He was willing to taste death for every man.
- G. 2 Cor. 5: 14 - 15: He died for all.

### IV. CHRIST CAME TO EARTH TO CONQUER THE DEVIL.

- A. Jesus said, "*Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out*" (John 12:31).
- B. The death and the resurrection of Christ would bring the casting out of Satan (John 12: 32 - 33; Heb. 2:14; I John 3:8; Col. 2: 14 - 15).
- C. He abolished death ( 2 Tim. 1:10; I Cor. 15: 54 - 57).
- D. Christ said, "*the gates of Hades*" would not prevail against the building of His church (Matt. 16: 18; Rom. 6:9).
  - 1. Hades did not prevail ( Acts 2:31).
- E. Now we can overcome Satan through the blood of Christ (Rev. 12: 10 - 11; 7:14).
  - 1. We reach the blood in baptism (Rom. 6: 3 - 4).
  - 2. We live under a "*blood dedicated*" will (Matt. 26:28).
  - 3. When children of God sin they apply the blood by repentance, confession, and prayer (Acts 8:22; I John 1:9).

## V. CHRIST CAME TO EARTH TO FULFILL PROPHECY

- A. Matt. 5: 17 - 18; Luke 24:44
- B. He was to be the seed of woman (Gen. 3:15; Gal. 4:4; Matt. 1:18).
- C. He was to be born of a virgin (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:18).
- D. He was to be the seed of Abraham (Gen. 22:18; Gal. 3:16).
- E. He was to suffer that we might be forgiven (Isa. 54: 4 - 6; I Pet. 2: 21 - 24).
- F. He was to be a priest after the order of Melchizedeck ( Psa. 110: 4; Heb. 5: 5 - 6; 5:10).
- G. His law was to go forth from Zion and His word from Jerusalem (Isa. 2: 1 - 3; Luke 24: 46 - 49; Acts 2: 1 - 4).

## VI. HE CAME TO BE A SACRIFICE FOR SIN

- A. He came to be the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world ( John 1: 29).
- B. He came to give His life a ransom for many (Mark 10:45).
- C. He came to lay down His life for the sins of man (John 10:11, 17 - 18).
- D. He "*gave himself or our sins*" (Gal. 1:4).
- E. He came to taste death for every man (Heb. 2:9).
- F. He came down from heaven to do His Father's will (John 6: 38).
  - 1. God so loved the world He gave His Son to die for the sins of man (John 3:16).
  - 2. God "*spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all*" (Rom. 8:32).
  - 3. God gave commission for the sword to awake against His Son ( Zech. 13:7; Rev. 13:8; Luke 9:22).
    - a. The smiting took place according to the will of God (Acts 2:23).
    - b. The Just had to die for the unjust (I Pet. 3:18).

- c. Only by the death of Christ would God be Just while justifying sinners who believe in Christ (Rom. 3: 24 - 26; I Cor. 15:30).

## VII. CHRIST CAME TO BE MAN'S SAVIOR

- A. Matt. 1:21; I John 4:14; Acts 4:12; Luke 19:10
- B. Four important facts about Jesus our Savior:
  - 1. Jesus is the ONLY Savior.
    - a. Nowhere is He presented as a Savior among many (John 8:24; 14:6; Acts 4:12; I Cor. 8:6).
  - 2. Jesus is Savior of ALL.
    - a. Luke 24: 47; Mark 16:15 - 16
    - b. Rom. 1:16
  - 3. Jesus is a WILLING Savior.
    - a. John 10: 11, 17 - 18
    - b. Gal. 1:4
  - 4. Jesus is an ALL-SUFFICIENT Savior.
    - a. "*complete in Him*" (Col. 2:10).
    - b. All spiritual blessings in Him (Eph. 1:3).

## VIII. CHRIST CAME TO FULFILL THE LAW, TAKE IT OUT OF THE WAY, AND ESTABLISH A BETTER COVENANT.

- A. Matt. 5: 17 - 18
- B. Luke 24:44
- C. His final work to die on the cross.
  - 1. To which He nailed the Law (Col. 2:14).
  - 2. He abolished the Law (Eph. 2:15).
  - 3. He took away the first and established the second (Heb. 10:9; 8:6).
  - 4. He dedicated the New Testament with His blood (Matt. 26:28; Heb. 10: 29).
  - 5. Heb. 9: 16 - 17

## IX. HE CAME TO PREPARE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HIS CHURCH.

- A. He said He would build it (Matt. 16:18).
- B. He died on the cross and bought it with His blood (Acts 20:28).
- C. He came out of hades, ascended back to heaven to the right hand of God, and established His church on the first Pentecost after His resurrection (Acts 2: 26 - 36).
- D. Three thousand became members of it on Pentecost (Acts 2: 41, 47).

**X. JESUS CAME TO EARTH THAT HE MIGHT BE OUR HIGH PRIEST.**

- A. He had to become man to be man's High Priest (Heb. 2:17).
- B. Our High Priest can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities (Heb. 4: 15 - 16).
- C. He is our Mediator (I Tim. 2:5).

**XI. CHRIST HAD TO COME TO EARTH TO BE MAN'S EXAMPLE.**

- A. Being man, he could be tempted.
  - 1. Matt. 4: 1 - 10
  - 2. Heb. 2: 16 - 18
- B. Being man, He overcame temptation.
  - 1. Heb. 4:15
- C. He is our example ( John 13:15; I Pet. 2:21).

**XII. HE HAD TO COME TO EARTH AND BECOME THE SON OF MAN TO BE OUR JUDGE.**

- A. Acts 17: 30 - 31
- B. Christ was God and man (Phil. 2:6).

**CONCLUSION**

- 1. He came to save sinners ( I Tim. 1:15; Luke 19:10).
- 2. The gospel is for all (Mark 16:15 - 16).

**QUESTIONS**

- 1. John says Jesus came \_\_\_\_\_ from heaven.
- 2. What did Jesus give up when He came down from heaven? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3. What was Jesus called before He was made flesh? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Was Mary a virgin? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. How was Jesus conceived in the womb of Mary (Luke 1: 35) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Whose son is Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Was Jesus born among the rich, and did He live as a rich man? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What does the name "Immanuel" mean? \_\_\_\_\_
9. How did Jesus show His great love for man? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. When was "the prince of this world" cast out? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Did the gates of Hades keep Jesus from building His church? \_\_\_\_\_
12. How do we overcome Satan? \_\_\_\_\_
13. List three prophecies Jesus fulfilled:
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
14. When John the Baptist saw Jesus coming to him, what did he say about Him? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
15. What did Jesus say He had power to do with His life? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
16. Who did Jesus taste death for? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Whose will did Jesus come to do? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Was Jesus' death on the cross according to God's will? \_\_\_\_\_
19. List four (4) important facts about Jesus our Savior:
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
  4. \_\_\_\_\_
20. What did Christ's death on the cross accomplish? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
21. Who is the builder of the church? \_\_\_\_\_
22. What was the price paid for the church? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
23. How many were added to the church on Pentecost? \_\_\_\_\_
24. When was the church established? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
25. Who is our High Priest? \_\_\_\_\_
26. Does our High Priest understand us? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
27. Was Jesus tempted in all points like we are? \_\_\_\_\_

28. Did Jesus overcome all temptation? \_\_\_\_\_
29. Who is our perfect example? \_\_\_\_\_
30. Why can Jesus be a just judge? \_\_\_\_\_

## "NEVER MAN SPAKE LIKE THIS MAN"

John 7:46

### Lesson Thirteen

#### INTRODUCTION

1. These are the words of the officers who were sent to arrest Jesus.
2. Jesus had come to Jerusalem for the feast of tabernacles, and the Pharisees and chief priest sent officers to take Him (John 7:32).
3. But the officers did not arrest Him and told the chief priests and Pharisees their reason for not doing so was, "*NEVER MAN SPAKE LIKE THIS MAN*" (John 7: 45 - 46).
4. Let us notice how Jesus spake:

#### I. NEVER MAN SPAKE WITH SUCH AUTHORITY

- A. Jesus "*taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes*" (Matt. 7:29).
  1. Matt. 7:28 says "*the people were astonished at His doctrine*".
- B. God spoke out of the cloud on the mount of transfiguration and said, "*This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.*" (Matt. 17:5).
- C. The Hebrew writer said that God, "*Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son,*" (Heb. 1:2).
- D. God gave Christ all authority in heaven and in earth (Matt. 28:18).
- E. No man ever claimed the authority Jesus claimed:
  1. He claimed authority to call men into His service (Mark 1: 16 - 22).
    - a. He called Simon (Peter), Andrew, James and John.
  2. Mark 3:14: "*And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach.*"
  3. He claimed authority to send men to preach:
    - a. Under the limited commission He sent the twelve (Matt. 10:5 - 7).
    - b. Under the limited commission He sent the seventy (Luke 10: 1, 9).
    - c. Under the great commission He sent the apostles (Matt. 28: 18 - 20).
  4. He claimed the authority to tell them what to preach (Mark 16: 15 - 16).

#### II. NEVER MAN SPAKE WITH SUCH ELOQUENCE

- A. The officers were so influenced that they failed to arrest Him (John 7: 46).
  1. His message was profound and yet simple.
- B. The Jews in the temple who heard Him said, "*How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?*" (John 7:15).

- C. Luke 19: 48 says, "*For all the people were very attentive to hear him*".
- D. Luke 21: 38 "*And all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple, for to hear him.*"

### III. NEVER MAN SPAKE WITH SUCH CERTAINTY

- A. Jesus never spoke with doubt on any subject.
- B. He knew whereof He spoke, and was definite and clear on all that He taught.
- C. A few examples of His certainty as He spoke:
  - 1. Baptism (John 3: 3 - 5; Mark 16: 16; Rom. 6: 3 - 4; I Cor. 12:13).
  - 2. The church (Matt. 16:18).
  - 3. Divorce (Matt. 19:9).
  - 4. Hell (Matt. 25: 41, 46).
  - 5. Church discipline (Matt. 18: 15 - 17).
  - 6. Love (Matt. 22; 37 - 40; John 13: 34 - 35; John 14: 15).
  - 7. Forgiveness (Matt. 6: 14 - 15).

### IV. NEVER MAN SPAKE WITH SUCH TENDERNESS

- A. His words to Judas (Matt. 26:47 - 50).
- B. The great invitation (Matt. 11: 28 - 30).
- C. To the Jews of Jerusalem (Matt. 23:37).

### V. NEVER MAN SPAKE SUCH SCATHING REBUKES

- A. He upbraided the cities wherein most of His mighty works were done and they had not repented (Matt. 11: 20 - 24).
- B. He rebuked the scribes and Pharisees for being hypocrites in Matthew 23:
  - 1. Jesus said, "*For they say, and do not*" (Matt. 23: 2, 3).
  - 2. Jesus said, "*But all their works they do for to be seen of men:*" (Matt. 23:13).
  - 3. Jesus said, "*For ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men:*" (Matt. 23: 13).
  - 4. "*For ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess*" (Matt. 23: 25).
  - 5. He said they were "*like unto whited sepulchers,*" (Matt. 23: 27).
- C. He rebuked the scribes and Pharisees for teaching their traditions (Matt. 15: 2 - 9).

### VI. NEVER MAN SPAKE WITH SUCH SIMPLICITY

- A. Mark 12: 37 "*And the common people heard him gladly*".
- B. Jesus taught great truths in simple language:

1. He spoke of disciples being "*the salt of the earth*" and "*the light of the world*" (Matt. 15: 13 - 16).
2. He illustrated the lost with a lost sheep, a lost coin, and a lost boy (Luke 15).
- C. He illustrated the preaching of the word and the receiving of the word with the sower sowing seed in different types of soil (Matt. 13: 4 - 8, 16 - 23).
- D. In His teaching Jesus indeed went from the known to the unknown.

## VII. NEVER MAN SPAKE SETTING FORTH SUCH DISTURBING STANDARDS

- A. For salvation from past sins (Mark 16: 15, 16).
- B. For entering into the Kingdom:
  1. ". . . *he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.*" (Matt. 7:21).
  2. ". . . *be born again . . .*" "*born of water and the Spirit . . .*" (John 3: 3 - 5).
  3. ". . . *be converted and become as little children. . .*" (Matt. 18:3).
- C. For His disciples:
  1. Must continue in His word (John 8:31).
  2. Christ must come before the family (Matt. 10: 34 - 37).
  3. Christ must come before the dead (Luke 9: 59 - 60).
  4. His kingdom must come first (Matt. 6:33).
- D. For Worship:
  1. Must be "*in spirit and in truth*" (John 4:24).
  2. The doctrines and commandments of men make worship vain (Matt. 15:9).
- E. For the way which leads to life:
  1. Matt. 7: 13 - 14
- F. For the home (Matt. 19: 3 - 12).

## CONCLUSION

1. Never man spake such an invitation (Matt. 11: 28 - 30).
2. Never man spake such words of hope (John 14: 1 - 6).
3. Won't you obey the "Son of man", your Savior?

## QUESTIONS

1. Who said, "*never man spake like this man*"? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Why had Jesus come to Jerusalem? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How did Jesus teach them? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What was the attitude of the people toward His doctrine? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. When God spoke out of the cloud on the mount of transfiguration, who did He say we are to hear? \_\_\_\_\_
6. How much authority did God give Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
7. List some examples of how people liked to hear Jesus speak: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Did Jesus ever speak with doubt on any subject? \_\_\_\_\_
9. List examples of Jesus' tenderness: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. What cities did Jesus upbraid? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Why did Jesus upbraid these cities? \_\_\_\_\_
12. List some things Jesus rebuked the scribes and Pharisees for: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. What kind of people heard Jesus gladly? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What kind of language did Jesus use in His teaching? \_\_\_\_\_
15. List some examples of His simple teaching: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
16. What must one do to have salvation from past sins? \_\_\_\_\_
17. What must one do to enter into the kingdom of heaven? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Jesus says He is to come before the dead (Luke 9: 59 - 60), what does this mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
19. What place must the kingdom of God occupy in our lives? \_\_\_\_\_
20. What are the principles of true worship? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
21. What makes worship vain? \_\_\_\_\_
22. How many "ways" lead to life? \_\_\_\_\_
23. How many reasons did Jesus give for divorce? \_\_\_\_\_
24. What is the hope that Jesus gives to those who obey Him? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# CHRIST WAS NOT TOO BUSY FOR IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE

## Lesson Fourteen

### INTRODUCTION

1. When we think of a perfect example of one who used his time well and was busy in his work, we think of Christ.
2. When Christ was 12 years old He said to His mother, "*Know ye not that I must be about my Father's business?*" (Luke 2:49).
3. Jesus said, "*My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work.*" (John 4:34).
4. Jesus said, "*I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.*" (John 9:4).
5. Jesus said in John 17:4, "*I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.*"
6. The life of Christ was the most busy life ever lived on this earth.
  - A. Today is a busy time, and it seems that each person has a tendency to feel that he is a bit more busy than anyone else.
  - B. We today want to excuse our failure and neglect on being "too busy".
7. Our Lord was busy, but not too busy to do the important things that we neglect.
8. Let us look at some activities which we feel we are too busy to do, but which Jesus considered to be a part of His busy life -- things He was not too busy to do.

### I. JESUS WAS NOT TOO BUSY TO TAKE THE TIME TO REST AND LEISURE, OR TO HAVE WHAT WE WOULD CALL A VACATION.

- A. Jesus said to His disciples, "*Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had not leisure so much as to eat.*" (Mark 6:31).
- B. Jesus liked to go off by Himself (Mark 1: 35; Mark 6:46).
- C. Jesus drew apart at intervals to rest ( Luke 5:16).
- D. In an age of crowds and noise, we need to take some time to be alone with God.
  1. Every Christian should punctuate his life with seasons of solitude.
  2. Get away from the strife of the crowd.
  3. Men cannot feverishly rush themselves to the breaking point and expect to overcome all the damage with a two-week vacation once a year!
  4. We need to learn to draw apart and commune with God daily.
  5. We need to take time to rest and take our cares to God (I Pet. 5:7).
    - a. God does not want His children filled with worry and anxiety (Matt. 6: 25 - 34; Phil. 4:4 -7).
- E. People who never rest, never have any leisure, and are filled with anxiety are NOT like Jesus.

## II. JESUS WAS NOT TOO BUSY TO PRAY.

- A. Jesus prayed at His baptism (Luke 3:21).
- B. Before Jesus chose His apostles He prayed all night ( Luke 6: 12 - 13).
- C. Before walking on the sea He prayed (Matt. 14:22 - 33).
- D. At the transfiguration Jesus prayed ( Luke 9: 28 - 29).
- E. Before His death Jesus prayed for all His disciples (John 17).
- F. Jesus prayed for Peter (Luke 22: 32).
- G. Before His death He prayed in Gethsemane (Mark 14: 32 - 35; Heb. 5:7).
- H. Jesus prayed on the cross (Luke 23:34).
- I. The man who is too busy to pray during the day is busier than he ought to be.
  - 1. Jesus said that "*men ought always to pray, and not to faint*" (Luke 18:1).
  - 2. Paul said, "*Pray without ceasing*" (I Thess. 5:17).
  - 3. We should pray:
    - a. For the forgiveness of our sins ( I John 1:9).
    - b. That God will send laborers into His harvest (Matt. 9:38).
    - c. For our daily bread (Matt. 6:11).
    - d. For our rulers (I Tim. 2:1 - 2).
    - e. For our enemies (Matt. 5:44).
    - f. In time of temptation (Matt. 6:13; I Cor. 10:13).
    - g. We need to carry our cares to Him in prayer (I Pet. 5:7).

## III. JESUS WAS NOT TOO BUSY TO OBSERVE THE BEAUTIES OF GOD'S HANDIWORK IN THE WORLD OF NATURE.

- A. The fowls of the air (Matt. 6:26).
- B. The lilies of the field ( Matt. 6: 28 - 29).
- C. The planting of seed ( Matt. 13:3 - 9).
- D. The herb plants (Matt. 13: 31 - 32).
- E. The growing grapes (John 15: 1 - 7; Matt. 7:16).
- F. David of old (Psa. 8:3 - 9; 19:1).
- G. It is no mark of spirituality to be forever on the run with no time to enjoy God's world.
- H. Jesus was not that busy.

## IV. JESUS WAS NOT TOO BUSY TO ATTEND SOCIAL EVENTS.

- A. Jesus attended a marriage feast in Cana of Galilee (John 2: 1 - 2).
  - 1. Showing His approval of the institution of marriage.
  - 2. Showing His approval of such events as part of the social lives of people.

- B. Jesus went to a supper in His honor in the house of Simon the leper (Matt. 26: 6 - 13; John 12:1 - 9 ).
- C. Man is a social being and needs to associate with his fellowmen.

**V. JESUS WAS NOT TOO BUSY TO SHOW COMPASSION AND SYMPATHY IN TIME OF DEATH.**

- A. When Lazarus died Jesus came (John 11: 14 - 15).
  - 1. Jesus wept (John 11: 35).
- B. Jesus had compassion on the widow whose son was dead in the city of Nain (Luke 7: 11 - 15).
- C. Jesus has taught us that we are not to be too busy to "*weep with them that weep*" (Rom. 12: 15).
- D. We know Jesus used these occasions to give proof of His divine person and message, but Jesus also had sympathy (Matt. 14:14).

**VI. JESUS WAS NOT TOO BUSY TO GIVE ATTENTION TO THOSE WHO WERE SICK.**

- A. Jesus came into the house of Peter and found his mother-in-law sick with a fever and healed her (Matt. 8: 14 - 15).
- B. The man sick of palsy (Matt. 9: 2 - 8).
- C. Jesus wants us to visit the sick (Matt. 25: 36).

**VII. JESUS WAS NOT TOO BUSY TO GIVE ATTENTION TO ONE PERSON.**

- A. Nicodemus (John 3: 1 - 5).
- B. The woman at Jacob's well (John 4: 20 - 24).
- C. The great commission (Mark 16: 15 - 16).
- D. Today we convert one person at a time.

**VIII. JESUS WAS NOT TOO BUSY FOR LITTLE CHILDREN.**

- A. Matt. 19: 13 - 15; Mark 10: 13 - 16
- B. Matt. 18:1 - 6
- C. Jesus would not have us to become too busy for children.
  - 1. Fathers and mothers don't have time for children!
  - 2. Women in the church don't have time to teach children!
  - 3. Young couples too busy to have children!

**IX. JESUS WAS NOT TOO BUSY TO ATTEND THE WORSHIP IN THE SYNAGOGUE.**

- A. His custom was to do this (Luke 4: 15 - 16).
- B. A vital part of being faithful to God is to regularly attend the assemblies (Heb. 10:25; Acts 20:7).

**CONCLUSION**

- 1. Remember Jesus came to do the will of the Father.
- 2. Jesus considered the doing of these many activities in harmony with God's will.
- 3. If we are to be "Christ-like" we must never be too busy to do these things that Jesus did.

**QUESTIONS**

- 1. When Jesus was 12 years old what did He say to his mother? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Who lived the most busy life that was ever lived upon the earth? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Do we today want to excuse our failure and neglect on being too busy? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Was Jesus ever too busy to do important things that we neglect? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Did Jesus like to draw apart from the people and pray? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Did Jesus think His apostles needed to rest often when they had been very busy? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Does every Christian need periods of solitude? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Does God want His children filled with worry and anxiety? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Are people who never rest and never have any leisure like Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Was prayer an important part of Jesus' life? \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. Did Jesus teach that prayer is to be an important part of our lives? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Give four examples of Jesus praying when important things were happening in His life:
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_
13. List five things we all need to constantly pray for:
1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
  4. \_\_\_\_\_
  5. \_\_\_\_\_
14. Was Jesus too busy to observe the beauties of God's handiwork in nature? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Should Christians take time to enjoy God's beautiful world around them? \_\_\_\_\_
16. Where did Jesus attend a marriage feast? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Did this show His approval of such events as part of the social lives of people? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
18. In whose house was a supper given in honor of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Do people need to get together socially from time to time? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Give examples of Jesus' compassion and sympathy in time of death: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
21. Are Christians to show compassion and sympathy in times of death? \_\_\_\_\_
22. Give examples of Jesus' concern for the sick: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
23. Does Jesus want Christians to be concerned with the sick? \_\_\_\_\_
24. Was Jesus too busy to take time to teach one person? \_\_\_\_\_
25. How do we convert people today? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
26. Did Jesus love and have time for little children? \_\_\_\_\_
27. Should fathers and mothers take up much time with their children teaching them and setting the proper example? \_\_\_\_\_
28. Should women who are Christians be willing to teach classes for children? \_\_\_\_\_
29. Did Jesus always attend the worship in the synagogue on the Sabbath? \_\_\_\_\_
30. Can one be faithful to God and not attend the services of the church regularly? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## WHAT SHALL I DO WITH JESUS WHICH IS CALLED CHRIST?

Matthew 27:22

Lesson Fifteen

### INTRODUCTION

1. This momentous question was asked by Pilate.
2. No accused man ever before or since placed a ruler in such a fearful dilemma.
  - A. It was one that Pilate sought to escape.
3. Pilate was conscious of the innocence of Christ (Matt. 27: 17 - 18, 24).
4. Pilate's wife was also conscious of His innocence (Matt. 27: 19).
5. Pilate had a weighty influence pulling against his releasing Jesus (Matt. 27: 20 - 23).
6. When he saw he could not get the people to agree to release Jesus, he tried to be neutral (Matt. 27:24).
  - A. He preferred popularity to justice.

### I. THE UNIVERSALITY OF THE QUESTION

- A. Nearly 2,000 years have passed, and it is still asked by men on every hand!
- B. This question agitates the world today as it did in the day of Pilate.
- C. Christ was born, lived, taught and died.
  1. His teaching is here (John 20: 30 - 31; Eph. 3: 3 - 5; 2 John 9).
  2. The issue is clear-cut, we must either confess Him with all its glorious rewards, or deny Him with all its terrible consequences (Matt. 10: 32 - 33).
  3. Christ cannot be compromised (Matt. 12:30).

### II. THIS IS A PERSONAL QUESTION: "WHAT SHALL I DO?"

- A. Each is responsible for his own decision and conduct (2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:12).
- B. No man can "wash" himself of this responsibility -- not even Pilate (Matt. 27: 24; 12:30).

### III. SOME THINGS INVOLVED IN THE QUESTION

- A. No responsible person can ignore it (Matt. 12:30).
- B. It is a most important question for it has to do with the Son of God (Matt. 3:17).
- C. Something of the greatness of the question can be seen when we consider that:
  1. Jesus Christ is God's FINAL SPOKESMAN to the human race (Heb. 1: 1 - 2; Acts 3: 22 - 23).

- a. Men must obey His teaching or be lost (Heb. 5: 8 - 9; 2 Thess. 1: 8 - 9; Matt. 7:21; Mark 16:15 - 16).
2. Jesus Christ is the ONLY MEDIATOR (I Tim. 2:5; John 14:6).
3. Jesus Christ is the ONLY SAVIOUR (Matt. 1:21; Acts 4:12).

#### IV. THE NEW TESTAMENT RECORDS MANY EXAMPLES OF WHAT OTHERS DID WITH JESUS.

- A. Many of his OWN people refused to receive Him (John 1: 11 - 12).
- B. Judas betrayed Him (Matt. 26: 14 -16; 26: 47 - 48).
  1. For about \$17.00.
  2. Many will sell Him today if the world will give them what they want!
- C. Peter denied Him (Mark 14: 66 - 72; Matt. 26: 33).
  1. The modernist denies Him today.
  2. He who denies Christ will be denied by Him (Matt. 10: 32 - 33; 2 Tim. 2:12).
- D. His disciples forsook Him when danger threatened (Matt. 26:56).
  1. This is to forsake man's only hope (John 6: 66 - 68).
- E. The mob said, "*Let him be crucified*" (Matt. 27: 22 -23).
  1. Some today (Heb. 6:6).
- F. The soldiers answered by mocking and abusing Him (Matt. 27: 27 - 30).
- G. The false witnesses (Matt. 26: 59 - 61)
  1. Many today (Matt. 7:15).
- H. Pilate undertook to be neutral (Matt. 27: 24).
  1. Too fearful to deny; too weak to stand (Matt. 12:30).
- I. Paul persecuted Him (Acts 9:16; 26: 9 - 10).
  1. Learned the truth and obeyed (Acts 22:16).
- J. Felix postponed his decision (Acts 24: 24 - 27).
- K. Agrippa was almost persuaded (Acts 26: 28).
- L. Three thousand on Pentecost obeyed Him (Acts 2: 36 - 41).

#### CONCLUSION

1. The question is ours today, but it will be reversed tomorrow.
2. Our treatment of Him here will determine His treatment of us in the Judgment (Matt. 10: 32 - 33).

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## QUESTIONS

1. Did Pilate try to escape the dilemma of what to do with Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Did Pilate know that Jesus was innocent? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What message did Pilate's wife send to him when he was on the judgment seat? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What did the chief priests and elders persuade the multitude to ask for? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What did Pilate do before the people when he could not persuade them to release Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Does the question "What shall I do with Jesus?" still agitate the world today? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do we have the teaching of Jesus today? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What will happen to men who deny Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Can men be neutral about Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Is this a personal question? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Can any responsible person ignore it? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Who is God's final spokesman to the human race? \_\_\_\_\_
13. If we reject Him, what hope do we have? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Who is the world's only Savior? \_\_\_\_\_
15. What did many of Jesus' own people do with Him? \_\_\_\_\_  
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16. What did Judas do with Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
17. What did Peter do with Jesus the night He was betrayed, arrested, and led before the high priest? \_\_\_\_\_  
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18. What will Jesus do to those who deny Him before men? \_\_\_\_\_  
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19. Did any of Jesus' disciples forsake Him? \_\_\_\_\_  
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20. What did the angry mob say to do with Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
21. What do some do to the Son of God today? \_\_\_\_\_  
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22. What did the soldiers do to Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
23. What kind of witnesses did the chief priests and all the council seek against Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_  
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24. What did Pilate undertake to do? \_\_\_\_\_
25. What did Saul (before his conversion) do with Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_  
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26. What did Felix do with Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_  
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27. What did Agrippa do with Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_  
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28. What did the three thousand do on Pentecost? \_\_\_\_\_  
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29. What will YOU do with Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_