

WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS

Lesson #2 –Jesus is our Lord

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Introduction:

1. We must not just call Jesus our Lord, but live in His service each day –Lk 6:46, Mt 7:21-23
2. Since Jesus is the Lord of our lives, we are motivated to grow in His image.
3. What are the steps we take to grow in the image of Christ?
4. In our lesson, we will identify two key factors involved in growing in the image of Christ...

I. THE MOTIVATION TO BE LIKE OUR LORD -3:12

A. WE ARE THE ELECT OF GOD

1. Man is called by the gospel -2Th 2:14
2. The choice to obey the gospel is each individual's to make

B. WE ARE HOLY

1. Holy means "set apart" from the world
 - a. The Israelites were God's chosen people under the Old Testament
 - b. Today, Christians are the people of God -1Pe 2:9-10
2. We are not holy by our own merit, but by the grace of God through the blood of Jesus
 - a. We have been redeemed / bought –Ep 1:7, 1Co 6:18-20
 - b. We have been justified and saved from wrath –Ro 5:9
3. We are to perfect holiness in the fear of God -2Co 7:1

How are we to perfect holiness? We are to be transformed into the image of Christ...

II. THE TRANSFORMATION TO BE LIKE OUR LORD

We must have the...

A. FORGIVING NATURE OF CHRIST -3:13

1. Jesus taught forgiveness –Mt 6:12, 14-15, 18:21-35
2. Jesus demonstrated forgiveness –Mk 2:1-12, Jn 8:10-11, Lk 23:34
3. Jesus expects us to forgive others as He forgave us –Co 3:13

B. LOVING NATURE OF CHRIST -3:14

1. God is love -1Jn 4:8
 - a. God demonstrated His great love for us -1Jn 4:8-11
 - b. We must have love for one another –1Jn 4:20-21
2. Love is the bond of perfection –Co 3:14
 - a. It is the bond that holds us together –Co 2:2
 - b. It is the fulfillment of the law and prophets –Mt 22:37-40

C. PEACEFUL NATURE OF CHRIST

1. The peace of Christ is like no other
 - a. He gives a peace unlike the world –Jn 14:27
 - b. We have peace through Him because He has overcome the world –Jn 16:33
2. This peace surpasses understanding –Ph 4:7
3. This peace should rule in our hearts
 - a. When bitterness and wrath stir within our hearts against someone, peace should maintain control
 - b. Peace does not mean life is always easy, but through turmoil there is still an inward calm
 - c. This inward calm is based on our reconciliation with God through Christ.

D. WORDS OF CHRIST

1. The words of Jesus must dwell in us richly
 - a. The only way to be like our Lord is to know our Lord –Mt 11:28-30 (learn of Me)
 - b. The teachings of Jesus have been compared to...
 - a. Water –Jn 4:13-14
 - b. Bread –Jn 6:35, 48
 - c. Therefore we hunger and thirst for His word!
2. The words of Jesus...
 - a. Keeps us from sin –Ps 119:11, Mt 4:1-11
 - b. Will judge us in the last Day –Jn 12:48

E. WORSHIPPING NATURE OF CHRIST

1. It was His custom to enter the synagogue –Lk 4:16, Jn 18:19-21
2. We too attend the assembly –He 10:25
3. We worship God in spirit and truth –Jn 4:24
4. We teach and admonish one another during this time –Co 3:16

Conclusion:

1. Paul concludes with a “catch-all”, “And whatever you do in word or deed...” –Co 3:17
 - a. Everything we do in life we do by the authority of Jesus
 - b. There is never a time we do not live for Jesus.
2. Finally, we are always thankful before God for all the good He has blessed us with!
 - a. The salvation found in Jesus
 - b. The fellowship we find in the church among the saints