

DISCIPLESHIP OF CHRIST

Lesson #3 -Are You Ashamed of Jesus

Scripture Reading: Mark 8:34-38

Introduction:

1. Examine what all is involved in being a disciple of Christ as previously discussed.
2. Christians must never be ashamed of Jesus under any and all circumstances.
3. We must not be ashamed of Jesus because...

I. HE IS COMING BACK AGAIN

A. THERE ARE MANY WHO LIVE ONLY FOR THE HERE AND NOW

1. Some believe in God with plans to obey Him later in life. That day may never come -Ja 4:14, 2Co 6:2
2. Some disregard God completely

B. EVERY KNEE WILL BOW -Ph 2:9-11

1. For those who have obeyed Christ and lived without being ashamed of Him, it will be a joyous day!
2. For others, it will be everlastingly too late.

II. PROCLAMATIONS TO CONSIDER

A. I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE WORDS OF JESUS

1. He has the words of everlasting life -Jn 6:68
 - a. He is the way, truth, and life -Jn 14:6
 - b. He teaches there are two paths one can take -Mt 7:13, 14
 - c. He teaches how to ensure we are on the right path -Mt 7:21 (obedience to the will of the Father)
2. The power is in the gospel -Ro 1:16
 - a. These are the words that teaches salvation
 - b. We therefore must not be ashamed of them.

B. I AM NOT ASHAMED TO LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY

1. It can be difficult to go against the grain of society.
2. History remembers the one who stood their ground, not the ones who followed the crowd
3. We live in such a way no one can speak evil about us -1Pe 3:16, Ti 2:8

C. I AM NOT ASHAMED TO SUFFER FOR JESUS

1. We look to the suffering of the first century Christians and see their persistence -1Pe 4:12, 13; 16
2. E.g. Paul -2Ti 1:8, 12
3. Today we may not suffer to the same degree as they did, but we do suffer in other ways.
4. Remaining steadfast can be accomplished by looking back to their example.

D. I AM NOT ASHAMED TO LIVE FAITHFULLY TO THE END FOR JESUS

1. Paul was going to glorify God in his life and in his death -Ph 1:20, 21
2. While most will not die for Christ, let us all strive to die in Christ -Re 2:10

Conclusion:

1. Why are we not ashamed of Jesus in all these various aspects?
2. We are not ashamed so that when our Lord returns, He will not be ashamed of us -Heb. 2:11; Mt 10:32-33