

FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST

Lesson #7 -The Expectation of Christ

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:20-23

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Introduction:

1. Jesus has certain expectations for His people.
2. If we are truly to live for Him, we must know and follow what He expects.

Proposition: If we are truly to live for Christ, we must know what He expects of us.

Interrogative: What does Jesus expect of us?

Transition: In this lesson we will discuss 3 primary expectations of Jesus...

I. KNOW HIS WORD

A. HE EXPECTED THIS FROM THE JEWISH LEADERS

1. The keeping of the Sabbath -Mt 12:1-14
 - a. Plucking of the grain -vs. 1-8
 - b. Healing on the Sabbath -vs. 9-14
2. Marriage and divorce -Mt 19:1-6

B. HE EXPECTED THIS FROM HIS DISCIPLES

1. Peter's question -Mt 15:15-ff
2. Philip's petition -Jn 14:8-ff

C. HE EXPECTS THIS OF US

1. We are to study -2Ti 2:15
2. We are to move from milk to meat -He 5:12-14

II. FOLLOW HIS WORD

A. THE WISE AND FOOLISH MAN -Mt 7:24-27

1. Jesus preached one of His greatest lessons -Mt 5-7
2. He concludes His sermon with a challenge not to be a hearer only, but a doer.

B. HIS WORDS PREPARES US FOR JUDGMENT -Mt 25:1-ff

1. Parable of the Virgins -(vs. 1-13) Teaches us to be prepared.
2. Parable of the Talents -(vs. 14-30) Use what we have been given.
3. Final Judgment Scene -(vs. 31-46) Be mindful of the needs of others

III. PROCLAIM HIS WORD

A. HIS EXAMPLE

1. He went about teaching the kingdom of God -Mt 9:35
2. He preached in the house -Mk 2:1-ff
3. He preached to the five-thousand -Mk 6:34

B. HIS MISSION HE GAVE

1. He sent out the twelve -Lk 9:1-6
 - a. He gave them power to heal and cast out demons -vs. 1
 - b. He foretold of acceptance and rejection -vs. 4, 5
2. He sent out the seventy -Lk 10:1-ff
 - a. They too had power to heal and cast out demons -10:9, 17
 - b. They too would be accepted and rejected -10:5, 6

C. OUR MISSION TODAY -Mt 28:18-20

1. We are to go into all the world and proclaim the gospel
2. We have this treasure in earthen vessels -2Co 4:7
3. We are to preach the word in season and out -2Ti 4:2
4. Woe is me if I do not preach the gospel -1Co 9:16

Conclusion:

1. When we meet the expectation of Christ by knowing His word, following His word, and proclaiming His word to others, we can be confident of our eternal future.
2. Finish with the words of Paul -1Ti 4:12-16