

FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

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Lesson 2 - Part 3 - Christ; Our Life, Our Lord, Our Example

Key verse: Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:12-14)

Intro: 2 Misconceptions about being a Christian: 1) The word "Christian" does not mean someone that is just "like" Christ. Christians all "strive" to be like Christ. The suffix "ian" means "belonging to". 2) One does not become a Christian by merely "doing good". *For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ (Gal. 3:27).* Baptism is a very visible commitment to Christ. We can't be a Christian outside of Christ.

Read Titus 3:3-8. How are we described before Christ? How is God's part in this described?

1. What do the following passages say about our life "in Christ"?

John 15:4-5

Romans 6:3, 10-11

John 17:3

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

1 Peter 1:3-5

Romans 5:1-5

2. Christ; Our Lord!

With Jesus as our Lord, what do the following passages say about the way we conduct ourselves?

Romans 15:1-7

Romans 12:1-2

John 13:12-15

Colossians 1:15-23

Colossians 3:1-2,5-10

Colossians 3:12-17

3, Christ; Our Example

1. Read Romans 2:17-24. What are the problems Paul finds in the people he is writing to?

Does this apply to us today? How?

Read this adaption of the same passage. It was written for those that wear the name of Christ, but make no real effort to be like him:

You call yourself a Christian, rely on the New Testament teachings, brag about your God, know what He wants, and distinguish right from wrong, because you have been taught the Truth. You are confident that

you are a guide for the blind, a light to those in the dark, an instructor of ignorant people, and a teacher of children because you have full content of knowledge and truth in the New Testament. As you teach others, are you failing to teach yourself? As you preach against stealing, are you stealing? As you tell others not to commit adultery, are you committing adultery? As you treat sectarianism (devotion to a particular narrow tradition or belief system) with disgust, are you a sectarian? As you brag about being Christians, are you dishonoring Christ in your hypocrisy? As Scripture says, God's name is cursed among the non-Christian because of you. (Author unknown)

H_____SY, LUKEW_____, IMM_____, and other failings of Christians are to be condemned. However, it is the height of hypocrisy for one to recognize Christ as worthy of imitation, and then refuse any attempt to follow him because many of his followers fail to manifest his likeness to a degree that is acceptable to the critic. Don Campbell

1. Sometimes we are "misshapen images of Christ". How would you define this term?

We see some Christians that are a MECH Mimic!

We see some Christians that are a Impassioned IMP!

We see some Christians that are just F!

2. Christ-Likeness; Our Duty and Our Destiny

What do the following passages say about this?

1 Peter 1:13-15

1 John 3:2-3

** If we hope in Christ to be like Christ, we will W to be like Christ. Don Campbell*

1 John 3:7-10

Matthew 12:30

3, Transforming Into the Image of Christ

To be transformed into the image of Christ from the inside out, the W_____ must be written on our H_____ by the Spirit of God (2 Corinthians 3:3).

To become more like Christ, Christ must D_____ in our hearts (Ephesians 3:15-17).

To be transformed into the image of Christ, He must be _____ in our hearts (1 Peter 3:15).