

SEEING JESUS

The Importance Of Seeing Jesus

Foundation: Acts 8:35-Philipp preached Jesus to this man

I. *****We cannot imitate God properly if we don't see Jesus accurately*****

- A. Ephesians 5:1-We are supposed to imitate God
 - 1. Be ye-This is a process of change and development
 - 2. This is a command to act just like God
 - 3. You can't copy something if you don't know what the original looks like
 - 4. Let's not speculate about what The Original is like
- B. *****Colossians 1:15-The more clearly you see Jesus the more accurately you can imitate the Father*****
 - 1. You cannot imitate one who you do not see and you see God by looking at Jesus
 - a. **AMP**-[Now] He is the exact likeness of the unseen God [the visible representation of the invisible]
 - b. By looking at Jesus I see exactly what the Father is like, how the Father thinks, how the Father talks, how the Father functions-John 14:8-9
 - 2. If you see Jesus inaccurately then you'll act improperly
 - a. How ever you see the Master, is how you're going to endeavor to live your life
 - 3. Some peoples biggest problem is that they don't see Jesus inaccurately
 - a. Luke 19:12-This guy thinks his master is a hard, rough, rigid thief; He gave him money and said do business
 - b. People get messed up when they see Jesus inaccurately
 - 1) Let's not be deceived about who He is and how He functions
 - 2) People think they know He is and don't so let's be open to see more of Him; there's more of Him to see, there's parts of Him you haven't seen
 - 4. People have tendency in their minds to create a Jesus that they like and one who is comfortable to live with
 - a. If they don't like to be challenged, they create a Jesus like that
 - b. If they're rude and don't want to change, they create a Jesus who accepts that
 - c. If they don't like prosperity, they create a Jesus who doesn't like prosperity

II. **Matthew 16:13-16-Jesus is interested in how you see him**

- A. Some saw Him one way others saw him another way and it is still that way today
 - 1. Somebody is deceived because he two different ways
 - 2. These people were seeing him inaccurately and it's greatly effecting their lives

3. The people who saw him accurately received the most from his ministry
- B. **Blessed**-When you see him properly it empowers you
1. It empowers you to think like him, talk like him, act like him and get the results he got
- C. God will reveal to us by His spirit who Jesus really is and how he really functioned
1. We got to let the Spirit of God build are image of who he is and nothing else
 2. We need to be believing for this
- D. He's building the church on the revelation of who He is, why because whoever He is I can be, however He functioned I can function
1. You can't build much of a church or life on a small revelation of who Jesus is
 2. The condition of the church can always be connected back to how well they are seeing Jesus
 - a. A person who has lost sight of Jesus (not seeing him clearly, not conscious of who he is, not conscious of how he functions) will be in bad condition
 - b. I'm not talking about the backslidden person, I'm talking about you and me
- E. The more clearly you see Jesus, the less victory Hell will have in your life
1. Psalm 18:30-God's way is perfect and the better we see Jesus the better will imitate God and the better we imitate God, the more successful and effective we will be
 2. People get in trouble when they start doing it another way
 3. Failure didn't show up until you stopped thinking, talking, and acting like Jesus

III. As we look at Jesus we will become more like Him

- A. 2 Corinthians 3:16-You cannot become what you do not behold
1. AMP-And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His *very own* image in ever increasing splendor *and* from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit.
 2. DRA-But we all beholding the glory of the Lord with open face, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, as by the Spirit of the Lord.
 3. HSBC-We all, with unveiled faces, are looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory
- B. If you do not see him/look at him you will not become like him
1. We are transformed into what we look at (What we look at puts an image inside)
 2. What you look at and what you become are the same
 3. 1 Corinthians 15:33-Evil communications corrupts good manners
- C. As we look at Jesus we will become more like Him
1. As we look at things through the gospels we are going to put ourselves in his shoes

2. How did he think, how did he talk, how did he act? How did he pray, how did he relate with people?
Did he preach acceptance or repentance?
3. Not "What would Jesus Do?" but rather "What did He do?"

IV. We are supposed to live like Jesus, but you cannot live like Jesus if you are not seeing Him (how he REALLY lived)

- A. Jesus didn't function as God in the Earth, even though he was God
 1. Jesus functioned as a man anointed of God-Philippians 2:7, Hebrews 2:16
 - a. God's omnipresent; Jesus wasn't everywhere all the time, he was in one place
 - b. God's omnipotent; Jesus had to be anointed of God-Acts 10:38
 - c. God's omniscient: Jesus learned, He grew in wisdom, to know what to say He had to Hear from the Father, to know what to do He had to Hear from the Father
 2. One God yes, one person no; Three persons, one God-1 John 5:7
 - a. Genesis 1:26-Who is us? – That's the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
 - 1) If Jesus is the Father and the Holy Spirit then who is us
 - b. The Word God is Elohim and it is a uniplural noun
 - 1) Church is a uniplural noun; You're talking about 1 church, but not 1 person
 - 2) Family is a uniplural noun; You're talking about 1 family, but not 1 person
 - c. Who's he praying to if Jesus is the Father?
 - 1) How could he say not MY will, but YOUR will be done?
 - 2) There must be two separate wills and two separate persons
 - d. When Jesus came up after he was baptized, the Father spoke, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him; Did he descend upon himself? Did he speak to Himself?
 3. If he did what he did as God, then I have no chance to do it, but if he did what he did as a man anointed of God, I'm a man anointed of God so there's hope for me
- B. 1 John 2:6-If I'm supposed to live the way he did, but don't have the same power to do so that he did then that's unjust
 1. Acts 10:38-There is grace available to live like Him, talk like Him, act like Him
 2. Revelation 22:21-The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you
 3. If He did what He did as God, then it's not as impressive, but thing that makes what Jesus did so great is that even though He was God, He did what He did as a man
- C. Matthew 5:48, Luke 6:40-Disciples are supposed to look at their master, watch their master, study their master and then endeavor to live the way the master lived
 1. This seeing him and becoming more like him, this is a constant conscious process and effort where we look at him, look at us and adjust and then do it again