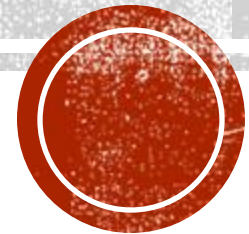


**IMITATE ME AS I
IMITATE CHRIST**

The model of a disciple



THE ROAD AHEAD OF US...

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1. LIFE AND DEATH

- Life does not end at death. We know this because Jesus died and then lived again and is living to this day. He will also give life to His disciples.
- Only a disciple will inherit eternal life. Eternal living is not the same as eternal life.
- Non-disciples will inherit eternal living death. This is why we have 4 responsibilities:
 1. To know Jesus
 2. To be a disciple
 3. To make other disciples
 4. Teach them to obey Jesus



1. LIFE AND DEATH

- John 17:1-5 , 9, 20-21
- 1 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, 2 as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. 4 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.



1. LIFE AND DEATH

- John 17:1-5 , 9, 20-21
- **9** “I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.
- **20** “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; **21** that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.



1. LIFE AND DEATH

- Matt 11:28-30
- **28** Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **29** Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light.”



2. KNOWING CHRIST

- What did the life of Jesus look like?
- He was born a human yet fully God, lived a life under the law, subjected to the Father and led by the Spirit, died and then lived forevermore.
- Just imagine that - Jesus is 100% God inside a human flesh. His whole life, Jesus did not do what he wanted, even though he had all the right to do so, because the whole world was created by him, through him and for him.
- Yet, his whole life he was a passenger in a weak human body - as a lamb lead to the slaughter he did not utter a word.



2. KNOWING CHRIST

- 1 Timothy 3:16
- **16** And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.



2. KNOWING CHRIST

- Isaiah 53:7
- He was oppressed and He was afflicted,
Yet He opened not His mouth;
He was led as a lamb to the slaughter,
And as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
So He opened not His mouth.



2. KNOWING CHRIST

- John 5:30
- **30** I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.



2. KNOWING CHRIST

- John 5:37
- **37** And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.



2. KNOWING CHRIST

- John 9:35-38
- **35** Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, “Do you believe in the Son of God?”
- **36** He answered and said, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?”
- **37** And Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you.”
- **38** Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” And he worshiped Him.



2. KNOWING CHRIST

- John 6:38
- **38** For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. **39** This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.



2. KNOWING CHRIST

- John 14:7-11
- **7** “If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”
- **8** Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.”
- **9** Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? **10** Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. **11** Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.



2. KNOWING CHRIST

- 1 Corinthians 15:25-28
- **25** For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. **26** The last enemy *that* will be destroyed *is* death. **27** For “He has put all things under His feet.” But when He says “all things are put under *Him*,” *it is* evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. **28** Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.



2. KNOWING CHRIST

- Philippians 2:5-11
- **5** Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, **6** who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, **7** but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. **8** And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. **9** Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, **10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, **11** and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



2. KNOWING CHRIST

- Hebrews 11:6
- 6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.



3. KNOWING VS OBEYING JESUS

- Galatians 2:16,20
- **16** knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.
- **20** I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.



3. KNOWING VS OBEYING JESUS

- Matthew 16:24-25
- **24** Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. **25** For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.



3. KNOWING VS OBEYING JESUS

- Matthew 28:18-20
- **18** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** **teaching them to observe** all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even to the end of the age.*” Amen.



4. IMITATING CHRIST

- 1 Corinthians 10:31-33 ; 11-1
- **31** Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. **32** Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God, **33** just as I also please all *men* in all *things*, not seeking my own profit, but the *profit* of many, that they may be saved. **11** *Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.*



4. IMITATING CHRIST

- 1 Corinthians 2:9-16
- 9 But as it is written:
“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
Nor have entered into the heart of man
The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”
- 10 But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.



4. IMITATING CHRIST

- 1 Corinthians 2:9-16
- **13** These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. **14** But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. **15** But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is *rightly* judged by no one. **16** For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.



4. IMITATING CHRIST

- Acts 2:38
- **38** Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.



4. IMITATING CHRIST

- Romans 6:1-4
- **1** What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? **2** Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? **3** Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? **4** Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.



4. IMITATING CHRIST

- Philippians 3:7-11
- **7** But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. **8** Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ **9** and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; **10** that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, **11** if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.



5. WORKS OF THE LAW VS WORKS OF OBEDIENCE

- Galatians 4:4-5
- 4 You have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt to* be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. 5 For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.



5. WORKS OF THE LAW VS WORKS OF OBEDIENCE

- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4
- 1 Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, 2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. 3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come unless the falling away comes* first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

