



SUNDAY MORNING

AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Title: The Proper View of Jesus

Passage: 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

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Introduction: How we view Jesus will determine how we live. If we see Him as nothing more than someone who makes life easier or simply a way to escape judgment, we will never understand what it truly means to follow Him. In 2 Corinthians 5, Paul reminds us that Christ died for us because we were helpless in our sin, and because He gave His life for us, our lives should now belong to Him.

I. Realize Your Condition (Verse 14)

Paul understood the seriousness of standing before Christ, and he wanted people to know the truth.

The necessity of the cross is understood by understanding the condition of the sinner.

Jesus' death was not unnecessary or merely an example of love. Jesus died because mankind was in a condition from which we could not rescue ourselves.

We all need a savior because we are all sinners. Jesus paid that price for us, but if you never personally accept that gift, it won't be effective for you.



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II. Release Your Control (Verse 15)

As a Christian, you cannot live your life like it still belongs to you.

If Christ only gets your service when it is easy, comfortable, and fits your schedule, you are still living primarily for yourself.

Stop looking at the Christian life as what you have to give Christ and start seeing it as what Christ is worthy to receive.

There is nothing that Jesus asks of you that compares to what He has already done for you.

A proper view of Jesus produces a surrendered life.

Conclusion: The question we must answer is simple: How do you view Jesus? When we recognize that we were sinners who could never save ourselves and understand what Christ did for us on the cross, surrender becomes the proper response. He did not save us so that we could continue living for ourselves, but so that we could live for Him. Realize your condition, release your control, and choose to live with Jesus as the Lord of your life.

