

Jesus at the Center - Motive

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You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules."
Matthew 15:7-9

How do we know Jesus is truly at the Center of Lives?

Possible Answers:

- Our allegiance/identification**
- Our worship/prayer life**
- Our service/devotion/sacrifice**
- Our evangelism/outreach**
- Our knowledge/insight/understanding**
- Our character/example/witness**

God's Answer:

Our Obedience

We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him:
Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.
1 John 2:3-6

1. **Obedience was modeled by Christ**

John 15:10; John 6:38; Luke 22:42; Philippians 2:8; Hebrews. 5:8

2. **Obedience is our proper response to God's love**

John 14:15; Ephesians 5:1,2; 1 John 5:3

3. **Obedience reaps rewards**

Isaiah 1:19; Jeremiah 7:23; Deuteronomy 5:33, 28:1

4. **Obedience is a choice**

Romans 6:16

5. **Obedience is the only wise choice**

Galatians 2:20; Colossians 3:2-4

Our obedience to God, His word, and His ways is the litmus test of our embracing His love, authority and supremacy.

Questions

1. How would you answer the question, How do we know Jesus is truly at the center of our life? Looking at your life objectively, what motive are you living under?
2. Romans 6 references being alive in Christ - What does that look like based on Philippians. 2:5-11?

*When we walk with the Lord;
In the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way;
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still;
And with all who will trust and obey
(Trust and Obey, Verse 1)*

