

SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGE – 110815
SERIES: IGNITE – WEEK #:1 CATCHING FIRE

Matthew 22:37-38 (ESV)

37 And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.
38 This is the great and first commandment.

The most important thing is making God the most important thing!

Philippians 3:7-8 (ESV)

7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

1. He removes the misery of My Guilt

Romans 3:19-24 (NLT)

19 Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God. 20 For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. 21 But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. 22 We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. 23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. 24 Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins

2. He redirects my aimless life

1 Peter 1:14, 18-19 (NCV)

14 Now that you are obedient children of God do not live as you did in the past. You did not understand, so you did the evil things you wanted. 18 You know that in the past you were living in a worthless way, a way passed down from the people who lived before you. But you were saved from that useless life. You were bought, not with something that ruins like gold or silver, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, who was like a pure and perfect lamb.

2 Corinthians 5:15 (ESV)

15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

3. He changes my eternal residence

Matthew 25:31-32, 46 (ESV)

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

1 Peter 1:3-4 (ESV)

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

4. He wants me

1 Timothy 1:15 (ESV)

...that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. . .

1 John 4:10 (ESV)

...not that we have loved God **but that he loved us...**

2 Peter 3:9 (ESV)

9 The Lord ... is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish ...