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1 - The Uplifted Christ

Jesus said many things about himself. What can you recall that Jesus said about himself?

1. CHRIST WAS LIFTED UP IN _____

- A. The Prediction of a coming _____. Deuteronomy 18:15 / Acts 3:22-26
- B. The _____ of the coming Messiah. Micah 5:2 / Matthew 2:1-6
- C. The _____ of the Messiah. Isaiah 50:6 / Mark 14:61-65
- D. The _____ for his Garment. Psalm 22:18 / John 19:23
- E. The _____ on the Cross. Psalm 69:21 / John 19:28-30

2. CHRIST WAS LIFTED UP IN HIS _____

- A. His _____ was stainless.
- B. His _____ infallible, and adapted to every land and age.
What are some teachings of Jesus that are regarded as true by most?

3. CHRIST WAS LIFTED UP IN HIS _____

When you think about the cross of Christ, is there any one thought that surfaces above the others? Galatians 6:14 ; Philippians 2:8 ; Ephesians 1:7; Revelation 1:5

4. CHRIST WAS LIFTED UP FROM _____

"It may have been that not a person on earth, saint or sinner, Jew or roman, believed that Jesus Christ would be lifted up from the grave." ~ V. P. Black What do you think of that statement? 1 Peter 1:3-5



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2 - Christ and Him Crucified

Text: 1 Corinthians 2:1-3

1. Christ and Him Crucified Is The Very _____ of Christianity.
(Romans 3:23-26; Hebrews 10:4; Ephesians 1:7; Acts 20:28)
2. Christ and Him Crucified is Our Highest _____ for Giving Our Life to Him

A. We are motivated to live for Him because of his great _____ for us.
(Romans 5:8; John 3:16; 1 John 4:19)

B. We are motivated to live for Him because of our need for _____
(Isaiah 53:5; Hebrews 7:25)

C. We are motivated to live for Him because He reveals how we can be _____
(Acts 8; Acts 18:8)

3. Christ and Him Crucified Influences Our _____ Lives

A. _____
(2:8)

F. _____ (Phil 2:5-8; Eph

B. _____ (1 Tim. 1:12)

G. _____ (Eph 4:32)

C. _____ (2 Peter 1:9)

H. _____ (Rom 1:14-15)

D. _____
Rom. 5:1;
(John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:11)

I. _____ (Eph. 2:14;

Philippians 4:6-7)

E. _____ (2 Cor. 8:9, 9:15)



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3 - Uplifting Christ in Our Morality

"What is moral is what you feel _____ after, and what is immoral is what you feel

_____ after." Earnest Hemmingway

1. The Bible Defines _____ Behavior

(Galatians 5:19-21; Revelation 21:8)

2. Observations About Morality:

A. God's truths do not _____.

B. *"In the light of God's teaching, our nation is sowing the wind and must some day reap the whirlwind. Only if the homes, the schools and the churches of our nation speak out for morality and chaste virtuous behavior on the part of both men and women is there hope for the future of our nation."* Batsell Barrett Baxter

C. Proverbs 14:34

3. Why We Should Seek To Be Moral People Psalms 139:1-24

A. God already knows who we are, how we are _____. (verses 1-3)

B. God's presence, knowledge, and power are _____ us. (verses 4-6)

C. God alone can lead us as we need to be _____.
(Psalm 139:23-24)

4. Discerning God's Will For Our Moral Guidance

- A. _____ (Romans 1:1-2)
- B. _____ (Proverbs 4:23; Matthew 12:25)
- C. _____ (Philippians 4:8)
- D. _____ (1 Corinthians 15:33; Psalm 119:63)
- E. _____ (1 John 3:2-3)
- F. _____ (Hebrews 4:14-16)
- G. _____ (Philippians 2:12-13; 1:6)



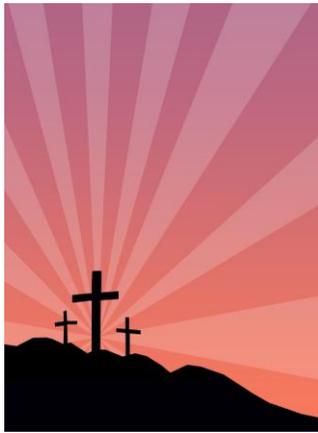
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4 - Uplifting Christ in Compassion

1. Christ The _____ (John 2:25; John 11:35)
 - A. _____ of the compassion of Christ. (Mk 1:40,41; MT 20:29-34; Mk 6:34; Lk 7:13)
 - B. _____ of compassion. (Mark 8:1-3; Matthew 9:36)
2. Compassion for _____ Needs (1 Peter 3:8; Galatians 6:10; Luke 10)
3. What _____ Compassion?
 - A. The idea that suffering is punishment for _____ . (John 9:1-3)
 - B. _____ has hindered compassion.
 - C. _____ has hindered our compassion. (Luke 16)
 - D. Failure to appreciate the _____ .
4. Compassion For _____. (Matthew 9:35-37)
5. Developing Compassionate
 - A.When we have been in the position of _____ compassion.
 - B. When we put into practice the ' _____
(Matthew 7:12).
 - C. When we realize that _____ stands in need of compassion.



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5 - Lifting Up Christ in Worship

"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4:23-24)

1. God has revealed Himself Through Christ that We Might _____ on Him.
John 1:1, 14 ; Hebrews 1:1-2; Philippians 3:3
2. Lifting Up Christ in Worship Should Activate the _____ to Deeds of Justice and Love. Romans 12:1,2; Matthew 25:40
3. Lifting up Christ in Worship Should Activate _____
Romans 12:5; 1 Corinthians 14:3; 1 Corinthians 12:26; Ephesians 5:21
4. Lifting Up Christ Happens When We Function as _____ 1 Peter 2:5
5. Christ is Lifted Up When We _____. Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16
6. Christ is Lifted Up When We _____.
7. Christ is Lifted Up When We _____.
8. Christ is Lifted Up When We _____
9. Christ is Lifted Up In the _____ of the Gospel.

As we gather together, we must always keep in mind that Christ is the central presence among us. From Banister: If the congregation is to be Christ-Centered:

- It's members must constantly behold the glory of the Lord and be changed into His image (2 Cor. 3:18).
- Their lives must show the purity, humility, tenderness, compassion, and unselfishness of Jesus.
- Their ambition must be to please Christ in all things and live solely for Him (2 Corinthians 5:6, 14-15).
- Their motto must ever be, "To live is Christ" (Philippians 1:21) and this must always be their desire.
- Their faith must be, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13) and in this faith they must go forth with confidence, assuredly believing that nothing shall ever separate them from the love of Christ for they "are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Romans 8:35-39).
- Their hope must be the return of their dear Lord and for this blessed event they must watch, pray, and work so as to meet Him with confidence (1 John 2:28).
- Their longing must be to be numbered among the redeemed saints who shall be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and be with Him forever in the heavenly glory! (1 Thessalonians 4:17-18).

When Christ thus lives in the congregation, it will be spiritual, sound, active, unselfish, charitable, and faithful to the Lord...Such a church will have power and influence in the community and will make a tremendous spiritual impact on many lives.

John H. Banister, 1967

Resources

Abilene Christian College Annual Bible Lectures, 1967.
J. Paul Du Bois, *Lifting Up Christ in Worship*.
John H. Banister, *Lifting Up Christ in the Congregation*.



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6 - *Lifting Up Christ at Home*

1. Christ in the First Century Home

A. Jesus is not often associated with Biblical teachings about the

_____.

1. Jesus never _____
2. The Gnostics looked upon all flesh as _____ and disparaged marriage.
3. The Marcionites saw the begetting of children as the work of _____.
4. Augustine believed that sex was not wrong, but _____ was.

B. No one ever thought more affectionately of his own _____ than did Jesus.

1. We can guess that Jesus was the 'man of the _____' as oldest son.
2. Mark 6:3 implies Jesus worked as a _____ to provide for his mother, brothers, and sisters.
3. This helps explain Jesus' warm regard for _____. (Mark 12:38-44)
4. Jesus loved _____. (Matthew 18:2-6)

C. Jesus did offer teachings that showed a deep respect and love for the home.

1. He was severely critical of the Pharisees for excusing themselves from the care of their _____. (Mark 7:10-12)

2. He revealed his own sense of family _____ when we read of him saying,

"the son of man has nowhere to lay his head."

3. Jesus made bold attacks on the _____ customs of his day. (Mark 10:5-9; Matthew 19:3-9).

D. Two of the most basic principles of the gospel were couched in family concepts.

1. The _____ of God. (Matthew 6:26; 7:7-11; Luke 15:21-32)

2. The _____ of man. (Matthew 7:44-47; Luke 10:30-37)

E. The most precious revelation of Christ's feelings about home is found at the cross. _____ Among the last words that He uttered were those spoken to His _____.

(John 19:25-27)

2. Christ and the Twenty First Century Home

A. Husbands are to _____ their wives. Ephesians 5:25-33

B. Husbands are to _____ for their families. 1 Timothy 5:8

C. Wives are to be _____ at home. Titus 2:1-5

D. Raise _____ in the Lord. Ephesians 6:4

E. Honor the _____. Mark 7:10-13; 1 Timothy 5:4, 16

"Help us to repay, in service to one another, the debt of thine unmerited benefits and mercies, so that, when the period of our stewardship draws to a conclusion, when the windows begin to be darkened, when the bond of the family is to be loosed, there shall be no bitterness of remorse in our farewells." ~ Family prayer of Robert Louis Stephenson

Resources

Abilene Christian College Annual Bible Lectures, 1967. Eldred N. Stevens, *Christ in the Home*.