

Knowing the Son > Our Example

- The only way we will know the Father is through Jesus (Matt 11:27; Jn. 1:18)
- What truth does the devil puts effort to blind minds to? 2 Cor 3:18, 4:4-10
 - Because there is only one way to know God, the devil puts every effort to blind mankind to this truth so that they cannot see the glory of Christ manifested in their life and that same life be manifested to others.
 - The gospel of the Life of Christ being manifest in our Lives from glory to glory and brings life to others as we are broken
- What is God's will for us – I John 2:6, Hebrews 6:1, Php. 3:15
 - Christians are not perfect just forgiven – bumper sticker allows for a lower standard that what scripture describes
 - Forerunner - Hebrews 6:20; 12:1,2 ; Hebrews 4:15
- If anyone wants to follow Jesus he must
 - Deny Himself and carry His cross (Mark 8:34)
 - Submit in the work place to those in authority, entrusting to our Heavenly Father (I Peter 2:21-24)
- Bread breaking or bread dipping (Luke 22:14-20; Jn 6:53-38; Jn. 13: 16)
 - Partaking of Jesus' life vs. Benefiting from Jesus' life
 - The lesson we learn the one that only benefits from Jesus' life is in danger of being offended because he/she has not partaken of the breaking that comes following Jesus (Jn 12:4-7; Matt 26:8-14)
 - What would Jesus do? vs. I no longer live but it is Christ who lives in me (Gal 2:20)
 - I'm of Paul, Apollos, of Christ – all patterning over the pattern (1 Cor 1:12) – following after the **external** pattern
 - Growing beard, living in Israel, similar diet, miracles of healing raising the dead etc. – following after the **external** appearance and ministry
 - Aroma (2 Cor 4:15) – Should be something that comes from **within our life**
- What does the Bible say about Jesus being example (see the principles and ask the Lord to make it life and not rules)
 - Till the age of 30 - Lord was pleased with what we called an ordinary life of obedience (Luke 3:22)
 - After the age of 30
 - Attitude towards People
 - Sinners – He said that those who recognized they were sick could come to Him (Matt 9:11,12, Matt 21:32)
 - Disciples – He spent most of time with them, and he defended them (Mark 6:31, John 18:2, John 17:1, Matt 12:2, 7)

- Family – Disciples would come before His physical family but He cared for them (Matt 12:46-50; Jn 19:26,27)
- Religious – Because these were the ones who didn't enter in the kingdom and prevented others from entering He wanted to ensure their leaven was exposed and desired that their eyes would open like it did for Saul of Tarsus (Matt 23:13,
- Enemies – He would avoid them (Jn 7:1), they received forgiveness, (Luke 23:34). He did good to them (Luke 4:40, Matt 5:45,48)
- Attitude to this World
 - Money – used money for needs and for the poor (Jn 13:29)
 - Pleasure – He would be in the garden, sea of Galilee with the disciples (John 18:1,2; Mark 6:32)
- Attitude to the Devil
 - He comes and has nothing in Him (Jn 4:30)
 - Had to flee from Jesus (Luke 10:18)
- Attitude to our Heavenly Father – always was with Jesus except for 3 hours on the cross when He bore the sins of all mankind (Jn 8:29)
- Attitude to the Holy Spirit – asked His disciples not to go until that they will filled with Holy Spirit (Luke 24:49)

Priorities in Jesus Life:

He shared with the multitudes of people, blessed them with food and healing. He shared parables with many people. He would later share the meaning of the parables only the disciples. And it would seem like that "lest that they will understand and be forgiven" (Mark 4:10-12). Jesus was more interested that those who were really interested in following him would be able to understand His teaching and come to a deeper life. He would always stand by His disciples (eating in the fields, paying taxes etc.). When parents and family came, He would rather be with the disciples and those who did His Father's will. Even if one of his disciples would say something that went against His Father's will He would be stern with them. (Matt 16:23), He would praise and encourage his disciples (16:17). We see that in our lives too that not in external imitation but that we will follow Jesus' example in the priorities of our life.

- For us how should we be examples in the church
- Church
 - Follow me as I follow Christ, be imitators of me (1 Cor 11:1)
 - They had been with Jesus (Acts 4:13)