

Begin memorizing

Colossians 3:17—“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” And...

Matt. 22:37—“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment”

Bible Study

#11

Being God’s Ambassadors

“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.”—2 Corinthians 5:20.

An ambassador is an official representative on behalf of one country to another. As believers, we are Christ’s ambassadors, sent with His message of reconciliation to the world. An ambassador of reconciliation has an important responsibility.

PRAY before you start! Answer the questions briefly and in your own words

To be Christ’s ambassadors it is necessary for us to submit to His Lordship. 2 Corinthians 5:14, 15 says that the Lordship of Jesus Christ is the daily submission and surrender of our entire self to the authority and leadership of Jesus, recognizing His sovereign right to rule over us.

The Lordship of Jesus Christ is the most crucial issue of any Christian's life. We all know people in our lives that are reaping the benefits of living an obedient life. Jesus has our best interests at heart. We must give Him our entire life and we must live only for Him daily. Only then will we experience the full life that He has promised us. As we continually confess Jesus Christ as Lord of our lives, we are assured of true faith living in our hearts. (Romans 10:9-10).

1. Jesus Christ is the Lord of _____(Romans 14:9), _____(Col. 1:18)
_____ (Col. 1:16-17)

2. In Philippians 2:9-11:

a. how has God exalted Jesus?

- b. how will every person in heaven, on earth, and under the earth exalt him?
- c. what will every tongue confess?

3. Since our salvation was bought with the price of Christ's death, what should we do? (1 Cor. 19:20)

4. In Romans 12:1 we are commanded to present our bodies as _____, which is our _____.

Do we reason that we would, or will, serve the Lord when we have more time, money, or education? "If God really wants me to serve He will make my life easier, or take care of all these worries that I have away." Yes, I think we have all been in that situation. However, we must decide what we will do for Him today—right now, with the things that we already have. It matters not who or what we are, but whether or not Christ is in control of our lives.

5. Whenever we assume control of our lives we are soon to become unhappy and anxious. What did Peter say we are to do? (1 Peter 5:6-7)

What does God expect of me?

Deuteronomy 10:12 sums it up: "And now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul," (Also see Micah 6:8).

Fear:

The fear we are talking about does not mean to be afraid or frightened of God, but to respect Him. To have reverence for His holiness, and be in awe of His majesty and glory.

6. Proverbs 1:7 says that fear is the beginning of

7. Proverbs 9:10 says that fear is

8. What does God promise for those who fear Him?

Luke 1:50 ,

Acts 10:35

Love:

This is the Greek word Agape. It is a sacrificing, caring love that seeks what is best for others and not for self. Agape is an act of the will to do what is in the best interest of the other person without regard for what you will get in return. [1 John 4:7- 5:5 provides a better idea of what agape is, and 1 Cor. 13:4-7 defines it].

A neat exercise for you to do is to read 1 Cor. 13:4-7 and substitute the name Jesus in place of the word "love." Jesus is our perfect model of love.

9. How do we show God that we love Him? John 14:15 & John 15:14
10. Why do we love God? 1 John 4:19
11. What did Jesus say was the most important commandment? (think memory verse).
12. What was the second greatest? Matt. 22:39
13. John 14:23, 1 John 2:5, 4:20-21, and 5:2-3 also tell of ways we can show that we love God, what are they?

Serve:

Everyone enjoys being served, but it is much more difficult to serve others.

14. Our service demonstrates our love. What did Jesus ask Peter to do in John 21:16?
15. Our service makes us Christlike. What did Jesus advise His disciples to do in John 13:14?
16. If we wish to be _____(Mark 10:43) and _____(Mark 10:44) we serve.
17. We will be _____by the Father. John 12:26.
18. Mark 1:18 and Acts 9:20 give us an idea of when we should start serving...what do they say?

Christ is our example for service.

19. Briefly, give some examples of how He served. Matt. 20:28; Luke 22:27; John 13:4, 5; Philippians 2:7.

20. James said we should only be hearers of the word, but also _____ 1:22.

21. What does Jesus say about the one who hears His word and puts it into practice?
Matt. 7:24-27

22. When we do good works for others, who does Jesus say we are really doing them for?
Matt. 25:31-40

23. God had a purpose for creating us in Christ Jesus, what was it? Eph. 2:10

24. Non-Christians will give glory to God through our _____ Matt. 5:16,
1 Peter 2:12.

Be aware—though the Bible says we are to do good works, that is not what our salvation is based on (see lesson 1) Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5.

From memory, write out your memory verses below.