

TAUGHT BY CHRIST

THINGS WE SHOULD BE LEARNING FROM THE LORD

*"But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him,
and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus"*

~ Ephesians 4:20-21

1. How Christ Teaches Us

- a. *"I follow Jesus, not Paul"* - We all want to learn from Christ.
- b. Christ is our Lord, not Paul; Christ is our Head, not Paul; Christ is the Saviour
- c. What Christ taught to his twelve disciples:
 - i. Fishers of men – Matt 4:19; beatitudes – 5:2-11; Lord's prayer – 6:9-16
- d. Receiving who Jesus sends is receiving Jesus - John 13:20
 - i. We didn't receive Christ after the flesh – 2 Cor 5:16, Col 2:6
 - ii. Christ sent Paul - Acts 9:15, 22:21, Eph 3:1-2, Rom 16:25
 - iii. He that despises Paul despises God? - 1 Thess 4:8, 2:13; 1 Cor 14:37
- e. What has Christ been teaching you? Have you heard him? – Eph 4:20-21

2. Put off the Old Man – Eph 4:22

- a. If you hear that grace teaches salvation without change, you haven't learned
- b. Under grace the law/God is exceeding holy, and sin exceeding sinful – Rom 7:13
 - i. All salvation requires change – salvation by grace is a change made by God
- c. Christ teaches to put off the old man:
 - i. 1st) Deal with sins w/Christ's blood → Rom 3:19-25; 1Cor 15:1-4; Titus 3:5
 - ii. 2nd) Identity change from Adam to Christ – Titus 3:3-4, Rom 5:19
 - iii. 3rd) Crucify your old man in Christ - Rom 6:6-11, Gal 2:19-20
 - iv. The law condemns the old man, so let it – Rom 6:23 (Prov 14:12)

3. Renewed Spirit of Mind – Eph 4:23

- a. The Lord teaches us to renew the spirit of our mind – Titus 3:5-7
 - i. The spirit of our mind = what drives us, what motivates us
- b. We are no longer motivated by fear, but love – 2 Cor 5:10-16, 2 Tim 1:7
- c. Paul has mind problems – Rom 7:20-25; They are resolved in Rom 8:5-6, 8:29-39
- d. Our minds must be transformed before any good can happen - Romans 12:2
- e. The mind of Christ is spiritual, it is lowly, it seeks resurrection: 1 Cor 2:16, Phil 1-4

4. Put on the New Man – Eph 4:24

- a. The new man is the church, created after the image of Christ – Col 3:9-11
- b. Resurrection means we walk in newness of life – Rom 6:4
- c. How we ought to walk: in sanctification and honor - 1 Thess 4:1-3
 - i. Sanctification = separate for God's purpose – Eph 4:17-21
- d. The Lord teaches us to be godly (anything contrary to God is sin) - 1 Tim 6:1-6
- e. Ever learning and never coming to truth is not learning what Christ teaches 2Ti 3:7