

Cornerstone Church

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Sermon Series: Advanced Training for Jesus' Soldiers –
Prepping Ourselves for His Return

Today's Sermon: Treasuring the Worth of Christ More
than our Lives

Today's Passage: Revelation 5:1-14

Introduction

Main point: If we treasure Jesus more than our own lives, we
will never have to fear losing our lives when severe
persecution comes.

Why do we treasure Jesus?

1. He is the sovereign Lord of the universe.

**And between the throne and the four living creatures and among
the elders I saw a Lamb standing, (Revelation 5:6 ESV)**

**But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the
angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of
the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste
death for everyone. (Hebrews 2:9 ESV)**

2. He is the Lamb (what characteristics does a lamb
bring to your mind) who was slain for us.

**And between the throne and the four living creatures and among
the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with
seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of
God sent out into all the earth. (Revelation 5:6 ESV)**

7 horns = total dominion

7 eyes = total omniscience

7 spirits = total omnipresence

3. He earned His Crown by the harshest possible means
conquering sin and death.

**And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the
Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so
that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." (Revelation 5:5
ESV)**

**Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality
with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking
the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And
being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming
obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (Philippians
2:5-8 ESV)**

4. He laid down His life for us.

**And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the
scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood
you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language
and people and nation, (Revelation 5:9 ESV)**

5. He shares His Throne with us.

**and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and
they shall reign on the earth." (Revelation 5:10 ESV)**

How much do we treasure Jesus?

The saints at the end of the ages loved Him enough to:

1. Give or ascribe to Him all power. Especially the power
over their lives. Vs. 12
 - Yet he shares with us all his power- **Behold, I have
given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions,
and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall
hurt you. (Luke 10:19 ESV)**
 - **Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than
all that we ask or think, according to the power at work
within us, (Ephesians 3:20 ESV)**

2. Give or ascribe to Him all wealth. True riches are God's love not possessions. Vs 12.
 - Yet he shares with us all his riches- **For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9 ESV)**

3. Give or ascribe to Him all wisdom. Vs. 12 A greater than Solomon is here (Matthew 12:42)
 - Yet he shares with us all his wisdom- **And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, (1 Corinthians 1:30 ESV)**

4. Give or ascribe to Him all might/strength. Strength is both moral and physical.
 - Yet he shares with us all his strength- **I can do all things through him who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13 ESV)**

5. Give or ascribe to Him all honor. Honor is given to those who have achieved great achievements.
 - Yet he shares with us all his honor- **Therefore the LORD, the God of Israel, declares: 'I promised that your house and the house of your father should go in and out before me forever,' but now the LORD declares: 'Far be it from me, for those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be lightly esteemed. (1 Samuel 2:30 ESV)**

6. Give or ascribe to Him all glory. We want Jesus to shine as He did on the Mt. of Transfiguration.
 - Yet he shares with us all his glory- **The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, (John 17:22 ESV)**
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7. Give or ascribe to Him all blessing. We rejoice His heart by wishing Him happiness.
 - Yet he shares with us all his blessings- **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, (Ephesians 1:3 ESV)**