

Fundamentals Of The Church

God The Son

(II Pt 1:16-17)

INTRODUCTION

1. Good Morning
 - a. Greeting...
2. Series of lessons on the "Fundamentals Of The Church"
 - a. We have look specifically at a miniseries on the "Godhead."
 - i. We first looked at "The Godhead"
 - ii. Last week we examined "God The Father"
 - b. Today we shall study "God The Son."
3. Jesus is by far the most scrutinized person who has ever lived.
 - a. There is more written about and there are more opinions out there concerning Him than any other person.
 - b. However Jesus was more than just a person He is also God.
 - i. **Jn 1:1** "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."¹
4. With Jesus being God and man let us scrutinize some of His characteristics so that we may grow closer to Him too as we saw with the Father.

I. God The Son Is Mentally Strong

- A. Jesus took on Satan and won
 1. **He 2:18** "For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted."
 2. **He 4:15** "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.
 - i. **Mt 4:1-11; Mk 1:12-13; Lk 4:1-13**
- B. Jesus was courageous
 1. He came knowing what would happen.
 - i. **Ph 2:6-7** "who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men."
 - ii. **He 12:2** "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."
 2. He continued here knowing what would happen.
 - i. **Lk 22:42** "saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.""

¹ All scriptures are taken from the NKJV unless otherwise noted.

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3. He followed through knowing what would happen.
 - i. **Mt 26:62-67** "And the high priest arose and said to Him, "Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?" 63 But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!" 64 Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven." 65 Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy! 66 What do you think?" They answered and said, "He is deserving of death." 67 Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands"

II. God The Son Is Loving

- A. Jesus joyfully gave up heaven to come to earth for those that did not love Him
 1. **Ro 5:8** "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
 - i. Jn 1:1; He 12:2
 2. **Mt 23:37** "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!"
- B. Jesus loved us so that He gave His life for us
 1. **I Jn 3:16** "By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."
 2. **Jn 10:15** "As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep."
 3. **Ep 5:2** "And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma."
- C. Napoleon Bonaparte once said...
 1. "Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and myself founded empires; but what foundation did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon force. Jesus Christ founded an empire upon love; and at this hour millions of men would die for Him." (<http://tinyurl.com/3muvt8e>)

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III. God The Son Is Personal

- A. He is zealous for us to be righteous
 - 1. **Jn 2:15-17** "When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. 16 And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" 17 Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up.""
 - 2. **Ps 119:139** "My zeal has consumed me, Because my enemies have forgotten Your words."
- B. He feels what Christians feel
 - 1. **Mt 25:31-46** "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' 41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' 44 "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' 45 Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' 46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'"
 - 2. **Ac 9:4** "Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?""

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- C. He mediates on our behalf
 - 1. **I Ti 2:5** "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus"
 - 2. **He 7:25** "Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them."
- D. He protects us
 - 1. **Mt 28:20** "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen."
 - 2. **Ps 46:7** "The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge."

CONCLUSION

- 1. Who is Jesus...He said "...I am the way, the truth, and the life..."
 - a. These characteristics of Christ give us what we need to know that we may draw closer to Him as his wife.
 - b. Just as a spouse should always study their mate to know them better and grow closer we too must study Christ to know Him better and grow closer to Him.
- 2. Question: Do you have a close relationship with Jesus?
 - a. If so great continue to grow therein if not why not start it now...
- 3. Invitation
 - a. God's Plan of Salvation
 - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
 - ii. Believe Jesus Is The Christ **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
 - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
 - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
 - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
 - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**