

Celebrating “New Life” in Jesus
Jesus Commissioned Us to Work

Our Christmas Celebration: JESUS

Who Jesus Was, What Jesus Accomplished,
and Jesus Ultimate Goal on Earth

How Has Jesus Changed Us?

Last Week: Two Fundamental Commitments:

Worship

Setting our Eyes on Jesus vs. Self

What is Our Purpose in the World?

C.S. Lewis “If you want a religion to make you feel really comfortable, I certainly don’t recommend Christianity.”

Jesus Gave Us “Marching Orders” (Matthew 28:16-20)

1. **Jesus’ disciples first response to Him in every context was expressions of worship. (28:16-17)**

How do we worship someone sitting in front of us?

“Worship” is the direct acknowledgement to God, of His nature, attributes, ways and claims, whether by outgoing expression of the heart in words, (praise and thanksgiving), or by deeds done (works done as expressions of our acknowledgement).”

Matthew 6:9-13 When you pray: talk to God “like this”

Talking to God about His authority over everything in the world and including Him in everything we do is worship.

Matthew 28:9 clinging to Jesus is worship

John 9:35-38 entrusting ourselves to trust Jesus is worship

Romans 12:1-2 using every component of our body and mind to obey and serve Jesus is worship.

How often and in how many ways do we express our acknowledgement of Jesus in everything meaningful in life?

2. **Jesus taught that He was the newly established authority over heaven and earth because of “the cross.” (28:18)**

“all authority has been given to me”

Luke 4:6-7 before the cross, the devil had dominion

3. **As the newly established King, Jesus commissioned His followers to recruit and equip others. (28:19-20)**

“Baptism” is immersion into everything the King is and has done.

“Teaching” followers to obey everything Jesus commanded is appropriate is equipping them to “Worship Him.”

How Has Jesus Changed Us?

- **We need to consistently set our mind on the unseen picture of who Jesus is and who we are because of Him.**

Worship is our most meaningful investment in life.

- **Jesus has given us marching orders that we need to make our first priority in life.**

We have the privilege of helping Jesus save souls.