

Christianity 101
Becoming A Sincere Christian

What We Love Impacts What We Prioritize in Life

Sports, Relationships, Stuff, Money

Primary Evidence: *Our Calendar and our Credit Card*

If we are honest and willing to examine how we invest our time and our money, we will easily see what we love and value most in life. It is also easy to assess the value we place upon our faith in Jesus?

Can We Change? Can We Grow?

Christianity 101: What are Christian Basics We Need to Know?

Many Options: *What the Bible teaches OR What the New Testament teaches OR Selective Teachings of the Bible OR What Jesus Teaches*

Making it Simple:

“Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is comfortable, and My burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30

**We love and serve Jesus in proportion
to our assessed value of Him in Our Life.**

Learning to Love and Appreciate Jesus

1. Learning to love and appreciate Jesus may be as simple as recognizing His attentiveness to our most intimate needs.

Nathaniel- John 1:45-51

The Centurion's Slave- Luke 7:1-10

The Woman at the Well- John 4:7-18

The Man Born Blind- John 11

A Personal Encounter with the Real Jesus

2. Learning to love and appreciate Jesus may require a serious investment in assessing “Who He Is.”

The Old Testament Prophetic Tradition

Genesis 49:8-12; II Samuel 7:12-15; Psalm 2; 22; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; 11:1-10; 52:12-13-53:12; etc.

The Supernatural Intrusions of the Historical Jesus

Matthew 8:23-27; John 9; John 11

An Objective Assessment Approach

3. Learning to love and appreciate Jesus may require a serious assessment of our own heart.

John 4:7-18

II Samuel 11:26-12:12 >>> Psalm 51

An Approach in Brokenness

Can We Grow in Our Love of Jesus?

- **We do need to assess the degree to which we care about anything other than ourselves.**

Are we simply pleasure driven and self-focused?

- **We cannot learn to deeply love Jesus if we do not really know and understand Him.**

We need to make a commitment to know Jesus intimately.

- **We will learn to value what Jesus says is important for us to do as His followers the more deeply we love and understand Him.**