

Christianity 101: According to Jesus...  
**The Simplicity of Loving God**

**The Most Important Teachings of Jesus**

**What have you learned from Jesus that changed your life?**

1. **Why Trust Jesus to Teach Us:** Six Reasons to Believe: 1) Doctor, 2) Surgeon, 3) Psychiatrist, 4) Commander of Nature, 5) Victor over Death, 6) The Prophesied Messiah- Lk 8:25; Jn 10:25, 37

**Trusting Jesus is a Huge First Step!**

2. **Jesus Taught that His Death Liberated People to Become Children of God.**

Four Teachings about Redemption: 1) Jesus promised He would defeat the rule of death (John 8:31-52; 11:24-26; Mat. 13:36-43; Rev. 21:1-5).

2) Jesus taught He would liberate us from the authority of Satan (Mat. 20:28; Mark 10:45; cf. Mat. 13:19, 38; Luke 4:6; John 17:15). 3) Jesus taught that His death would provide forgiveness of sins (Mat. 9:2-8; 26:26-29; Mark 14:11-25; Luke 22:14-20). 4) Jesus taught that His death would provide foundation for a restored relationship with God (Mat. 26:28; Luke 22:20; Jeremiah 31:31-34).

**Liberating Us from Bondage is Why Jesus Died!**

3. **Jesus Taught We Need God's Life Planted within Us:**

Six Teachings: 1) "Spiritual birth"- John 3:3-8; 2) "Living water" in us- John 4:10-11; 7:37-39; Jer. 17:12-14; 3) "God's Teaching" as food- Mat. 4:4 and 16:13-17; 4) "Jesus' teaching" planted as seed that grows and produces fruit- Luke 8:4-15; Mat. 13:3-23; Mark 4:19-20; 5) "Truth" that sets us free- John 18:37; 8:31-32; 6) The "Spirit of Truth" in us to help us learn- John 14:16-17, 25-26; 15:26-27; 16:13-15

**Transforming Our Inner Nature is Jesus' Objective**

4. **Nurturing Our Inner Transformation**

- 1) Jesus Taught Us How to Talk to God. Matthew 6:5-15  
2) Jesus Taught Us We Need to Become Like Children with God. Matthew 18:3-5; Luke 18:15-17; Matthew 19:14; Mark 10:14.  
3) Jesus Taught Us to Pursue "Oneness" in the Family of God- (Genesis 1:26-31; John 17:20-21; Mat. 25:31-40).

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1. **Jesus' Work to Forgive and Make Transformation Possible is Completed.**

Jeremiah 31:31-34 God's Vision!

Matthew 26:26-29 Jesus' Work (cf. Lk 22:17-20; Mk 14:22-25)

2. **In relating to God as a child to a Father we will be nurtured with a heart for knowing and sharing the work completed.**

Matthew 6:5-15 "Pray then in this way" (talk with God about...)

"Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven"

Matthew 28:18 "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth..." **The Kingdom hope is FIRM**

3. **People simply need to hear our "Attitude of Gratitude" for what Jesus has accomplished... Four Teachings.**

Matthew 9:1-8 "Take courage, My child, your sins are forgiven."

Luke 7:36-50 "she has wet my feet with her tears..."

**Valley Park's Commitment to Loving God**

- We are prioritizing outreach through excellence in both worship and hospitality and inviting others to come and enjoy.
- We are prioritizing transformation of lives by inviting people to join with us in celebration and learning from Jesus.

**Pray that God will lead us and provide for what we are prioritizing.**