

## Christianity 101: According to Jesus...

### Life as a Child of God

#### The Most Important Teachings of Jesus

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 to Transform 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' Mission in Life**

4. **Nurturing Our Transformation as Sons of God**

*Four Teachings till Now:* Jesus Taught Us How to Talk to God. Matthew 6:5-15 2) Jesus taught us to come to God as children willing to trust and learn- Matthew 18:3-5; Luke 18:15-17; Matthew 19:14; Mark 10:14; 3) Jesus taught Us to pursue "familial unity" with the Family of God- Genesis 1:26-31; John 17:20-21; Mat. 25:31-40; Jeremiah 31:31-34; 4) Jesus taught us to life with gratitude for His provision of forgiveness- Matthew 9:1-8; Luke 7:36-50

**Jesus' Goal is to Establish Us as Children Sharing God's Work**

## The Commissioning of Jesus

*"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth... Go! Make Disciples..." Matthew 28:18-20*

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1. **We pursue a relationship with God duplicating the relationship of Jesus as a Son with the Father.**

**Matthew 6:5-15**

2. **We are learning to love the brethren as Jesus did.**

**John 15:8-17**

- 15:8 "By this is my Father glorified"... bearing fruit"
- 15:9-12 Loving as Jesus Loved as the Father loved"
- 15:13-15 Loving Sacrificially with Complete Understanding.
- 15:16-17 Summary: Bear Fruit as Jesus Did.

### Valley Park's Outreach

- **We are becoming a going and inviting people.**
- **Our job is not judging but loving and embracing.**
- **We love people and pray that the Spirit of God will touch their hearts in everything we do. It is His work!**

**"We are Sowers of the Seed"**  
**Luke 8:3-15**