

Person of Christ

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I. Introduction.

A. We partake of the divine nature through the promises of Christ. (2 Peter 1)

B. A person only has to know who Jesus is, what he did, why he did it and how to appropriate it to be a Christian.

C. Text: John 13-17.

II. Christ laid aside his garments.

A. From the manger to the cross, Jesus was clothed with humility.

B. We are to be clothed with humility. (1 Peter 5)

C. Jesus laid aside his garments in order to be the one who could cleanse us.

D. Jesus loves to cleanse us. (1 John 1:9)

E. There is a sense that we can cleanse one another through the sharing of the word with others.

F. Cleansing comes before service.

III. Christ's joy was to do the work of God. (John 4:34)

A. There is nothing more contrary than an unhappy Christian.

B. There is no joy in doing what God does not want us to do.

C. There were no "buts" in Jesus' life.

IV. Christ is our master.

V. Christ is preparing a place for us.

VI. Christ is the truth in any situation.

VII. Christ is the life of the Father.

VIII. Christ is the original comforter.

A. He fully understands our situation.

B. He suffered all things.

IX. Christ is the commander.

X. Christ is the giver of peace. The peace of the world is transitory. (Romans 16:3, John 14:27)

XI. Knowing who Christ is allows the believer to experience the vine-branch relationship.

- A. The Father cleanses us by the will of the Son.
- B. If we are not fishing for men, we are not followers of Jesus. (Matthew 4:19)
- C. Disciples are those who are bearing fruit.

XII. Christ is the sender of the Spirit of God.

- A. The test of the Spirit is whether Christ is glorified.
- B. Satan counterfeits the gifts of the spirit not the fruit of the spirit.

XIII. Christ is the finisher and accomplisher of the work of God both the work of discipleship and redemption.

- A. The finisher manifest the name of God to men.
- B. The finisher showed his disciples that everything of his came from the Father.
- C. The finisher gave the Word of God, which was a part of his life. (Matthew 10:36, Jeremiah 23:28)

XIV. Christ expects our hearts to be set on him not on the world that is passing away. (1 John 2:17, 2 Peter 3:10-11)

Application questions:

1. How would greater humility look in your life, practically speaking?

2. Why must one be cleansed by Christ before they can serve him?

3. What things are keeping you from drawing closer to Christ? How will you go about removing these things from your life?
