

Jesus Christ: Center of the Home

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I. Introduction.

- A. Jesus is the center of the home and the one who gives meaning to life.
- B. Jesus was with the Father from the beginning, and it was His idea of the family life with one man and one woman. (Genesis 2:24)
- C. There are many ways to do things except getting to God, which is through Jesus Christ.
- D. But there is a certain way to do things too - the truth sets you free. (John 8:32)
 - 1. If we are not practicing the Bible we are not free.
 - 2. There is something about truth that has the right ring when we witness to someone. (Job 12:11)

II. The love relationship has to be on a horizontal plane that goes up and over Jesus Christ.

- A. Only as the spouse loves Jesus can he or she love the other.
- B. Most any Christian centered on Jesus can make a marriage work because it is what the person does afterwards that makes it work.
- C. We are complete in Christ - everything is wrapped up in Him. (Colossians 2:9-10, 1 Corinthians 10:31-32, Colossians 3:17)
- D. Who is Jesus? (Matthew 16:13-14, John 6:44, Luke 4:40-41, James 2:19, Luke 8:27-29, Acts 19:14, Matthew 13:35, John 19:19, John 20:27-28, Matthew 17:45, Luke 1:47, John 1:36, John 1:41, Matthew 27:4, Matthew 27:19, Luke 23:14, Matthew 27:54, John 14:6)
 - 1. Jesus is the only way to happiness in the home.
 - 2. Jesus was not attractive to people. (Isaiah 53:2, Luke 4:30, Matthew 26:48)
 - 3. Jesus was subject to passions like we are. (James 5:17)
 - 4. When we become Christians we must be born again of the Spirit of God. (John 3:3-5, 1 Peter 1:2-3, Romans 8:9, Galatians 2:20)
 - 5. Christ lives in us through the Holy Spirit because He is the Spirit of Jesus. We get the Spirit through conversion.

III. What we bring into the Christian marriage.

- A. We bring one spiritually baptized believer into relationship with another spiritually baptized believer.

- B. Now the believers have power to be subject to another.
- C. We can bring Jesus into the center of our relationship.
- D. We set the atmosphere for our relationships.

Application questions

1. How is Jesus related to the marriage relationship?

2. How is Jesus the solution to the marriage relationship?

3. Explain how your relationship to your family can be different in light of Jesus? What can you do to repair some damage and prepare to set a more positive example?
