

Characters In The Making

“Jesus: Our Perfect Example (Part Three)”

(Colossians 1:24-29)

- Introduction:
1. This lesson brings to a close a five month series on character studies.
 2. And appropriately, we are closing with a study in the life of Jesus, the perfect man.
 3. If we were to sum up God’s will for our lives, it would be that we would be “conformed to the image of His Son” (Romans 8:29).
 4. The past two weeks, we examined several qualities Jesus possessed in his life...service, mercy, equality, obedience, anger, and the nature of his teaching.
 5. In this lesson, we will examine three more qualities possessed in the character of Jesus.

I. Our Lives Should Reflect The Prayerful Attitude Of Jesus

- A. (Luke 11:1) For the disciples to ask Jesus to teach them how to pray suggests that they recognized Jesus as one who knew how.
- B. Prayer was not an emotionless, rote memorized, exercise in discipline – Jesus believed in prayer (Matthew 7:7-11; Hebrews 5:7).
- C. Jesus prayed for himself, for others, and for things.
- D. We need to believe in prayer and demonstrate our faith through our actions (Ephesians 3:20).
- E. (James 5:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:17).

II. Our Lives Should Reflect Contentment Of Jesus

- A. (Matthew 8:20).
- B. (Isaiah 53:3).
- C. (1 Peter 2:23).
- D. We need to learn contentment and patience (Philippians 4:11; Job 1:22).
- E. Suffering should cause us to rely all the more on God and to desire Heaven more than ever.

III. Our Lives Should Reflect The Mission Of Jesus

- A. (John 4:34).
- B. (Luke 19:10).
- C. How urgent is the mission of Jesus carried on in your life?
- D. (Philippians 1:21).

- Conclusion:
1. Again, Christ in us...is our hope of glory (Colossians 1:27).
 2. If he is in you, your life will clearly reflect his attributes.
 3. If your life does not reflect his attributes, then you must question whether he is in you or not.
 4. If he is not in you, that what or who is your hope of glory?