

A landscape scene featuring a tree on the left with one side bare and one side green. Several birds are flying in the sky above. The sky is a mix of blue, white, and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The foreground is a green field.

That They May Have Life

Why Look at the OT?

- The OT laid the foundation
- If you don't understand the OT you will not correctly understand the NT
 - John 5:39-47
 - Luke 24:25-27
 - Cf. 2 Tim. 3:14-17

Life

- Man fully-functioning in all his God-given faculties and relationships
 - OT: emphasized in temporal blessings
 - Israel was to be a light to the nations
 - Found in faith in God (*Promised Seed*)
 - Gen. 3:15; 12:7; 22:18; Gal. 3:16

Life

- NT: emphasized in future blessings, but experienced in part now
 - Found only in Christ (*Promised Seed*)
 - May include suffering (Matt. 5:11-12)
 - All about glorifying / pleasing God

Life in Christ

1. He is the Means
2. He is the Master
3. He is the Model

1. Christ is the Means

- **Jesus is Life** (John 1:4; 5:26; 11:25; 14:6; 1 John 1:2)
- **Jesus gives Life** (John 5:40; 6:33, 35, 48, 51, 63; 10:10; 17:2; 1 John 5:11-12)
 - Death -> reconciliation (Rom. 5:10)
 - Resurrection -> new life (Rom. 6:3-4)

1. Christ is the Means

- Belief [faith] in Jesus
 - John 3:14-16
 - John 20:30-31
 - 1 John 5:11-13

1. Christ is the Means

- Knowledge of God and Jesus
 - “This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”
(John 17:3)

Know God – John 17:3 (ISBE)

“This knowledge is vastly more than mere intellectual perception or understanding.

... an experience of similar thoughts, emotions, purposes, motives, desires, an interchange of the heart’s deepest feelings and experiences.

Know God – John 17:3 (ISBE)

“It is a bringing of the whole personality of man into right relationship with the personality of God.”

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“This relation is ethical, personal, binding the two together with ties which nothing can separate.

It is into this experience that
Jesus came to bring man.”

God's Desire

- God wants us to know Him
- God wants us to love Him
- God wants us to be like Him
- This is where we find the real life!

1. Christ is the Means

- For example: Luke 6:27-36
 - Sinners give expecting to get (32-34)
 - You give expecting nothing back (35)
 - You will be sons of the Most High
 - Because that's what God does (36)

Deut. 30:15-16

GOD

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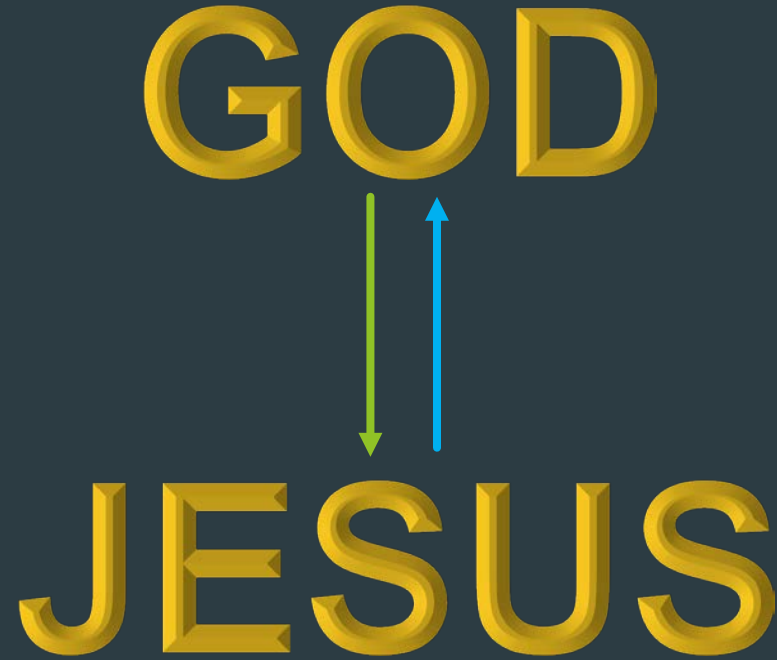
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John 14:8-10; Col. 2:9

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JESUS

1. Christ is the Means

- 2 Pet. 1:2-11

- The true knowledge of Jesus provides everything we need for life and godliness (3)

- Knowledge should lead to fruit (8)

1. Christ is the Means

- 2 Pet. 3:14-18

- Grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ (18)

- Love/knowledge/insight (Phil. 1:9-11)

- Walk worthy/please (Col. 1:9-12)

2. Christ is the Master

- Luke 6:46-49
 - “Why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”
- Matt. 28:19-20 – disciples *observe*
- 1 John 2:3-6 – walk in the same manner

2. Christ is the Master

- Mark 10:17-31
 - One thing you lack: you love stuff rather than God (21)
 - “Follow Me” (21)
 - Leave it all, for Jesus’ sake (29-30)

2. Christ is the Master

- Mark 8:34-37

- In order to follow Jesus you must deny yourself (34)

- Lose it to find it* (35)

3. Christ is the Model

- 1 Cor. 11:1

- Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ. (Phil. 3:17; 2 Thess. 3:6-9)

- Eph. 5:1-2

- Be imitators of God / Just as Christ

3. Christ is the Model

- Phil. 2:5-11

- Have this attitude (5)

- 1 Pet. 2:18-25

- Leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps (21)

So What?

- In order to live like Jesus we must know how Jesus lived
 - Personal study
 - Do it!
 - Examine your motives: His glory?