Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

WORKING WITH GOD

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PART 6: HOW DOES JESUS EXPECT US TO LIVE?

In the New Testament we learn that God the Father has turned everything over to his Son and it is the Son who is the Creator and the one whom everyone will have to deal with until after the Great White Judgment and the destruction of the current earth and heaven. 1 Corinthians 15:22-28; 2 Peter 3:10-13; Revelation 21:1-4

JESUS IS IN CHARGE

Once it has been established that Jesus is the Ruler to whom every knee must bow, it is then logical to find out how Jesus wants us to live. Since the Bible tells us that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever (**Hebrews 13:8**), we can look back to the time Jesus walked on this earth and what He instructed the disciples to do.

BEING A SERVANT

It is human nature is to get ahead and to lord it over other people. The twelve apostles were just like everybody else; they coveted power, recognition and the ability to control events. Jesus told them to be servants if they wanted to be great in the kingdom of God. **Matthew 20:20-28**

FORGIVENESS IS MANDATORY

If you want to be forgiven and be someone in the Kingdom of God, you must be a forgiving person that doesn't do it just once or twice, or even seventy seven time seven, but always. **Matthew 6:14-15**

BEING OBEDIENT

After a tremendous revelation from God and a beautiful recognition by Jesus, Peter decided that he had the authority to tell Jesus what to do and was strongly rebuked. **Matthew 16:13-23**

Jesus asked His followers to deny their personal ambitions and follow Him without reservation. Matthew 16:24-25; Luke 9:23-26

Jesus wants His followers to abide in Him. John 15:1-8

Jesus went so far as to say that a disciple only shows their love if they are obedient. **John 14:15**

LOVING ONE ANOTHER

Jesus showed the greatest love ever shown on earth only hours before his arrest by washing His disciples' feet. Then He told them do the same and love one another. **John 13:1-17**

The apostle John was at that foot washing and he echoed the words of Jesus before his death. **1 John 4:6-21**

SUMMARY

- 1. Always live in such a way that your actions match your words! You cannot confess that Jesus is Lord unless you have made Him Lord in your life.
- Give up your personal ambitions and find out what God's plan is for you. You will find God has great and unimaginable plans for your life when you surrender your life to Him.
- 3. Become a servant of Jesus. God can elevate you as a servant to incredible positions. Look at Joseph, Moses, Joshua, King David, and Daniel. None of these men worked to achieve the position they held, it was given to them by God!
- 4. Make the decision to be a forgiving follower of Jesus.
- 5. Make up your mind to be obedient to Jesus regardless what happens. If you can be obedient in small things, you will be obedient in all things.
- 6. The Holy Spirit is not working in your life if you do not have love for others.

 Jesus made it clear that love is not an option but a command!

 Matthew 22:35-40

You are responsible for each of these points. The Holy Spirit will give you the strength to live according to them but you must choose to do it, no one can do it for you.

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Have you made plans on how to finish your life or are you just drifting?

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?