

## THE SCRIPTURES AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

**John 5:39**

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**Introduction:** It is not until a person becomes completely displeased with him/herself that he/she begins to think about God and wonder. Everyone's eyes are blinded by Satan and until one's eyes are opened he/she never really knows what kind of person he/she is. The Holy Spirit begins His work in opening a person's eyes to his/her sinfulness and the divinity of God and the great separation. That person learns of what God expects and how unable he/she is to meet God's standards and is then prepared by the Holy Spirit to hear and welcome the good news that Somebody has fully met God's standards, requirements for anybody who would believe in Him. Thus the Scriptures help people come to know about the Lord Jesus Christ.

### I. THE SCRIPTURES HAVE MUCH TO SAY ABOUT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

#### 1. *John 5:39*

- The Scriptures speak of Jesus dying for lost sinners and that He is the ONLY mediator between God and people.
  - The Scriptures also speak of the sufficiency of Jesus' work and that apart from the Word of God, He cannot be truly known for in the Scriptures only is Jesus revealed.
  - The Holy Spirit uses the written Word of God to show people their true condition.
2. To "grow in grace" is the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Paul wanted to "know Christ" more than anything else in the world.
  - "Knowing Christ" is not just intellectual knowledge, but "spiritual, experimental, first hand" knowledge.
  - As one studies the Word of God, the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit interprets and applies to that person what the Word says about the Lord Jesus Christ.

### II. ONE IS GREATLY BENEFITED BY KNOWING ABOUT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

1. In the Scriptures one learns about his/her need of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Everyone thinks he/she is self-sufficient and does not need anything from anybody and therefore has no thoughts of what he/she is in the sight of God.
  - ***Romans 8:8; Isaiah 64:4***
  - ***Matthew 9:12***
  - The Holy Spirit applies the Word of God to convict people of their sinful condition and to help them see what they really are in the sight of God.
  - As the Holy Spirit convicts, He also brings to light God's love and His standards, requirements.
  - The more the Holy Spirit is able to work in a person's life, the more that person becomes aware of his/her sinfulness and need to be cleansed.
  - The Holy Spirit then points out that the Lord Jesus Christ is the only answer.
  - All this is revealed in the Word of God, the Scriptures.
2. The Scriptures make the Lord Jesus Christ more real to a person.
- When Jesus was here, most of Israel saw just an ordinary man but some were able to see just who Jesus really was.
  - Most people of Jesus' day had no personal dealings with Him and called Him a fanatic.
  - ***John 14:21***
  - The more the Lord Jesus Christ becomes real in a person, the more that person benefits from the Word of God.

3. The Scriptures reveal just how perfect the Lord Jesus Christ is.
  - It is one's need that brings him/her to the Lord Jesus Christ, but it is realizing just how perfect He is that causes one to want to be like Him.
    - At first, Jesus is one's Savior, but then as the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit reveal more about Jesus, then one wants more and more to follow His example.
  - Jesus becomes a Friend, one's High Priest, one's advocate with God, the Father as one studies the Scriptures and finds more and more revealed about the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - A woman named "Mary" wanted to sit at Jesus' feet and hear and learn from Him, and so does that person who gets into God's Word and is shown more and more about the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. As one studies the Scriptures, the Lord Jesus Christ becomes more precious to him/her.
  - Satan knows full well that when one gets into God's Word that he cannot distract and draw away further into sin and therefore he works harder to prevent people from getting into God's Word.
  - The more a person learns of the Lord's perfections, the more he/she loves and adores Him and that is one great thing that distinguishes a true Christian from others.
    - Many attend Church, tithe, even teach and sing in the choir and yet have no deep, yearning love for the Lord Jesus Christ.
    - The more precious the Lord Jesus Christ is to a person, the more one delights to have Him within.
5. The more time one spends in the Scriptures, the more confidence one has in the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - The stronger and more steady one's faith is, the more the Lord Jesus Christ is honored.
  - The Lord is pleased when someone really depends upon Him for all things.
    - As Jesus lived and walked by faith and the more a person does that, the closer that person grows in grace and spirit.
  - The Lord Jesus cannot be trusted until He first be known and the better one knows the Lord Jesus, the more trust there will be.
  - The Christian is to walk by faith and that is a continual process, a fuller assurance that Jesus will do all He has promised.
  - Nothing pleases, honors and glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ than one's confiding trust with a child-like faith.
  - Studying the Word of God benefits a person by increasing that person's faith in the Lord Jesus.
6. As one studies the Word of God, he/she begins to want more and more to please the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - ***1 Corinthians 6:19-20***
  - The first great fact that Christians need to grasp is that Jesus bought them with a great price.
    - In realizing what it cost for them to be able to have eternal life through Jesus, Christians will want to live for the Lord Jesus.
      - There will be a deep desire to honor Him by being obedient to His will.
  - ***John 14:23***
  - How a person wants and tries and strives to learn the Lord's will tests and proves the genuineness of his/her profession of faith.
    - Where there is faith in Christ there will be a delight in His commandments and a great sorrow whenever one breaks one of them by sinning.
    - Where there is true faith, sin causes one to groan and to seek deliverance and God's grace.
7. The longer one studies the Word of God, the more anxious he/she is for the return of the Lord Jesus.
  - ***1 Corinthians 13:12; John 17:24; 1 John 3:2***
  - At the return of the Lord Jesus Christ believers in Jesus will be done with sin forever and they will be conformed to Christ's image.
  - For that wonderful moment, true believers eagerly wait and yearn for His return.
  - The more one yearns for the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, the more evidence that one is truly benefiting from studying God's Word.

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. How deep is YOUR sense of need for the Lord Jesus Christ?
2. Is Jesus becoming more alive every day?
3. Are YOU delighted that Jesus is perfect and are trying to be like Him?
4. Is the Lord Jesus becoming more precious to you day by day?
5. Is YOUR faith growing and YOU are more confident in trusting Him for everything?
6. Are YOU really wanting and trying to please the Lord Jesus in every part of YOUR life?
7. Would YOU be filled with joy if YOU know for certain that the Lord Jesus Christ would be coming back within the next 24 hours?
8. Just how much time do YOU spend in God's Word?