

“THE BEAUTY OF CHRIST’S SUBMISSION”

REVIEW:

- Whatever or whoever I believe will meet my needs, wants and desires, this is what or who I worship
- If I worship someone or something other than Jesus, it is idolatry.
- Only Jesus deserves my worship.
- I need to worship Jesus.

KNOWING JESUS:

- The greatest most fulfilling pursuit (Phil. 3:7-9).
- When we see Jesus we are seeing God the Father (Jn. 12:45; 14:9).
 - Because Jesus fully submitted to the Father’s will, we can see a perfect reflection of the Father in Jesus.

THE BEAUTY OF SUBMISSION:

- Jesus came to earth as a man with one primary purpose ... to do the will of His Father (Jn. 6:38; 8:29).
 - His submission was voluntary and willing, not forced or demanded (Jn. 10:17-18). Jesus had a will of His own! Otherwise he could not have a choice.
 - He gave up His divine position and privileges to become one of us and serve us (Phil. 2:6-7 GWN). He emptied Himself!
 - At times, doing the Father’s will, was easy and rewarding (Lk. 7:11-15); other times it was very hard (Lk. 22:39-44).
 - Because Jesus fully submitted to the Father’s will, even God’s will to have Jesus suffer terribly and be killed by crucifixion;
 - The wrath of God was absorbed by Jesus for us;
 - Freedom from sin’s grip was accomplished;
 - The door for humanity to be reconciled to God was opened.

SUBMISSION IN OUR LIVES:

- If we want to know Jesus and enjoy Him, we must learn submission.
- A submissive heart releases deep, overflowing joy in our lives (Jn. 15:9-11).
 - Submission says, "I trust Jesus' love for me."
 - Submission says, "Jesus has my greatest good in mind" (Heb. 12:2).
 - Submission says, "Jesus sees the whole picture, I don't" (Ja. 1:2-5).
- Submission is the gateway to overflowing joy.
 - When I submit, I no longer need to be in control = joy!
 - When I submit, it's no longer my will that needs to be done = joy!
 - When I submit, only God's will becomes important = joy!

PUT OUT THE GARBAGE!

- Doing your will, what you think will fulfill you, is choosing garbage.
 - Anxiety, anger, frustration, striving, selfishness, fear, etc.
- Pursuing Jesus through submission to His will is of infinite value.
 - Joy, peace, hope, love, confidence, harmony, etc.
 - The beauty of Jesus is reflected through our submission.