



## 1. Practice Christ-centered worship

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<sup>2</sup> "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east, and have come to worship Him."

... <sup>11</sup> And they came into the house and saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell down and worshiped Him; and opening their treasures they presented to Him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.

**Hebrews 1:6** And when He again brings the first-born into the world, He says, "And let all the angels of God worship Him."

## 2. Practice Christ-centered humility

**Philippians 2:5** Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

<sup>7</sup> but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men.

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup> So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;

<sup>13</sup> for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

<sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling or disputing;

<sup>15</sup> that you may prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,

<sup>16</sup> holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may have cause to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.

## 3. Practice Christ-centered compassion

**Hebrews 2:17** ...He had to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

<sup>18</sup> For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

**Hebrews 4:14** Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin.

<sup>16</sup> Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.

**2 Corinthians 1:3** Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort;

<sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

<sup>5</sup> For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ.

<sup>6</sup> But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer;

<sup>7</sup> and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are *sharers* of our comfort.

#### 4. Practice Christ-centered m\_\_\_\_\_

**John 1:9** There was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

<sup>11</sup> He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

<sup>12</sup> But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name,

<sup>13</sup> who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**John 17:15** "I do not ask Thee to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil *one*.

<sup>16</sup> "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

<sup>17</sup> "Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth.

<sup>18</sup> "As Thou didst send Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

<sup>19</sup> "And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

<sup>20</sup> "I do not ask in behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;

<sup>21</sup> that they may all be one; even as Thou, Father, *art* in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that Thou didst send Me.

<sup>22</sup> "And the glory which Thou hast given Me I have given to them; that they may be one, just as We are one;

<sup>23</sup> I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, that the world may know that Thou didst send Me, and didst love them, even as Thou didst love Me.

**Luke 2:25** And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

<sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

<sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law,

<sup>28</sup> then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said,

<sup>29</sup> "Now Lord, Thou dost let Thy bond-servant depart In peace, according to Thy word;

<sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen Thy salvation,

<sup>31</sup> Which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> A light of revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Thy people Israel."

**Luke 24:44** Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

<sup>45</sup> Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

<sup>46</sup> and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and rise again from the dead the third day;

<sup>47</sup> and that repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

<sup>48</sup> "You are witnesses of these things.

<sup>49</sup> "And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

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**Matthew 28:18** And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

<sup>19</sup> "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."