

(Clip) the Person of Jesus Christ: The Focus of the End-Time Church

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The main pursuit of the end-time church is Jesus Christ himself, and prioritizing him is essential for a life of passion and obedience.

Duration: 3:11

Scripture: Philippians 3:8, Philippians 3:10, Hebrews 12:1-2, 1 Peter 2:7

Topics: "Christ Centrality", "Suffering Faith"

Description

This sermon emphasizes the pursuit of Jesus Christ as the author and finisher of our faith. It challenges believers to make Christ their chief delight, highest ambition, and most passionate pursuit above all else. The message highlights the importance of being willing to suffer the loss of everything for the sake of knowing and following Christ, leading to a deep hatred for sin and a fervent pursuit of Christ.

Transcript

Author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame and is sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. This is a pursuit, namely, of Jesus Christ himself. You want to run with the vision? Pursue Christ with all your heart.

Fix your eyes on Christ, the author and finisher of our faith. Let Jesus fill your vision. Go after him.

Let him be your chief delight, your highest ambition, your most passionate pursuit. Your greatest desire should be the Lord Jesus Christ himself. Otherwise, you're not running the race and you're not running with the vision.

So make it plain, make it personal. How is it with you? What is your greatest passion? What's your most passionate pursuit? What do you talk about the most? Who do you talk about the most? Jesus Christ or your Bible translation. Jesus Christ or your particular doctrine, theology, eschatology.

Jesus Christ. Or your ministry. Jesus Christ or your gifts, Jesus Christ or your head covering, Jesus Christ or your children, your family, Jesus Christ or your denomination, it can be a number of things, brothers and sisters, and they're not all bad, but nothing, everything should pale in comparison of love for him, love for Christ, the pursuit of Christ.

I'll tell you, this remnant that God is raising up that is scattered all over the earth. She has one thing in common to you who believe he is precious. Christ is precious.

Hallelujah. And when he's precious to you like that, you are willing to suffer the loss of everything and to count it but dumb rubbish for the sake of knowing Christ more, seeing him. And there's so much more of Jesus to know than I know and then, you know.

Are you willing, are you willing to suffer the loss of all things for the sake of him knowing him, following him? Being closer to him, Algeria said in that dungeon, the one who I once followed afar, I now see he holds my hand, he's with me. When Christ is everything to you, something else happens. You run with this vision in pursuit of Christ.

Something else happens. You will hate sin with the passion. You will loathe it, you will hate it with the passion.

Notice, he says in verse one, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that's a besetting sin, the sin which so easily ensnares us and let us run. Again, the Lord made so clear to me, make this plain, is there.

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