

A landscape scene featuring a tree on the left with one side bare and one side green, several birds flying in the sky, and a sunset or sunrise sky with warm orange and yellow tones. The foreground is a green field.

*That They May Have Life*

# *Why Look at the OT?*

- The OT laid the foundation
- If you don't understand the OT you will not correctly understand the NT
  - John 5:39-47
  - Luke 24:25-27
  - Cf. 2 Tim. 3:14-17

# *Life*

- Man fully-functioning in all his God-given faculties and relationships
  - OT: emphasized in temporal blessings
    - Israel was to be a light to the nations
  - Found in faith in God (*Promised Seed*)
    - Gen. 3:15; 12:7; 22:18; Gal. 3:16

# *Life*

- NT: emphasized in future blessings, but experienced in part now
  - Found only in Christ (*Promised Seed*)
  - May include suffering (Matt. 5:11-12)
  - All about glorifying / pleasing God

# *Life in Christ*

1. He is the Means
2. He is the Master
3. He is the Model

# 1. Christ is the Means

- **Jesus is Life** (John 1:4; 5:26; 11:25; 14:6; 1 John 1:2)
- **Jesus gives Life** (John 5:40; 6:33, 35, 48, 51, 63; 10:10; 17:2; 1 John 5:11-12)
  - Death -> reconciliation (Rom. 5:10)
  - Resurrection -> new life (Rom. 6:3-4)

# 1. Christ is the Means

- Belief [faith] in Jesus
  - John 3:14-16
  - John 20:30-31
  - 1 John 5:11-13

# 1. Christ is the Means

- Knowledge of God and Jesus
  - “This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”  
(John 17:3)

## *Know* God – John 17:3 (ISBE)

“This knowledge is vastly more than mere intellectual perception or understanding.

... an experience of similar thoughts, emotions, purposes, motives, desires, an interchange of the heart’s deepest feelings and experiences.

## *Know God – John 17:3 (ISBE)*

“It is a bringing of the whole personality of man into right relationship with the personality of God.”

## *Know God – John 17:3 (ISBE)*

“This relation is ethical, personal, binding the two together with ties which nothing can separate.

It is into this experience that  
Jesus came to bring man.”

## *God's Desire*

- God wants us to know Him
- God wants us to love Him
- God wants us to be like Him
- This is where we find the real life!

# 1. Christ is the Means

- For example: Luke 6:27-36
  - Sinners give expecting to get (32-34)
  - You give expecting nothing back (35)
    - You will be sons of the Most High
    - Because that's what God does (36)

Deut. 30:15-16

**GOD**

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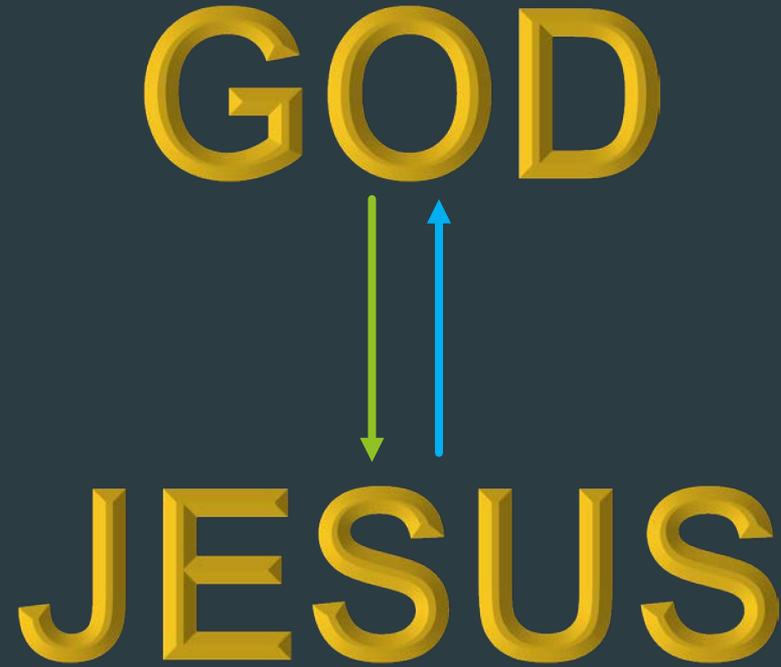
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John 14:8-10; Col. 2:9

GOD



JESUS

# 1. Christ is the Means

- 2 Pet. 1:2-11

- The true knowledge of Jesus provides everything we need for life and godliness (3)

- Knowledge should lead to fruit (8)

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- 2 Pet. 3:14-18

- Grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ (18)

- Love/knowledge/insight (Phil. 1:9-11)

- Walk worthy/please (Col. 1:9-12)

## 2. Christ is the Master

- Luke 6:46-49
  - “Why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”
- Matt. 28:19-20 – disciples *observe*
- 1 John 2:3-6 – walk in the same manner

## 2. Christ is the Master

- Mark 10:17-31
  - One thing you lack: you love stuff rather than God (21)
  - “Follow Me” (21)
  - Leave it all, for Jesus’ sake (29-30)

## 2. Christ is the Master

- Mark 8:34-37

- In order to follow Jesus you must deny yourself (34)

- Lose it to find it* (35)

### 3. Christ is the Model

- 1 Cor. 11:1

- Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ. (Phil. 3:17; 2 Thess. 3:6-9)

- Eph. 5:1-2

- Be imitators of God / Just as Christ

### 3. Christ is the Model

- Phil. 2:5-11

- Have this attitude (5)

- 1 Pet. 2:18-25

- Leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps (21)

# So What?

- In order to live like Jesus we must know how Jesus lived
  - Personal study
  - Do it!
  - Examine your motives: His glory?