

# Christ the Center

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Jesus Christ was born to die for our sins. (Mark 9)
- B. Peter was guilty of blasphemy placing Jesus alongside Moses and Elijah—Jesus is light years beyond any other religious person because He died for our sins.
- C. Jesus is the author of anything spiritual. (II Corinthians 5:17)
- D. Christ is at the center of the obedient Christian life.

## II. The Christian life.

- A. Christ is the center.
- B. Prayer, obedience, the Word and fellowship are the hands reaching out.

## III. By every criterion there is we belong to God—by design, by creation, by indwelling. (I Corinthians 6:19-20, Genesis 1:21, Psalm 100:3)

- A. We must not presume to use for ourselves that which belongs to God.
- B. We must say goodbye to self.
- C. Honor God with whatever you have because we belong to the Lord. (Proverbs 3:9-10)

## IV. High fidelity is a mark of following the Lord. (Luke 9:23, Revelation 14:4)

- A. Fidelity means to go in the direction God wants us to go in.
- B. Our lives must be available to Him to use.

## V. All of life is a tradeoff. (John 3:30)

- A. If you want more of one thing, you have to take less of something else.
- B. We must abstain from certain things so that Christ can increase.
- C. We must follow the voice of the Good Shepherd. (John 10:4-5)

### **Application questions:**

1. How can it be said that we belong to God in every way? What should our response be to this?

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2. What is high fidelity? How does this look like in relationship to God?

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3. Memorize John 3:30 and write it below. What impact does this verse have on making Christ the center?

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