**Greater Grace Christian Ministry**

**February 5 thru February 19, 2025**

**7:00pm**

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***“Being Devoted to the Lord”***

***Part 2***

**Theme verse:**

**Colossians 3:17**

***“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”***

**Purpose:**

To surrender fully to Jesus Christ, walking with Him in an ***abiding daily relationship*** and ***devoting yourself*** to serving Him! Then you can walk alongside others so they can know and follow Christ too!

**The Life of Jesus**

**Jesus told him. *“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one come to the Father except through me” (John 14:6 ESV)***

There is no other leader or historic figure like **Jesus Christ!** He is the greater person and example to walk the earth. Billions know his name. Millions follow Him! The entire life of Jesus sets Him apart as holy and special. Unlike anyone else. Worthy of our trust and devotion. **(John 8:58)**

**Yet, many still do not devote themselves to Him! Why?**

When Jesus said He was the way to God the Father, He was not being hateful or prideful. He was being **truthful!** The bible tells us Jesus is the only Son of God, (John 3:16) God’s perfect solution to save from our sins and provide eternal life! **(see Acts 4:12, 1st Tim. 2:5; 1st John 5:11-12).**

**God doesn’t owe us many ways to heaven, and humanity does not deserve or need more than one! Jesus Christ is the One! Again John 14:6**

**Jesus alone fulfilled all the prophecies of the Messiah**

Old Testament prophecies stated centuries in advance that God’s Savior, the Messiah, would be born in Bethlehem **(Mic 5:2)** of a virgin mother **(Isa. 7:14)** and would live in Galilee **(Isa. 9:1).**

He would be sold for thirty pieces of silver **(Zech. 11:12-13)** and His Hands and feet would be pierced **(Ps.22:16)**. After He was buried in a rich man’s tomb **(Isa. 53:9),** He would physically rise from the grave **(Acts 2:22-32).**

**Jesus lived a sinless Life**

No one is righteous or can rightfully claim, to be “without sin” – except for Jesus (see Heb. 4:15).

His virgin birth was required for His sinless life (we know Isa. 7:14; **Luke 1:35**).

***It gets better***, Jesus had the power to overcome every temptation **(Luke 4:1-13)** and He stands as “the Holy and Righteous One” **(Acts 3:14).**

His sinlessness is what made Him the perfect sacrifice – not needing to die for His own sin but for everyone else!

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| **“[God] made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2nd Cor. 5:21).** |

**Question, why am I not trying to live a sinless life?**

**Next what does the scriptures say about sinless?**

**Jesus performed countless miracles**

Jesus didn’t do just one or two miracles in the shadows, without witnesses, but daily for three years in multiple cities!

**He said** *“If I am doing them and you don’t believe me, believe the works. This way you will know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father*” **(John 10:37-38 NASB)**

Humble and tenderhearted, Jesus demonstrated great compassion over human suffering and willingly healed anyone in need, whether rich or poor, prominent or unknown, including government officials and blind beggars **(Matt. 9:18-31).**

**Jesus loved Sinners**

All these are not just facts. They require a response - **to believe in Him and follow Him**! We need a God who loves sinners because we are sinners (Rom. 5:8). We need a God with the power to transform and cleansed because our hearts need to be transformed, and our conscience cleansed. We need a God who has the power over death because we’re all going to die one day. Jesus alone provides everything we need.

**Where in the Psalm’s did David ask the Lord to cleanse him and why?**