

Intro.

Jn. 20:25-28

- A. That your wife?...your Bible?...your car? Tell me about your grandchildren. Can I tell you re: my Jesus
1. Following Jesus is a very personal thing. *My Jesus, I Love Thee....Do You Know My Jesus?*
 2. Remember Jesus' words to Peter? *Follow me, Jn. 20:22*
 - a. Paul was confident in *his Jesus*, & Christ's power to save his soul, c. **2 Tim. 1:12**
 - b. Ever notice the opening phrase of **Heb. 4:15**, *For we have...* → *THAT'S PERSONAL!!!*
- B. Only when the truths of God's word become *your possession* and you gladly & graciously submit to His will in absolute obedience does Christ really become "your Jesus."
1. **1 Jn. 4:12-13**
 2. *Blessed assurance, Jesus IS MINE*
- C. Just what does it mean to say *Jesus Is Mine*....or to use the phrase "my Jesus?"

Discuss.**I. JESUS IS OUR POWER IN PRAYER.**

- A. Christ gave His disciples a positive pattern for prayer in **Lk. 11:1-13** & **Mt. 6:9-13**
1. *If we ask any thing in [His] name, [He] will do it, c. Jn. 14:14*
 2. Paul said that Christ...*is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, Eph. 3:20*
- B. He is our Great High Priest, & path to God – *For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 1 Tim. 2:5*

II. JESUS IS OUR TOWER OF STRENGTH IN TIMES OF TEMPTATION.

- A. Listen to what **Jude 24** teaches that Christ has the ability to do **for us**.
- B. Paul certainly spoke of our capability of winning over temptation in **1 Cor. 10:13**
- C. James told of a great reward is promised to those who resist temptation, **Jas. 1:12**.

III. CHRIST IS OUR GUIDE.

- A. **Prov. 16:25** *There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.*
- B. Jesus is willing & able to guide us through life.
1. **Heb. 13:5** *I will never leave you, or forsake you...So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, I will not fear. What can man do to me? vs. 6*
 2. *Thy word is a lamp to my feet, & a light to my path, Psa. 119:105*
That's how David learned to fight temptation affectively (c. **Psa. 119:11**)
- C. Remembering which Divine personality (H.S.) brought us God's word helps us to appreciate just how Christ guides us today, *As many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God, Rom. 8:14*

IV. THE SAVIOR IS OUR DELIEVER IN DEATH.

- A. According to **Rev. 1:18**, my Jesus *has the keys of Hades & of Death*.
- B. When the Lord is "*my shepherd*", I can walk through death's valley, with no fear of evil, **Psa. 23:4**
- C. Throughout life's journey, esp. at the end, I need *my Jesus* because He takes the *sting* out of death, & gives us *victory*, c. **1 Cor. 15:55-57**

V. CHRIST IS OUR ASSURANCE OF THE RESURRECTION.**1 Cor. 15:20**

- A. Paul wrote about Jesus resurrection, describing him as *the first fruits of them that have fallen asleep,*\
1. 1st fruits are a guarantee of more to follow.
 2. **2 Cor. 4:14**, *Knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus...*
- B. The new body we will have at the resurrection will be *like Him*, **1 Jn. 3:2** **Ac. 17:31**
- C. From Mars hill Paul announced to Athens God's assurance of the judgment *by raising Him from the dead.*\

VI. THE LORD IS OUR EDITOR IN CHIEF OF ETERNAL LIFE.

- A. In **Heb. 12:2**, Jesus is described as *the author and finisher of our faith*.
1. He is *the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him. Heb. 5:9*
 2. Peter wrote about staying sheep who *returned to the Shepherd & Bishop of their souls, 1 Pet. 2:25*

B. Notice to whom Jesus *gives* eternal life.

1. Find the answer in **Jn. 10:27-28**, *My sheep hear my voice, & I know them, & they follow me: And I give them eternal life; and they shall never perish...*
2. Those who **hear & follow** my voice [i.e., to be in the same way with, to accompany, e.g., a disciple].

Concl.

VII. HE IS OUR HOPE OF A HOME IN HEAVEN.

- A. I know pretty confidently that each of us have a desire to go to heaven. *them.*
 1. **Heb. 11:16** *Now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country...for [God] hath prepared a city for *
 2. Who doesn't enjoy contemplating & imagining how beautiful heaven must be, **1 Pet. 1:4-5**
- B. In fact, the Lord Himself will take us there, **1 Thes. 4:16-17**
- C. Can you sing about "*my Jesus*"
 1. If you have put Him on in baptism, & allowed Him to wash away all your sins as you repented and confessed Him as Lord, then you are His & He is yours, if you are faithful to Him.
 2. If you need to surrender your life to him today, we will be happy to help you to make Him *your Jesus*.
 3. If you need to return to fellowship with Christ today, then come now without delay.