



Pastor David's Weekly Devotional

Scripture exhorts us to *"fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart"* (Heb.12:2-3). Each and every day, and all throughout our days, we must strive to keep our eyes completely and resolutely on Christ (Matt.6:33). This takes vigilant spiritual examination of our lives through the magnifying glass of Holy Scripture. *"Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? – unless indeed you fail to meet the test!"* (2Cor.13:5).

Let me suggest six ways in which we can "fix our eyes on Jesus."

First, **look upward for the glory of Christ**. As believers, everything we do should be for the glory of Christ, and nothing we do should be done apart from seeking to glorify Christ. The primary focus and goal of the Christian life is to bring glory, honor and pleasure to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Everything in a believer's life – every thought, feeling, word and act – must be a sincere and deliberate expression of their desire to glorify Christ. When we keep our focused attention on glorifying Christ we stave-off any selfish motivation or self-fulfilling ambition. The eyes that are genuinely fixed on glorifying Christ, will not be led to the glorifying of self. *"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God"* (1Cor.10:31; cf. Jn.15:8).

Second, **look downward for the humility of Christ**. When a Christian has truly beheld the awesome glory of Christ they are immediately humbled and completely undone (Is.6:5). Just as no one goes to the Grand Canyon to raise their self-esteem, so no one looks intently into the divine majesty of Christ and is filled with a narcissistic pride. Pride is the manifest expression of a Christless perspective, if not a distorted or an obstructed view of Christ. Staring into the face of Christ strips us of any pretentious or egocentric fallacies. True humility is seeing Christ, in the radiance of His divine glory, and losing yourself in the wonder and majesty of His presence. Again, we see that this humbling perspective comes from relentlessly fixing our eyes on our Lord: *"Come near to God and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up"* (Jms.4:8-10).

Third, **look inward for the attitude of Christ**. This naturally leads us to a spiritual self-examination of our own hearts and lives. The amazing truth of the Christian life is that at conversion every true believer is in Christ and Christ is in every believer (Jn.15:5). The inevitable result of this radical transformation is Christlikeness. For when God is in you, godliness comes out of you. Therefore, as Christians, we have every reason to expect that when we look at a spiritual x-ray of our heart we will see – however dimly – a portrait of Christ. The apostle Paul put it this way: *"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness"* (Phil.2:5-7). As Christ is, so His disciples will be; as the Master leads, so His servants will follow; as the Father commands, so His children will obey!

(continued, Lord willing, next week)

Together in and for Christ,
Pastor David
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Scripture Readings for the Week (Monday – Sunday ~ Week #33):

Numbers 1-4; 1 Chronicles 5-9; Psalms 96-98; Proverbs 17-18; Daniel 7-12; John 5-6; 1 Timothy 1-3

Recommended Reading:

"The Glory of Christ" by R.C. Sproul