

“The Marks of the Mystery of Christ at Work in His Church”

Colossians 2:1-7 3/14/2021

Studies in Colossians- “The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Jesus the Messiah”

LESSON 1- The mystery of Christ in us should produce these CHARACTERISTICS

- A. The mark of Jesus in us is shown by the care of His LEADERS
(2 Cor 12:15; Phil 1:7; 2 Cor 11:28; 2 Tim 2:10; 1 Peter 5:1-2)
1) Prayer; 2) Encouragement; 3) Time; 4) Love; 5) Focus
- B. The mark of Jesus in us is shown by our hearts being STRENGTHENED
(Jer 17:9; Matt 12:34-35; 22:37 Ezek 36:26-27; Ps 119:40-42; Eph 1:3)
1) Prayer; 2) Repentance; 3) Study; 4) Fellowship; 5) Serving

Your promises have been thoroughly tested; that is why I love them so much. (Psa 119:140 NLT)

- C. The mark of Jesus in us is shown by being held together with LOVE
(Col 2:19; 1 Peter 4:8; John 13:35; **1 John 3:16-18**; Prov 19:11)
1) Forgiveness; 2) Tolerance; 3) Accountability; 4) Support each other in time of joy and sorrow; 5) Hospitality to each other and visitors; 6) Don't wait for someone else to do it.
- D. The mark of Jesus in us is shown by enjoying rich ASSURANCE
(Matt 13:10-18; 1 Cor 2:10-14; **2 Pet 1:2-4**; 2 Cor 5:7; 1 John 3:20)
1) Are you growing in knowledge? What distracts you? S-M? TV? Video games? Sports? 2) Do you base your assurance on feelings?
- E. The mark of Jesus in us is shown by us being ORDERLY and FAITHFUL
(1 Corinthians 9:27; 14:40- “orderly manner”; 1 Cor 4:1; Matt 25:21)
1) Are you disciplined and faithful in your personal life? Prayer? Study of the Word? Evangelism? Righteousness? 2) Are we as a church?
- F. The mark of Jesus in us is shown by us walking as HE WALKED
(1 John 2:6; 1 Peter 2:21; John 13:15; 15:10; 1 Cor 11:1; Acts 20:32)
1) Make an effort to actually live as Jesus lived; 2) Ask for conviction
- G. The mark of Jesus in us is shown by a grateful ATTITUDE
(Ps 100:4; Phil 4:6; Colossians 3:15; 4:2; Hebrews 13:15)
1) Are you a thankful person? Or are you a complainer? Phil 2:14.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Discipleship Response *A disciple will be motivated to see Jesus live through us!*

Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples