

INTRODUCTION

- * FOCUSING ON THE CHRIST ... *The Shadow of Christ ... The Life of Christ*
- * As we have been studying “The Life of Christ” - we have examined His Birth, His Youth ... and are currently looking at His Ministry by considering seven different facets of His Ministry: The Preparation, Proclamation, Power, Parables, Passion, Pattern and Promises of His Ministry
- * Last week we considered the Primary Passion of Christ’s Ministry – His Passion for God ... and how His Primary Passion applied to our lives
- * Today, we want to consider the Secondary (or subsequential) Passion of Christ’s Ministry ... His Passion for People
- * Passion is a strong, powerful emotion;
Your passions – that which you become strongly emotional about – will ultimately affect your priorities and decision making

INSTRUCTION

I. CHRIST HAD A PASSION FOR GOD

- A. **Illustrations** (cf. Luke 2:46-49; John 5:30; 4:28-35; Luke 22:13-16; 22:41-42; Matthew 22:35-38)
Christ’s primary passion was consistent with the Greatest Commandment ... Hence, Christ’s primary passion SHOULD be our primary passion!
- B. **Application ... We Are To Have A Passion For God!**
 - * *Matthew 22:35-38 is a direct quote from the O.T. Consider the context of that command!*
 - 1. THE EXPRESSION OF OUR PASSION FOR GOD
 - a. It Is Revealed In Our Passion For His Word (cf. Deuteronomy 6: 4-9; John 15:7-8)
 - b. It Is Revealed In Our Passion For His Work (cf. Deuteronomy 11:1-14; I Corinthians 7:32-35; Colossians 3:22-24)
 - 2. THE SOURCE OF OUR PASSION FOR GOD (cf. Deuteronomy 10: 12-19; I John 4:19) ... a response to his love for us!
 - 3. THE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR PASSION FOR GOD (cf. Psalm 37:4; Deuteonomy 28: 1-2, 47-48; Revelation 2: 1-7)

II. CHRIST HAD A PASSION FOR _____

A. The Expression of Christ’s Passion For People

(cf. Mark 1:40-42; Luke 7:12-15; Matthew 9:35-38; Matthew 14:10-23; John 13:1)

PRINCIPLES:

1. JESUS P _____ ED THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE **R _____ ION**

2. JESUS E _____ ED THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE **C _____ ION**

3. JESUS S _____ ED THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE **P _____ ION**

* This requires a willingness to _____

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B. The Application of Christ’s Passion For People

1. OUR PASSION FOR PEOPLE IS A C _____ (cf. Matt 22:35-40; Deut 10:12-19; Luke 10:25-37; John 13:34-35)

as such ...

2. OUR PASSION FOR PEOPLE IS A C _____

- a. A Desire To Help (cf. I John 3:16-18; 4:9-11; 4:19-21)
- b. A Desire To Pray (cf. Philippians 1:8-11)
- c. A Desire To Unite (cf. Colossians 3: 12-14)

eventually, ...

3. OUR PASSION FOR PEOPLE WILL BE A C _____ (cf. Matthew 25:31-46)

INTROSPECTION

- * THE PASSION OF CHRIST’S MINISTRY WAS GOD FIRST ... AND PEOPLE SECOND
- * WHAT ARE YOUR TWO GREATEST PASSIONS?
- * ARE YOU TRULY LOVING GOD... AND LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR? IS THERE A NEED FOR REPENTANCE?