

Love, Identity and Purpose Our Life in Christ

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- Knowing the Love of the Father
- Embracing our Identity in Christ
- Understanding our Purpose in the World

John 10:10-11

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

At the Cross...

Jesus was punished **so that we could be forgiven**

Jesus was made sin **so that we could be made righteousness**

Jesus was rejected **so that we could be accepted**

Jesus was cut off by sin **so that we could be joined to God**

Jesus bore our shame **so that we could share His glory**

Jesus was wounded **so that we could be healed.**

Jesus became poor **so that we could share His abundance**

Jesus became a curse **so that we could receive His blessing**

Jesus died our death **so that we could share His life.**

In Jesus Christ:

I Am Forgiven

I Am Made Righteous

I Am Accepted

I Am Joined to God

I Share His Glory

I Am Healed

I Share His Abundance

I Receive His Blessing

I Share His Life

Matthew 6:24

"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other."

James 1:8

"...he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways."

The matter is quite simple. The Bible is very easy to understand. But we Christians are a bunch of scheming swindlers. We pretend to be unable to understand it because we know very well that the minute we understand, we are obliged to act accordingly. Take any words in the New Testament and forget everything except pledging yourself to act accordingly. My God, you will say, if I do that my whole life will be ruined. How would I ever get on in the world? Herein lies the real place of Christian scholarship. Christian scholarship is the Church's prodigious invention to

defend itself against the Bible, to ensure that we can continue to be good Christians without the Bible coming too close. Oh, priceless scholarship, what would we do without you? Dreadful it is to fall into the hands of the living God. Yes it is even dreadful to be alone with the New Testament.

Luke 9:23-24

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.”

Romans 6:11

“So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

Luke 9: 24

“For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.”