

The Importance of Jesus Christ

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Our lives must be built upon our Savior – Jesus Christ

In this world it is easy to build your life on “other things”

1. False Teaching is a Constant Danger for God’s people⁹

- There are many ‘diverse and strange teachings’⁹
- Even the law and sacrifices couldn’t save^{Heb9:9-10}
- Moderns have different ‘diverse & strange teachings’
- Some claim ‘sound doctrine’ divides, we should come together - Mt^{7:15}; Act^{20:29-30}; Gal^{1:7-9}; Col^{2:8,16}
- God’s has given us His means of grace: Word, sacraments, and prayer

2. We need to imitate the faith of godly leaders to keep from being carried away by false doctrines⁷

- Likely referring to past leaders who were faithful^{fruit}
- We must look at the outcome of their way of life

3. To avoid being carried away, hold firmly to the centrality of Jesus Christ & His sacrificial work⁸

- Jesus is the foundation – the glorious Gospel
- Jesus has always been Lord^{Heb1:10-12}
- We are strengthened by God’s grace⁹ NOT by foods (rituals)
- Don’t add to God’s grace - remember the SOLAS: God’s Word alone for truth; we are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone all for the glory of God alone!
- Never lose sight of the Gospel!

4. Scripture points us to the importance of Christ’s substitutionary work on the Cross¹⁰⁻¹²

- Don’t look for other altars to add to Christ’s work
- It really is all about Jesus’ work on our behalf!

5. Never forget the importance of Jesus Christ and hold firmly to the promise of heaven, not the present¹³⁻¹⁴

- Let us be willing to bear reproach with our Savior
- Don’t trust rituals or religious acts – only Jesus’ works^{Jn14:6}
- You will be ‘weird’ in this world with Jesus Only
- Most false religions present false claims about heaven...
- ONLY true Biblical Christianity looks in faith alone to God’s Word which shows us Christ’s work alone as our means of salvation.
- Rest in that truth! If it isn’t true we are to be pitied^{1Cor15:19}
- But JESUS CHRIST IS BETTER!