

## “Are You Ashamed of Christ and His Words?”

Luke 9:18-26

“Christ is a more wonderful person **than anyone else on earth**. He is wiser, more kind, more loving, more patient, more interesting, and stronger **than anyone else** we enjoy spending time with. Christ is more glorious, more breathtaking, more satisfying, and more refreshing than any experience I could ever have on earth.”

“He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter replied, ‘**You are the Christ (Messiah), the Son (one in nature) of the living God.**’ And Jesus answered him, ‘**Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock (this statement/doctrine) I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**’”  
(Matthew 16:15-18; cf. 1 Corinthians 3:11)

- Why are Jesus and His words more important than anything or anyone else?
  - **Jesus is the only way of eternal salvation:** “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (Matthew 16:16)
    - “And there is **salvation in no one else**, for there is **no other name** under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)
    - “Jesus said to him, ‘I am **the way**, and **the truth**, and **the life**. No one comes to the Father **except through Me.**” (John 14:6)
    - “Go therefore and **make disciples**....teaching them to observe **all that I have commanded you.**” (Matthew 28:19-20)
    - “But **these (things) are written** so that you may believe that **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God**, and that by believing **you may have life in His name.**” (John 20:31)
  - Jesus has infinite worth and value:
    - “Indeed, I **count everything as loss** because of **the surpassing worth** of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and **count them as rubbish**, in order that I may **gain Christ.**” (Philippians 3:8)
    - “Whoever **loves father or mother more than Me** is not worthy of Me, and **whoever loves son or daughter more than Me** is not worthy of Me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.” (Matthew 10:37-38)
    - “So as to **walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him**: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.” (Colossians 1:10)
    - “**Worthy is the Lamb** who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” (Revelation 5:12)

**Worship:** Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery — Matt Boswell

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer — Sovereign Grace Music

In Tenderness — The Sing Team

**Closing Song:** Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me — The Gettys

**Service Times:** Sundays: Prayer 9:45a/Church 10:30a; Tuesdays: Bible Study — Women 6:30p/Men 7p; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20p/Church 7p

## **Announcements:**

★**DONATIONS:** October is Pastor Appreciation Month! We would like to shower our pastor with love and encouragement during the month of October. Feel free to write a note of thanks or encouragement to Pastor Jeremy, and if you would like, feel free to include a gift or a gift card with your note. All notes and gifts can be given to Lauren Abdalla anytime throughout the month, she will collect them all and present them to Pastor Jeremy at the end of the month. We are also taking a special collection throughout the month of October for Pastor Appreciation Month. If you would like to give a monetary gift, you can either use the donation container on the back table, making any checks out directly to Pastor Jeremy Scarberry, or with Venmo, by sending it directly to Lauren Abdalla (Church Treasurer). Please contact Lauren Abdalla with any questions and/or if you need her personal Venmo (740)624-7921. Lastly, we would also encourage you to be praying for Pastor Jeremy and Krystal throughout this month. There are specific prayer requests from them on the back table. Please feel free to take those home with you and to set aside time to pray for them throughout this month.

### **THIS Thursday is the LAST day for this collection!**

★**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We have two different ministries that are in need of some volunteers:

- The Maintenance Ministry** is looking for two to three people to join the ministry to help with the set-up and teardown for services and fellowship meals. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please see Hunter Ardrey.

- The Children's Ministry** is also looking for some volunteers. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please see Kalen or Courtney Dees.

★**FALL GET-TOGETHER:** Our Fall Get-Together is TONIGHT at Andy's house, starting at 5pm. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on, as all festivities will be outside! Hotdogs and s'mores will be provided, but plan to bring a side dish or a dessert to share.

★**NEW MEMBERS CLASS:** If you are interested in becoming a Church Member, if you have any questions about Church Membership, and/or if you are interested in learning more about the Church By-Laws and Statements of Faith, we are having a New Members' Class in November! This is a 2 week class that will be offered on Sunday, November 3rd, and Sunday, November 10th at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up if you are interested in participating in this class. If you have any questions about the New Members' Class, please see Elder Zach Adams.

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch NEXT Sunday, November 3rd, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something for the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us!

★**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS:** Don't forget to turn your clocks back NEXT Sunday, November 3rd!

★**COMMUNION:** We will be partaking of and celebrating Communion together NEXT Sunday, November 3rd!

★**MEMBERS' MEETING:** If you are currently a Church Member, please mark your calendars and plan on attending the Members' Meeting on Sunday, November 10th, immediately following the worship service. At this meeting we will be presenting the 2025 Budget as well as voting on Elder Zach for the Associate Pastor position.

★**FRIENDSGIVING:** We will be having our annual Friendsgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 23rd, at 5:30pm. There are TWO sign-up lists hanging on the wall in the entryway. If you plan on attending, we ask that you please sign-up, so we can get an idea of how much food we will need. Even if you aren't 100% sure if you will be able to attend or not, we would ask that you still sign-up, we would rather have too much food than not enough! The second list is the food list, please sign-up to bring something for the Friendsgiving Dinner! As always, EVERYONE is invited to join us for this wonderful time of food and fellowship!