



VIRTUES OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Philippians 4:8-9

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Good morning Church! As Paul continues to teach more about the peace of God, he gives a list of ways to train our minds to experience peace as we practice obedience. He says for us to think of things in our lives that are of Christ. These are things of heaven, of holiness, of God Himself that we live for as Christians.

Philippians 4:8-9

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.”

*“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” **Colossians 3:1-2***

1. TRUTH is ABSOLUTE and Originates Only in GOD.

*“And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, 25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth” **2 Timothy 2:24-25***

- JESUS CHRIST is Truth.

*“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***

- The HOLY SPIRIT is Truth.

*“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.” **John 16:13***

- God's WORD is Truth.

*“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.” **John 17:17***

2. HONOR is RESPECTING What Belongs to GOD.

- Honor God in EVERYTHING.

“whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

1 Corinthians 10:31

- Honor God with Your BODY.

“do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.” **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

- Honor God with Your CONDUCT.

“Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.” **1 Peter 2:12**

- Honor God by Honoring OTHERS.

“Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.” **1 Peter 2:17**

- Honor God with Your FINANCES.

“Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce”

Proverbs 3:9

3. Doing What is JUST is Choosing What is RIGHT According to GOD.

- God REQUIRES Justice from His People.

“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” **Micah 6:8**

- Doing Right is our RESPONSIBILITY.

“So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.” **James 4:17**

4. Being PURE and Morally CLEAN is God's Will for Your LIFE.

- We seek PURITY by avoiding what is PROFANE.

*“It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; **4** that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, **5** not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; **6** and that*

in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister." 1

Thessalonians 4:3-6

- Christ CLEANSSES us.

5. Being CORDIAL and ADMIRABLE Reflects a Godly REPUTATION.

- Your REPUTATION helps others GLORIFY God.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." **Matthew 5:16**

How much more will we as Christians, believers in the God of peace who have experienced peace, grace and love from God, respond in joyful obedience to the responsibilities that come with following Him. God makes peace with sinners through Christ, and this peace comes when we are obedient to living out the Gospel.

Salvation through Jesus Christ

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*