

# **Living in the Reality of Jesus**

**(from Pastor Joe Turner's sermon on April 26, 2015)**

Text: Col. 1:25-29

## **I. The hope we have in Christ.**

- 1) Christ is in us and we are in Him. John 14:23, Col.3:3
- 2) God is for us and nothing will separate us from His Love for us. Rom. 8:31-39
- 3) The Holy Spirit has been given to work into us the reality of Jesus. Rom. 8:2, Rom. 15:13

## **II. Sitting in the reality of Christ.** Eph. 2:6, (Eph. 1:16-20, 3:16-21)

- 1) Sitting is a position of rest.
- 2) Our position in Christ is one of sitting with Him receiving what has already been done. I have done nothing to earn it, I don't deserve it, but I must receive it for I am hopeless without it.
- 3) It is a relational place of being with Him, in Him and Him in us.

**Practical Application:** First thing, inviting Him in, humbling myself, acknowledging my need, asking for the grace to believe and the sensitivity to hear, mediating on the character of Jesus, soaking in the promises of Christ, affirming my desire to have his will and purposes worked into my life, giving Him my worries, fears and burdens.

## **III. Walking in the reality of Christ.** Eph. 4:1

- 1) Walking is an action that fulfills the purpose of moving me from one place to another; towards the goal of knowing Jesus that His image might be formed in me.
- 2) It is the work of following Jesus. It is the action of faith in the expression of worship, love, obedience, and calling.

**Practical Application:** Worship - priority, devotion, expectation, sacrifice; Love – compassion, mercy, encouragement, patience, hope; Obedience - surrendered, trusting, dying to myself, attentive; Calling - real purpose, significance, fulfillment and fruitfulness.

## **IV. Standing in the reality of Christ.** Eph. 6:11

- 1) It is an act of steadfastness, remaining, being established.
- 2) Realizing that my sitting and walking will be opposed by my adversary seeking to knock me down and lead me away. I will need to make an intentional choice to not be moved from my course to know Jesus and live in the hope of His calling.

**Practical Application:** I know that on any given day I will be assaulted by shame, fear, unbelief, pride, doubt or compromise; but God provides me with armor. His Word (its wisdom and promises), Holy Spirit (a helper who stands with me), Authority and Access (in Jesus name), the Body of Christ (I don't stand alone).