

“Looking Unto Jesus”

Hebrews 12:2

INTRODUCTION:

- A. **Hebrews 12:2** – “Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”
- B. How important is Jesus to you? Do you want to be able to sit down with Him in Heaven?

LOOK TO JESUS **IN** EVERYTHING

- A. **Acts 17:28** – “For in Him we live, and move, and exist . . .”
- B. Many Christians are ready to look to Jesus when trouble strikes, but when everything is going well, they lean on their own human strength and fail.
- C. We must look to Jesus in everything.
1. In good times as well as in bad times.
 2. In joy as well as in sorrow.
 3. In triumph as well as in trials.
 4. In success as well as in failure.
- D. In **Hebrews 4:16**, we are admonished to look to Jesus “. . . So that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us at the proper time.”

LOOK TO JESUS **FOR** EVERYTHING

- A. **John 14:13** – “Whatever you ask in My name, I will do it so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”
- B. Some Christians do not depend on the Lord to supply all their needs.
1. They rely on self-effort.
 2. They rely on other people.
 3. They rely on their own resources.
- } These people come to disappointment
- C. We should look to Jesus for life . . . Food . . . Clothing . . . Shelter . . . and everything.
- D. In **Philippians 4:19** we are promised ample supply for all our needs, “according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

LOOK TO JESUS **WITH** EVERYTHING

- A. **1 Thessalonians 5:23** – “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely. And may your spirit, soul, and body be kept sound and blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
- B. Look to Jesus with everything that you are and with everything that you have.

- C. If we are to be victorious, we must look to Jesus with everything . . . Time . . . Talent . . . Everything.
- D. The apostle Paul urged us to present our bodies “as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God.” **Romans 12:1**

LOOK TO JESUS THROUGH EVERYTHING

- A. **1 Peter 5:10** – “Now the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will personally restore, establish, strengthen, and support you after you have suffered a little.”
- B. Christians may look to Jesus during happy times, but complain and even blame God when suffering comes.
- C. God allows suffering as one of the means to strengthen our faith and fulfill his purpose. We must maintain our faith . . . Trust . . . Faithfulness . . . and determination to be all that we can be in service to our God.
- D. When traveling through life’s experiences, Peter advised, “But rejoice, inasmuch as you are partakers of Christ’s sufferings.” **1 Peter 4:13**

CONCLUSION:

- A. Let us look unto Jesus by:
 - 1. Looking to Jesus **IN** everything.
 - 2. Looking to Jesus **FOR** everything.
 - 3. Looking to Jesus **WITH** everything.
 - 4. Looking to Jesus **THROUGH** everything.
- B. In Matthew 14, Peter took His eyes off of Jesus and began to sink. There is a lesson in that story for us. **Matthew 14:30** – “But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!”
- C. **Hebrews 12:2** – “Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”
- D. **God’s Plan for Man’s Salvation**