

MESSAGE NOTES

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SERIES: "SCRIPTURE AND THE LIFE OF GOD"

MESSAGE: "GUIDES INTO THE LIFE OF GOD"

IN THIS SERIES, YOU'RE ENCOURAGED TO EXAMINE

1. What you _____ about Scripture
2. What you _____ with Scripture
3. How you can be _____ into the life of God through Scripture

THE PREMISE

Our _____, our _____, and our _____ should be _____ on those of Jesus

"You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11 (NLT)

When we become Christians, we are adopted into God's _____

- The Christian faith is personal, but it is not _____ personal
- There is a communal aspect of our faith that is _____ to our participation in the life of God
- Our journey into the life of God is one we are _____ to take with other people

"Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people." 1 PETER 2:10 (NLT)

"So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family... We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit." EPHESIANS 2:19-22 (NLT)

GUIDES TO HELP US READ, INTERPRET, AND APPLY SCRIPTURE

In the long history of the Church, there is immeasurable accumulated wisdom

- Bible _____
CAUTION: We must _____ our sources carefully (2 TIM 4:3, 1 JN 4:1)
- Spiritually mature _____
CAUTION: Life _____ come to bear on the way in which the Bible is interpreted
- The wisdom of the _____ who came before us (early, church fathers, theologians, forebears in the faith)
CAUTION: Same as above
- The _____ (Apostles' and Nicene)
CAUTION: Like our other sources, they never _____ the words of Scripture
- The _____ itself
CAUTION: _____ and _____ cannot be overlooked

THE REWARD

To _____ and _____ God more fully and to _____ God's great love for you