

## I. INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Psalm 66:16**.  
*Come and hear, all who fear God, And I will tell of what He has done for my soul.*
- B. We live in a scientific age that asks, "Does it work?" and "Can you prove it?" But there is another side to think about.
- C. Science cannot answer the questions of the heart. We must be sure of Jesus being our Lord and Master if we are to help those who have searching hearts.
- D. Let's answer the question, "What does Jesus mean to you?"

## II. JESUS MEANS PERSONHOOD.

- A. Scripture texts: Jn. 1:1,14,16,18.  
*(Jn 1:1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*  
*(Jn 1:14) And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*  
*(Jn 1:16) For of His fulness we have all received, and grace upon grace.*  
*(Jn 1:18) No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.*
- B. A bird's element is air; a fish's element is water; and man's element is (believe it, or not) is God.
- C. Jesus came to earth to show us how to live as a person. He was in the flesh, to exemplify the perfect life (1Pet. 2:21).  
*For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,*
- D. X was God made flesh and He endured all things without sin (Heb. 4:15).  
*For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.*
- E. If you want to know how to live, life is found in X.

## III. JESUS MEANS PEACE.

- A. Scripture texts: Jn. 14:27; Phil. 4:7.  
*(Jn 14:27) "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.*  
*(Phil 4:7) And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*
- B. Jesus gives His followers peace. Peace of mind, body, soul, and spirit.
- C. And this peace is much more than just the absence of conflict--it is the assurance of knowing who holds the future.
- D. In the midst of turmoil, strife, and sin the faithful Christian knows God is in control. He/She can feel security, safety, and comfort that transcend the world's understanding.
- E. If you want peace in your life, it is found in X.

## IV. JESUS MEANS POWER.

- A. Scripture texts: Jn. 1:12; Phil. 4:13; 2:13; Eph. 3:20.  
*(Jn 1:12) But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,*  
*(Eph 3:20) Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,*  
*(Phil 2:13) for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*  
*(Phil 4:13) I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.*
- B. It is easy to get wrapped up in uselessness, worthlessness, and helplessness. Depression and guilt take center stage in life's performance.

- C. But X can give us vision to look beyond the problems and do great things.
- D. Real power is not found in those who command great armies or have political sway. Real power is found in those who can say no to sin and overcome their problems (Prov. 16:32).  
*He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city.*
- E. If you want power in your life, it is found in X.

#### V. **JESUS MEANS PARDON.**

- A. Scripture texts: 2Cor. 5:21.  
*He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*
- B. Some have called it “imputed righteousness” that I have from X.
- C. Jesus did not sin, so that He could bear my sin. Had He sinned, just once, He would have died only for Himself.
- D. Even though I’m guilty, I have become righteous in God’s eyes.
- E. If you want pardon in your life, it is found in X.

#### VI. **JESUS MEANS PROMISE.**

- A. Scripture text: Jn. 14:1-6; 2Pet. 3:9.  
*(Jn 14:1-6) “Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. [2] “In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. [3] “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. [4] “And you know the way where I am going.” [5] Thomas said^ to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?” [6] Jesus said^ to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me. (2Pet 3:9) The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.*
- B. Jesus is coming back to take me to heaven. He is preparing a place for me to live there. He promised!
- C. Jesus will give me a crown of life. He promised me that too! (Rev. 2:10; 2Tim. 4:8).  
*(2Tim 4:8) in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing. (Rev 2:10) ‘Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.*
- D. I don’t know when He is coming back, but He will Come at the right time. He promised me that (Mt. 24:36,44).  
*(Mt 24:36) “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. (Mt 24:44) “For this reason you be ready too; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.*
- E. If you want an eternal future, that promise is found in X.

#### VII. **CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.**

- A. What does Jesus mean to me? He means:
  1. Personhood (how to live a person).
  2. Peace (a comfort of love and understanding).
  3. Power (to help me live victoriously).
  4. Pardon (to forgive and forget my sins).
  5. Promise (to come and take me to heaven).
- B. What does Jesus mean to you?
- C. Will you let Jesus do what He has done for countless others? Come and obey Jesus today and enjoy the person, peace, power, pardon, and promise of the Son of God.
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring Xians.