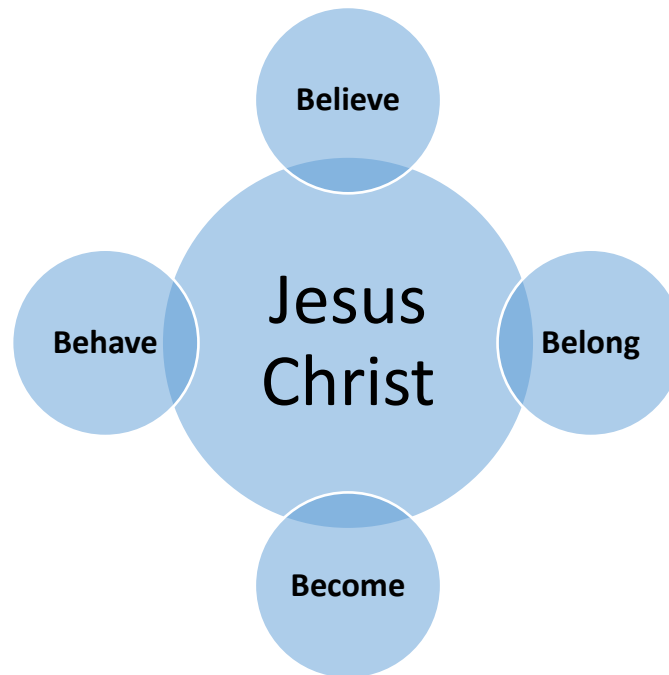


Begin Anew

Behaving like Jesus: Part 2

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2. A Servant. Obedient to God. Spirit-empowered. Non-violent.

3. When we behave like Jesus – as non-violent, spirit-empowered, God-obedient, servants of the good and true - we offer *meaning*.

4. Jesus said: *Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth... But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also... No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money [mammon] (Mt. 6:19-24).*

5. *Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income (Ecc. 5:10).*

6. *Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things (food, clothing, shelter... stuff!) will be added to you (Mt. 6:33).*

7. *I tell you the truth, no one who has left home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, in the age to come... (Lk. 18:28-30).*

8. ...without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him (Heb. 11:6).

9. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the **love** of money is a root of all kinds of evil (1 Tim. 6:6-10).

10. When we behave like Jesus – as non-violent, spirit-empowered, God-obedient, servants of the good and true - we offer *fellowship*.

11. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... they gave to anyone as he had need. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts... (Acts 2:42-47).

12. When we behave like Jesus – as non-violent, spirit-empowered, God-obedient, servants of the good and true - we offer *forgiveness*.

We offer forgiveness in place of guilt or shame.

There are many – inside and outside of the church – who – when they think of God – think of Him as disappointed in them and judgmental of their sin.

But here's the truth: *God so loved the world...*

Let's replace the phrase "the world" with the word "you" in these two verses as makes sense (assuming that "the world" – includes "you")... *God so loved **you** that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever (**you**) believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn **you**, but to save **you** through him (Jn. 3:16-17).*

13. Bear with each other and **forgive one another** if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you (Col. 3:13).

14. When we behave like Jesus – as non-violent, spirit-empowered, God-obedient, servants of the good and true - we offer *meaning, fellowship, and forgiveness*.