

## The Heart of the Faithful Christian

As we come to the end of Paul's letter to Timothy, we see a man who believes that he will leave this world very soon. He is ready. He is not ready because his body is weak. He is not ready because he is sick of the world. He is ready because His heart is like Jesus.

Scripture(s): **2 Timothy 4:16-18**

Remember this - As Jesus works in us He is working to ultimately mold our \_\_\_\_\_ to be a heart like \_\_\_\_\_.

I. The first heart attitude of the believer who is truly ready to meet God is the willingness to offer \_\_\_\_\_ and forgiveness. Grace and mercy are not merely divine actions that God takes because Jesus died. Grace and mercy are \_\_\_\_\_ to who God is.

**Matthew 6:9-15** 9 "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. 11 'Give us this day our daily bread. 12 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.' 14 For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

**Luke 23:33-34**

33 When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left. 34 But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.

II. The second heart attitude of the believer who is truly ready to meet God is always \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus. The love of God and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God are so intertwined that truly loving Him always makes us glorify Him and His \_\_\_\_\_ is most clearly revealed to us in His love.

**Exodus 33:18-19** 18 Moses said, "Please show me your glory." 19 And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

III. The third heart attitude of the believer who is truly ready to meet God is persistent trust in Jesus for the \_\_\_\_\_. Our realistic nature must never be allowed to overshadow the \_\_\_\_\_ and power of Jesus in us.

**2 Corinthians 1:6-7** 6 But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; 7 and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are sharers of our comfort.

**1 Corinthians 3:1-4** 1 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ. 2 I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, 3 for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men? 4 For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not mere men?

Our challenge: Let who Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ your thoughts and attitudes toward both people and God. How will you say yes to Jesus?

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What Scripture teaches you this?

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