

“I Want to Be Just Like Jesus”

1 Pet. 2:21-25

Introduction

- I. Every child of God should strive to be as much like Jesus as possible (cf. Paul; 1 Cor. 11:1).
- II. With that being said, are all Christians really wanting to imitate Christ?
- III. Jesus is not only the Lamb of God, but He is also the Lion of Judah (John 1:29; Rev. 5:5).

Discussion

- I. When becoming a Christian, we “put on Christ” (Gal. 3:26-27).
 - A. Paul (Gal. 2:20)
 - B. All Christians (Rom. 8:29)
 - C. We are to love the things Jesus loves, and we are to hate the things that Jesus hates (Matt. 22:37-39; Psm. 119:104; Prov. 6:16-19).
- II. Jesus cared for others.
 - A. The multitudes (Mark 8:1-3; Matt. 14:14).
 - B. The leper (Matt. 8:1-3).
 - C. Remember, Jesus showed emotion (John 11:35).
- III. Jesus “built up” others.
 - A. The centurion in Capernaum (Matt. 8:5-10).
 - B. The Law of Christ demands such (Rom. 14:19).
 - C. This is a principle that people of God had been taught for centuries (Prov. 3:27).
- IV. Jesus desired to change others.
 - A. This is directly opposed to the notion that many espouse today.
 - B. The woman taken in adultery (John 8:1-11).
 - C. The Law of Christ demands such (2 Cor. 5:17).
 - D. Followers of Christ move from “death unto life” (John 5:24).

Conclusion

- I. So, you want to be just like Christ.
- II. That is noble, but it demands much!