

Light and Life: Jesus in the Gospel of John

Today's message: Know Me

John 14:8-15 (ESV)

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹² Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. ¹⁵ If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

The most important thing about me is ...

"... the most portentous fact about any man is not what he at a given time may say or do, but what he in his deep heart conceives God to be like. We tend by a secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God. This is true not only of the individual Christian, but of the company of Christians that composes the Church. Always the most revealing thing about the Church is her idea of God, just as her most significant message is what she says about Him or leaves unsaid, for her silence is often more eloquent than her speech. She can never escape the self-disclosure of her witness concerning God."

- A.W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*

Jesus reveals the Father ...

In His _____

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Among the sins to which the human heart is prone, hardly any other is more hateful to God than idolatry, for idolatry is at bottom a libel on His character. The idolatrous heart assumes that God is other than He is - in itself a monstrous sin - and substitutes for the true God one made after its own likeness. Always this God will conform to the image of the one who created it and will be base or pure, cruel or kind, according to the moral state of the mind from which it emerges. A god begotten in the shadows of a fallen heart will quite naturally be no true likeness of the true God.

- A.W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*

My understanding of God ...

... drives _____.

Burden, obligation, mission ...

What are "the works"? (And what are they for?)

What is _____ giving my life for?

... determines _____ I pray and _____ I pray for.

"anything"

"In my name"

Are my prayers _____ or

_____?

... is demonstrated in my _____ to Him.

_____ and _____, not fear and consequences, are the pillars of God-honoring obedience.

*With the goodness of God to desire our highest welfare,
the wisdom of God to plan it,
and the power of God to achieve it,
what do we lack?*

Surely we are the most favored of all creatures.

In all our Maker's grand designs, Omnipotence, with wisdom, shines;

His works, through all this wondrous frame,

Declare the glory of His Name.

- Thomas Blacklock