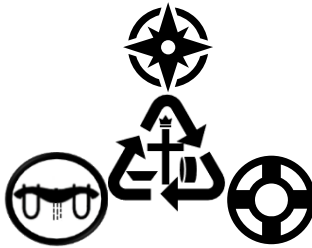


The Christian Life

It is only through a true relationship with Jesus Christ!

Jesus' Method. Jesus' Motivation. Jesus' Mission.



Feeding
Trough,
Cross,
Empty
Tomb,
Crown,
Only
Way

**It is only through Jesus Christ! He is both fully God and the perfect human.
Jesus Christ is *The Good News* - The Savior King - born of a virgin, died for
our sins on the cross, buried in a tomb, and resurrected on the third day.**

"The time has come," Jesus said.

"The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" - Mark 1:15

*"I am The Way, and The Truth, and The Life;
no one comes to the Father but through Me."*

- Jesus, John 14:6



Yoke,
Clean
Water

Jesus' Method:

Come to Jesus. Be Yoked to Jesus. Learn from Jesus through God's Word.

"Come to Me,

all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take My Yoke upon you

and

Learn from Me,

for I am gentle and humble in heart,

and you will find rest for your souls.

For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

- Jesus, Matthew 11:28-30

"Sanctify [spiritually wash] them by The Truth; Your Word is Truth." - Jesus, John 17:17



Compass

Jesus' Motivation:

Love the LORD and others as Jesus did.

(a) Love the LORD: "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." - Jesus, Mark 12:30

(b) Love the Church: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." - Jesus, John 13:34-35

(c) Love your neighbor: "Love your neighbor as yourself." - Jesus, Matthew 22:39

(d) Love your enemies: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." - Jesus, Luke 6:27-28

(e) Love by obeying God's Word with the Holy Spirit: "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor [the Holy Spirit] to be with you forever. He is the Spirit of Truth. The world is unable to receive Him because it doesn't see Him or know Him. But you do know Him, because He remains with you and will be in you." - Jesus, John 14:15-17



Lifebuoy

Jesus' Mission:

**Make disciples of Jesus that make disciples of Jesus
(in the home, in the church, and in the world).**

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go, therefore, make disciples from all the nations,

[note: sharing the good news is the first step in making disciples]

baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

- Jesus, Matthew 28:18-20



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The memory aid above represents:

A Feeding Trough

Mary “gave birth to her first-born son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid him in a manger [a feeding trough], because there was no room for them in the inn.”

- Luke 2:7

The Cross and The Empty Tomb

Jesus Christ “died for our sins according to the Scriptures, he was buried, and he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures”

- 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

The Crown

“Jesus crowned with glory and honor because of his having suffered death, in order that by the grace of God he might experience death for everyone.”

- Hebrews 2:9

The Only Way

“The time has come,” Jesus said.

“The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”

- Mark 1:15

**“I am The Way, and The Truth, and The Life;
no one comes to the Father but through Me.”**

- Jesus, John 14:6

“I am Yahweh, and there is no other . . . And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but Me. Turn to me and be saved . . . for I am God, and there is no other . . . Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear.”

- Isaiah 45:18-25

“Christ Jesus: who, existing in very nature God . . . assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of men. And when He had come as a man in His external form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross . . . so that at the name of Jesus [Yahweh Saves] every knee will bow . . . and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord”

- Philippians 2:5-11



Jesus' Method:
Come to Jesus.
Be Yoked to Jesus.
Learn from Jesus through God's Word.



The memory aid above represents:

A Yoke for Pulling a Load

"Come to Me,
all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
Take My Yoke upon you and Learn from Me,
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
For My Yoke is easy and My burden is light."
- Jesus, Matthew 11:28-30

**"If a person abides [remains in a true relationship/yoked] in Me and I in them
they will bear much fruit [see Galatians 5:22-23]; apart from Me you can do nothing."
- Jesus, John 15:5**

With the Clean Water of The Word of God:

**"Sanctify [spiritually wash] them by The Truth; Your Word is Truth."
- Jesus, John 17:17**

**"Blessed . . . are those who hear The Word of God and obey it."
- Jesus, Luke 11:28**

**"Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her, that He might sanctify [spiritually wash] her,
cleansing her by the washing of water through The Word, so that He might present the Church to
Himself in splendor, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she might be holy
and without blemish."
- Ephesians 5:25-27**

**"For The Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow,
and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."
- Hebrews 4:12**

**"All Scripture is inspired [God-breathed] by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for
correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be complete,
equipped for every good work."
- 2 Timothy 3:16-18**

**"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through the true knowledge
of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. For by these He has given us His precious and
magnificent promises, so that through them you may . . . escape the corruption in the world
because of sinful desire."
- 2 Peter 1:3-4**

Put Off and Put On

"Come to Me [put off your yoke/repentance],
all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
Take My yoke upon you [put on Jesus' yoke/trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior]
and Learn from Me [follow Jesus by obeying God's Word with the Holy Spirit],
for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
For My yoke is easy and my burden is light."

- Jesus, Matthew 11:28-30

"Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord
[through repentance/put off and trust/put on],
continue to walk in Him"

- Colossians 2:6

The process of putting off and putting:



Put Off

"You put off
your former way of
life, the old self that is
corrupted by
deceitful desires"
- Ephesians 4:22

- Put Off lying
(in both your mind
and in your words)
- Put Off stealing
- Put Off speaking bad
language
- Put Off bitterness,
anger, wrath, shouting,
slander, malice, and
abusive speech
- Put Off anxiety

Renew Mind

Washed by the Word of God

"Being renewed in the spirit [disposition/attitude]
of your minds" - Ephesians 4:23

"Sanctify [spiritually wash] them by The Truth;
Your Word is Truth."

- Jesus, John 17:15-17

"Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
Then you will be able to test and approve
what God's will is—His good,
pleasing and perfect will."

- Romans 12:2

"We take captive every thought
to make it obedient to Christ."

- 2 Corinthians 10:5

"Since you put away lying, speak the truth, each one
to his neighbor, because we are members of one
another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin. Don't let the sun
go down on your anger, ²⁷ and don't give the Devil
an opportunity. ²⁸ The thief must no longer steal.
Instead, he must do honest work with his own
hands, so that he has something to share with
anyone in need. ²⁹ No foul language is to come from
your mouth, but only what is good for building up
someone in need, so that it gives grace to those who
hear. ³⁰ And don't grieve God's Holy Spirit. You were
sealed by Him for the day of redemption. ³¹ All
bitterness, anger and wrath, shouting and slander
must be removed from you, along with all
malice. ³² And be kind and compassionate to one
another, forgiving one another, just as God also
forgave you in Christ."

- Ephesians 4:25-32

"Be anxious for nothing
[imperative command – meaning do this!],
but . . . let your requests be made known to God"

- Philippians 4:6-8



Put On

"You put on
the new self, the one
created according to
God's likeness in
righteousness and purity
of the truth."
- Ephesians 4:24

- Put On speaking the
truth (in both your mind
and in your words)
- Put On honest work
to be able to give
- Put On only what is
good for building up
someone in need, so
that it gives grace to
those who hear
- Put On compassion and
forgiving as Christ
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- Put On prayer and let
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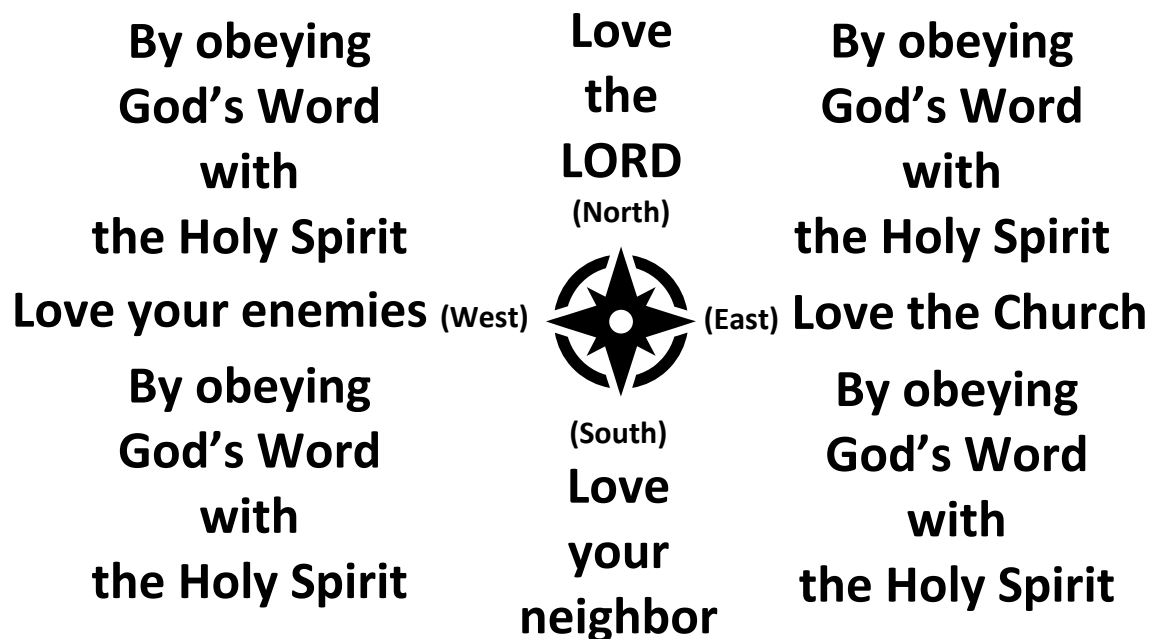
Jesus' Motivation:

Love the LORD and others as Jesus did.

An analogy to consider:

A compass works because the needle always points to where North should be. Thus, by determining what direction is North you can then figure out the other directions (East, South, West). In a similar way, loving God gives direction to how we are to love others.

This is best seen by following how Jesus' loved God and others by obeying God's Word with the Holy Spirit.



(a) Love the LORD: "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." - Jesus, Mark 12:30

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Loving the LORD and others as Jesus did only produces the “wisdom” of “good fruit”

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.”

- Jesus, John 15:12

“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.

And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.”

- 1 John 3:16

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love . . . There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because He first loved us.

If someone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from Him,

that the one who loves God should love his brother also.”

- 1 John 4:7-8, 18-21

“Love is patient [long-suffering], love is kind and is not jealous [does not envy, instead it gives]; love does not brag [boast/vaunt itself, instead it builds others up] and is not arrogant [puffed up, instead it is humble], does not act unbecomingly [rude, instead it is full of grace]; it does not seek its own [its own things/self-seeking, instead it is self-sacrificing], is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered [does not keep a record of wrongs, instead it forgives as Christ forgave], does not rejoice in unrighteousness [injustice, wrong; iniquity, falsehood, deceitfulness],

but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things,

endures all things. Love never fails.”

- 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

God only gives Wisdom from Heaven. Wisdom of the World is NEVER Wisdom from Heaven (James 3:13-18)

Wisdom of the World	Wisdom from Heaven
Bitter Envy	Pure
Selfish Ambition	Peaceable
Boasting	Gentle
Telling lies against The Truth	Reasonable
Earthly	Full of Mercy and Good Fruits
Unspiritual	Without Favoritism
Demonic	Without Hypocrisy
Envy & Selfish Ambition → Disorder & Every Evil Practice	Peacemakers → Raise a Harvest of Righteousness

God only gives “Good Fruit”/The Fruit of the Spirit. The Fruit of the Sinful Nature is NEVER the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5)

The Fruit of the Sinful Nature is Sin	The Fruit of the Spirit is Jesus
Sexual Immorality	Love
Impurity and Sensuality	Joy
Idolatry and Witchcraft	Peace
Strife	Patience
Jealousy	Kindness
Outbursts of anger	Goodness
Selfish Ambition	Faithfulness
Dissensions	Gentleness
Factions and Envy	Self-Control
Drunkenness and Orgies And Anything Similar to all the Above	Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

“No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.

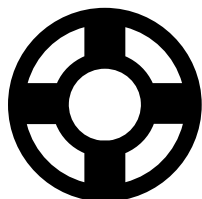
Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears My Words and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears My Words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”

- Jesus, Luke 6:43-49



Jesus' Mission:

**Make disciples of Jesus that make disciples of Jesus
(in the home, in the church, and in the world)**



**The memory aid above represents:
A lifebuoy, because God saves people!
God saves people by His grace, through faith,
through the sharing of the good news/the gospel.**

**"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go, therefore, make disciples from all the nations,
[note: the first step in making disciples is sharing the good news]
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."**

- Jesus, Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus said he "came to seek and to save the lost" and to call "sinners to repentance"

- Luke 19:10; 5:32

**"By this gospel [the good news] you are saved . . . that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures"**

- 1 Corinthians 15:2-4

**"The gospel of God— the gospel He [The Father] promised beforehand through His prophets
in the Holy Scriptures regarding His Son [The Son], who as to his human nature was a descendant of David,
and who through The Spirit of Holiness [The Holy Spirit] was declared with power
to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Through Him and for His name's sake, we received grace . . .
to call people from among all the nations to the obedience that comes from faith."**

- Romans 1:1-5

**"For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes"**

- Romans 1:16

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

- Romans 3:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

- Romans 6:23

"But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

- Romans 5:8

**"If you confess with your mouth that 'Jesus is Lord,'
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."**

- Romans 10:9-10

"Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ."

- Romans 10:17

**"By grace [unearned favor] you have been saved through faith [trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior]
—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."**

- Ephesians 2:8-9

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ

**Jesus Christ the Savior King gave us a life-saving mission
and that mission is to lovingly share God's powerful Word
to make disciples of Jesus Christ.**

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go, therefore, make disciples from all the nations"

- Jesus, Matthew 28:18

What is a disciple of Jesus Christ?

In Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus Christ the Savior King stated:

[A] "Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

[B] Take My Yoke upon you and

**[C] Learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for
your souls. For My Yoke is easy and My burden is light."**

Furthermore, in Matthew 16:24-35 Jesus Christ stated:

"Whoever wants to be My disciple

[A] must deny themselves [repentance – come to Jesus]

[B] and take up their cross [trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior – be yoked to Jesus]

[C] and follow Me [obedience – learn from Jesus through God's Word]

**For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me will
find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their
soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"** [See also Luke 9:23–25 and Mark 8:34–38]

Finally, when Jesus Christ called his disciples, in Matthew 4:19, he states:

"Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of people."

1. Come, follow me

A disciple of Jesus Christ the Savior King is one who:

[A] Repents of their sins and

[B] Trusts in Jesus Christ alone as their Lord (God) and Savior and

[C] Follows Jesus Christ as their only Master Leader and Master Teacher

(See Matthew 16:24-26; 23:8-12)

2. I will make you fishers of people

**A disciple of Jesus Christ while being transformed by Jesus Christ, is on mission with
Jesus Christ, to make disciples of Jesus Christ who make disciples of Jesus Christ in
the home, in the church, and in the world.**

Simply stated

A disciple of Jesus Christ is one who:

[A] Repents of their sins and

[B] Trusts in Jesus Christ alone as their Lord and Savior and

**[C] Follows Jesus Christ by obeying God's Word with the Holy Spirit which
results in joining Jesus Christ on His mission to make disciples of Jesus
who make disciples of Jesus in the home, in the church, and in the world.**

