What does Jesus Say!

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Foundation Scripture

John 14:6 (NKJV) "Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Jesus is stating in very plain language – that He is God – do you believe it?

James 1:22 (NKJV) "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."

1. **The Greatest Commandment**

Mark 12:30-31 (NKJV) "**30** And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This *is* the first commandment. **31** And the second, like *it, is* this: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

If I was going to summarise this into 5 words.

Love GOD and Love PEOPLE!

Loving God – this is with everything inside your being

Philippians 4:4 (KJV) "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice."

The Joy of the Lord and a deep love for God are very much connected.

Loving your neighbour as yourself means treating every person with the same fundamental care, protection, and dignity that you naturally want for yourself.

Matthew 7:12 (NIV) "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."

Luke 10:29-37 (NIV) “But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbour?” 30 In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’36 “Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”
37 The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”
Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

2. **<u>The Greatest in the Kingdom of God</u>**

Matthew 23:11 (NIV) “The greatest among you will be your servant.”

Mark 10:45 (NIV) “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 9:35 (NIV) “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

The greatest in the Kingdom of God is not the one at the top. Rather it is the one who serves.

When you come to Church – do you come expecting to be served or do you come with an expectation of serving?

In **Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)** “<u>Trust in the Lord with all your heart</u> and lean not on your own understanding; **6** in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

It is all about your heart.

Romans 12:10-11 (NIV) “<u>Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. **11** Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord.”</u>

3. The Great Commission

The Great Commission is covered in two passages.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV) “Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Mark 16:15 (NIV) “He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”

The Great Commission – can summarised from the above two passages

1. Go into the world
2. Proclaim the Gospel (Good News)
3. Baptise those that are saved
4. Disciple those that are baptised

Baptise those that are saved

John 3:22-23 (NIV) “After this, Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them, and baptized. **23** Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were coming and being baptized.

Does any scripture say we are commanded to be baptised?

Matthew 28:19 (NIV) "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Does Water Baptism save you? No, Salvation is by Faith Alone.

Water baptism does not save you. Instead, it is an outward demonstration of what has already taken place inside of us.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NKJV) “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, **9** not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

Are there examples of people who were baptised in the Bible?

Jesus himself was Baptised by John the Baptist in the Jordan River to *"fulfill all righteousness,"* marking the official launch of His public ministry.

The Ethiopian Eunuch - A high-ranking court official who, after hearing Philip explain the scriptures about Jesus while traveling in a chariot, spotted water and asked to be baptised on the spot

Acts 8:36-38 (NKJV) "Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, *here is* water. What hinders me from being baptized? **37** Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may. And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." **38** So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him."

The Apostle Paul - Following his dramatic encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus, he was blind for three days until Ananias came to him; Paul immediately regained his sight, stood up, and was baptised
Acts 9:17-19

How do we become born again?

Romans 10:9 (NKJV) "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Salvation Prayer

"Heavenly Father, I thank You that You sent Your Son Jesus Christ into the world to save me. I recognise that I have disobeyed Your commandments, and that I cannot save myself by my own good deeds. Lord Jesus, I thank You that You have taken the punishment for my sins upon yourself by dying on the cross. I make a decision now to surrender my whole life to You. I receive You now as my personal Lord and Saviour. I thank You that I am now forgiven, and that I am born again. Please lead me and guide me and show me Your plan and purpose for my life. Help me to be strong so that I can live according to Your plan and purpose for my life. I pray this in Jesus' Name, amen."