

“PASSIONATE CHRISTIANITY”

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Introduction: The Christian life is a life of passion. I am convinced that many Christians are not as passionate as God intends. Many Christians lack the zeal and joy that God desires for His children. There are several areas where we could use some improvement. Let's consider three

Discussion:

I. We Need PASSION in Our Christian Living

A. The real Jesus is seen in Isaiah 53:1-12 (Read)

1. What can these verses teach us?
2. Why should we be passionate about Jesus?

Jesus has borne our grief.

Jesus was afflicted with our sorrows.

Jesus was wounded for our sin.

Jesus was bruised for our iniquity.

Jesus was punished for our peace.

Jesus was wounded for our healing.

Jesus was killed for our salvation.

B. What do you think about when you think about Jesus?

1. What will His story lead us to do?
2. How will it impact us?

He was plain so we could be beautiful.

He was cursed so we could be blessed.

He was silent so that we can speak.

He was cut off so we can be attached.

He was killed so that we can live.

He had little so that we could have much.

He was rejected so we could be received.

He labored so that we could have rest.

C. Why did Jesus die?

Remember John 3:16.

Jesus did this for you!

If you were the only one, it would still be worth it!

II. We Need PASSION in Our Worship

A. We need to just think for a moment, openly, and honestly.

Can we honestly judge our worship?

Are we predictable in our worship?

Are we balancing truth and spirit?

B. What is passionate worship? (Read John 4:19-24)

Passionate worship comes from real people.

Passionate worship includes praise.

Passionate worship makes God the #1 priority.

Passionate worship is decent, pure, and holy.

Passionate worship is full of joy and zeal.

Passionate worship includes, not excludes.

Passionate worship begins before we enter.

Passionate worship continues after we leave.

III. We Need PASSION in Our Christian Service

A. We should have a burning passion to serve God.

How is our Christian service?

Do you know your purpose?

Have you found your place in the Body?

B. What is passionate Christian service? (Read Romans 12:1-13)

Passion to serve will cause us to sacrifice.

Passion to serve will lead us to change.

Passion to serve will force us to use our talents.

Passion to serve will help us to love.

Passion to serve will give us zeal.

Passion to serve will motivate us to work hard.

Passion to serve will grant us peace.

Passion to serve will focus our efforts.

Conclusion: If you are passionate than live like you mean it, worship like you believe it, and serve like you can't help it. This is the pattern of the first century church. They were a passionate group of people, just like their Lord. Are you full of passion?