

True Spirituality; Becoming an r12 Christian, May1-4

WHY LEARNING COMMUNITIES? *Circle Two Opportunity...*

To become better and better disciples of Christ TOGETHER so we can face **anything** through...

1. Deeper learning of Biblical truth
2. Stronger “iron sharpening iron” relationships

Ephesians 4:12–16 (ESV)

Discussion Question:

What would people in our culture say true spirituality is? What is true spirituality to you?

Hebrews 12:2a (ESV) ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for *the joy* that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

“Greatest clearest picture of true spirituality is the life of Jesus”

There are three critical questions every believer must answer:

1. How did Jesus define true spirituality?
2. How did Jesus model true spirituality?
3. What does Jesus demand of us to follow Him in true spirituality?

How did Jesus define true spirituality?

Matthew 22:37-39 (ESV) ³⁷ And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

1. True spirituality is about a relationship,

Jesus defines True Spirituality as relational

Application: How is your love relationship through Jesus Christ?

John 14:21

True Spirituality, at the heart, is that Jesus wants a relationship with you.

2. True spirituality is by incarnation

Romans 5:8 (ESV) ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

John 14:6 (ESV) ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am **the way**, and **the truth**, and **the life**. No one comes to the Father except through me.

† **The Way** – Path

† **The Truth** – Teacher

† **The Life** – The Source and Creator

Colossians 1:17 (ESV) ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Sober assessment:

How do you see your relationship with Jesus? Have you fallen into the rules and regulations?

A relationship with Jesus is the work of Christ on the cross and proven by what He did when He rose from the dead.

Romans 1:16-17 (ESV)

3. *True spirituality is given to us freely.*

Matthew 11:28-29 (ESV) ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Stay in the yoke!

True Spirituality is a life of rest, refreshment, and joy

Psalm 23:2 (ESV) He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He wants to live His life through you.

John 17:8-10

- **Jesus gives us back to the Father as approved and credible because of our belief in Him.**

John 17:11-12, 15, 21 (ESV)

- **Jesus helps us to be unified with God, Himself, and the Holy Spirit. He also protects us!**

John 17:13 (ESV) ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

- **Joy comes from knowing God's character and believing that God is good NO MATTER the circumstance or situation.**

John 17:17, 19 (ESV) ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

- **In Jesus we are transformed! He WILL form us into more of His likeness.**

Jesus takes complete responsibility for our salvation AND for us being in right standing with God!

- ✓ Will you fix your eyes on Jesus and only Him to guide you and keep you?
- ✓ Will you trust Him with that hard thing? Will you put your head in the yoke?
- ✓ Take to the Throne Room those things that are hard for you to give up or are areas in your life where you do not believe **Romans 8:28.**

Takeaways...



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