

## We Esteem Christ As the Way, the Truth, the Life - Jo 14:5-6

- "You are the Way - Your ways are higher/better than mine" - Is 55:8-9

...the ways of abiding and abandoning - Jo 5:19,30; 6:38; 12:49; 14:10; 15:1-27

...He alone is the Source and Supply for all things Christian - Jo 15:5

...the way of fruitfulness (15:5), friendship (15:15), fearlessness (15:9), joy (15:11),  
trouble (15:18-19)

- "You are the Truth - Your truth is higher/truer than mine" - Col 3:17

...He fully reveals the word of God, the will of God, the nature of God

...The Truth is what God says - Jo 17:7

...To pursue anything apart from Christ is to pursue a lie - II Tim 4:3-4; Ro 14:23  
(= de-generate, dis-orient, dis-integrate)

...If Christ is the Truth, we never make our latest revelation into the Truth!

- "You are the Life - Your life is higher/livelier than mine"

...He becomes our relationship to all things

...God life for us, in us, through us = centered in the Life of Another!

...Stop focusing on the perfection of my character and start focusing on the expression  
of His!

## Through Christ-Esteem, We Become "Christo-Tropic"

- Heliotropium: a plant whose characteristic tendency is to turn and face the sun at all times  
during the day (even on cloudy days!)

...the Christotropic being tunes and turns himself to the Son in all things - Ro 11:36; Ps 119:91  
(ever ready to receive all we need from Him)

- In Esteeming Christ we "wake up" - Eph 5:13-14

...Christ-reflection overtakes self-reflection (centeredness, esteem, consciousness)

...an awakening of our spiritual senses

...appearances no longer trap us as reality