

CHRIST-ESTEEM (Part 2)
Isaiah 2:22; Colossians 3:14-17; John 14:6

Self-absorption, self-centeredness is a sickness unto death (Narcissus!) - Ro 6:23

...the antidote: Christ-centeredness, Christ-esteem - Col 3:17

= esteeming Jesus Christ the Lord as the Way, the Truth, the Life of our lives - Jo 14:6

"I AM THE WAY" - "You are the Way... not my way, but Yours!" - Jo 14:6

- The response of humility: "Your Ways are better than my ways" - Is 55:8-9

..."I esteem You and your ways above all." - Acts 2:28

- His way is the way of abiding and abandoning - Jo 5:19,30; 6:38; 8:28; 12:49; 14:10

...We abide in Him for all we need, we abandon to Him and discover He is enough - Jo 15:1-11

"I AM THE TRUTH" - "You are the Truth... not my 'say so', but Yours!" - Jo 14:6

- The response of humility: "Your Truth is truer than mine" - Jo 17:17

..."I esteem You and your Truth above all." - II Tim 4:3-5

- We own what we see, hear, feel, think... and subordinate it to "But God... ." - Matt 26:36-39

...We embrace every body/soul reaction as an "escort" into the Truth of Christ.

- Ro 10:17; Col 3:16

"I AM THE LIFE" - "You are the Life... not my life, but Yours!" - Jo 14:6

- The response of humility: "Your Life is livelier than mine" - Jo 10:10

..."I esteem Your Life above my own... so live Your Live through me." - I Jo 5:11-12

- "It is no longer (just) I who _____, but Christ Who _____ in me" - Col 1:27; Ga 2:20

Christ-centered, Christ-esteemed Decision Making:

- When we esteem Christ, we let His Word lead - Col 3:16

...What is the word of Christ on this?

- When we esteem Christ, we let His peace rule - Col 3:15

...Do I have the peace, the pleasure of Christ on this?

- When we esteem Christ, His name/nature is our standard for all valuation - Col 3:17

...Is this option so compatible with Christ I can stamp His name all over it?

- When we esteem Christ, His love is our motivation - Col 3:14; II Cor 5:14

...Is this choice in the best interest of others?