

# KEEPING THE MAIN THINGS THE MAIN THINGS

## Part 2 - Knowing Christ and Keeping Him First

**CHRIST CENTERED--We want every aspect of our lives to reflect our devotion to Jesus Christ and we value gathering for worship to express that devotion.**

### WHY KNOW JESUS AND PUT HIM FIRST IN YOUR LIFE?

***“At this point many of His disciples turned away and deserted Him. Then Jesus turned to the twelve and asked, ‘Are you going to leave, too?’ Simon Peter replied, ‘Lord, to whom would we go? You alone have the words that give eternal life. We believe them and, and we know you are the Holy One of God.’”***  
**John 6:66-69 NLT**

1. Because ‘Almost’ Devotion Isn’t Enough
2. Because He Put You First

***“We love because He first loved us.”***  
**1 John 4:19 NIV**

3. He Advocates Our Case

***“My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if you do sin, there is someone to plead for you before the Father. He is Jesus Christ.”***  
**1 John 2:1 NLT**

4. Because He Cares

***“Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about what happens to you.”***  
**1 Peter 5:7 NLT**

5. Because He Gives Us His Perfection

***“For all have sinned; all fall short of God’s glorious standard.”***

**Romans 3:23 NLT**

***“This High Priest (JESUS) of ours understands our weaknesses, for He faced all of the same temptations we do, yet He did not sin.”*** Hebrews 4:15 NLT

***“He is the kind of High Priest we need because He is holy and blameless, unstained by sin. He has now been set apart for sinners, and He has been given the highest place of honor in heaven. He does not need to offer sacrifices every day like the other high priests. They did this for their own sins first and then the sins of the people. But Jesus did this once for all when He sacrificed Himself on the cross.”*** Hebrews 7:26-27

**It’s important to have His Perfection Because:**

- One Day He’s Coming Back To This Planet

**Jesus said, “When everything is ready, I will come and get you.”** John 14:3 NLT

- Because One Day I’ll Die and Will Want His Perfection at the Gates of Heaven

***“Blessed are those who wash their robes so they can enter through the gates of the city and eat the fruit from the tree of life.”*** Revelation 22:14 NLT



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