Keep Focused On Jesus Sierra Baptist Church AM – 4-23-2017 Ephesians 2:17-22

Come to Jesus for Peace. v. 17

"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, not let it be fearful." John 14:27 NASB

Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? Behold, an hour is coming, and has already come, for you to be scattered, each to his own home, and to leave Me alone; and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world." John 16:31-33 NASB

Come to The Father Through Jesus. v. 18

"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way where I am going." Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me." John 14:3-6 NASB

For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the Spirit. 1 Peter 3:18 NASB

Please Jesus by Being A Good Citizen of Heaven. v. 19

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself. Philippians 3:20-21 NASB

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God on the day of visitation. 1 Peter 2:1-12 NASB

Please Jesus by Being A Good Member of God's Family. v. 19

For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 NASB

But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. 1 Corinthians 12:18 NASB

Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel. Philippians 1:27 NASB