

He greater than I –Part 2

Extended Verse Study:

This Week's Memory Verse Focus

**“He must become greater and greater,
and I must become less and less.” John 3:30**

2017 Motto:

It's always 3:30 (John 3:30)

Ask yourself and apply to your daily prayer:

How can I apply the theme to my daily living and connect that understanding in my active part of the local Body of Christ where I am committed at HCC

Current Sermon Title:

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Ask yourself how can participating in the soul habit practice of reforming the center of your life to Christ by making a Spiritual Formation Plan to be led by the love of God

1: Read John 3:30

2: Read Ephesians 2:1-10

3: Read 1st Peter 2:1-25

4: Read Romans 14:17

5: Read Romans 13:14

6: Read Galatians 5:16

FOR THE GROUP: Working it out together

1. Read Ephesians 2:1-10. Is your daily living more of a portrait of verse 2 or verse 10? Explain.
2. Can identifying yourself as a “Masterpiece of God...created anew in Christ Jesus” help you to daily live contrary to the normal ways of the rest of the world?
3. 1st Peter 2:11-12 is a warning for us to not take on the customs of the world but for us to continue to live as aliens'/temporary residents' contrary to the world standard's. Choosing to live by the world causes a war within our soul. What does it say living so others see our honorable behavior will bring?
4. Jim Hanes said, “We are not supposed to look like aliens, we are supposed to behave like aliens.” Can you provide an example of a natural behavior to you that seems alien or foreign to the standards of the world?
5. In what way does that behavior you expressed in #4 bring glory to God but is contrary to the world's standard?
6. Pastor Jim Hanes said, “Every day you become a little bit less so that God can be greater...this is about conditioning yourself to live differently than the world”. Is there an area of your life you are training or that needs training to give less desire of your will and greater importance to be Christ-like? Explain.

FOR THE INDIVIDUAL: Take Away *He is greater than I-* What does it mean practically in your life.

- Practice becoming less so that God glorified because He is greater than I
- Choosing to be kind compared to the natural reaction of the world
- We were designed by God for His glory, to serve Him, to worship Him, to love Him in our love to others
- When we live by the world's standard we are living contrary to the way we were created to live
- Look for ways to apply a practical response in your daily living to glorify God by becoming less allowing Him to be greater in your reactions
- He is greater than I - is not how you necessarily feel in every moment but a choice (for Every Christian, Every Day, Everything, Everywhere), to become less so He can be glorified