

PLAIN AND SIMPLE

Very few things are simple anymore. Life has become complicated with an enormous amount of choices to make, but it's primarily our own fault. Is there anything that is simple and true anymore? Is there anything that is so simple that it should be easy to understand and see for what it is? There is, unless we make it more difficult than it needs to be. It is Jesus Christ, His love for you and me, and His gift of eternal life.

Let's see what John has to say about Jesus. In 1 John 5:1-5 he summarized all that he had mentioned in his letter. He said (1) it is important as to what you believe about Jesus. (2) If you love God, you also love His children. (3) Loving others is a command of God. (4) Loving God equals obedience to His commands. (5) Christians are meant to be overcomers. It all begins and ends with Jesus. It is that plain and simple.

Why does the name "Jesus" offend so many people? Why are so many people opposed at having His name mentioned in our schools or anywhere else? Because Jesus said, "I am the way to God." The only way. He said He is the only way you and I can receive salvation. People do not want to be narrowed down to one choice. They want a Wal-mart type of religion where they can pick their own brand and pay their own desired price.

In my house I am the only father my children will have. It is my household, and nobody else will ever be given my power and authority over it. In the same way, only the Creator of this world has the right to exercise authority over the destinies of the souls He created in the first place. It should be as plain and as simple as that.

We live in a world that does not want to believe in an absolute truth. Many people want choices. This is one place where you cannot have choices. God already gave us enough choices. There are two of them. We either accept the truth, or we reject the truth. John says that the plain and simple truth is this, "He who has Jesus has life, and he who does not have Jesus does not have life." (John 5:12)

C. S. Lewis said, "You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God." It couldn't be any simpler than that.

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