

IN TOUCH

THE CHRISTIAN'S GOAL

Dear Friend:

What should be our goal in the Christian life? Should it be to serve Him in the church,, no. Should it be to serve Him in the community by making neighborhoods better, reducing hunger and helping the homeless? No. Should it be to lead others to become a Christian? No. As a Christian all of these things are well and good and should be done but we must never make them the goal of our life.

The goal of the Christian life is the same at the beginning as it is in the end: our Lord himself. We start with Christ and we end with Christ. How can I be more clear? Ephesians 4:13, we must attain to the full measure of Christ. In other words we pursue knowing Christ more and more and become more and more like Him. The only way we reach that goal is to do what He did: go up to Jerusalem. "Jerusalem? I do not have the money to go to Jerusalem". I am not talking about literally traveling to Jerusalem. Why did Jesus go up to Jerusalem for the last time? He went to Jerusalem to sacrifice himself, to die to himself, thus fulfilling God's plan for Him.

Our "going up to Jerusalem" means we crucify ourself and surrender completely to God. Our goal must be the pursuit of knowing God, becoming like God and surrendering to God. Jesus let nothing stop Him from death to himself and accomplishing the Father's will. We must take the same path – we must go up to Jerusalem.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

Prayer: Stan Eller, Dick Hickernell, Marie Hyatt, COVID-19 Patients