

Looking For Jesus

Titus 2:11-13

Introduction:

- A. Should *look* for Jesus. (cf. Acts 1:11)
- B. Should *live* and *look* (vv. 12,13).
 - 1. Some too preoccupied with living to look.
 - 2. Others too preoccupied with looking to live. (cf. 2 Thess. 2:1-3; 3:10-11).
- C. Should *look* while fulfilling the *functions* of present life.

Discussion:

I. Look While *Enjoying The Blessings Of This Present World.*

- A. Life in general. (1 Pet. 3:10).
- B. Material things. (1 Tim. 6:17)
 - 1. Without trusting. (cf. Lk. 12:15).
 - 2. Without putting first. (Matt. 6:33)
 - 3. Without abuse in getting, keeping or using.
- C. Pleasant company.
 - 1. With brethren.
 - 2. With people of world. (cf. 1 Cor. 5:10; 10:27)
 - a. Without being friends of world. (James 4:4).
 - b. Without partaking of their sins. (cf. 1 John 2:15,16).
 - c. Without ignoring the dangers. (1 Cor. 10:12; 15:33).

II. Look While *Coping With The Problems Of This Present World.*

- A. Not by worrying. (Mt. 6:33; Phil. 4:4-8).
- B. Not by escapism.
 - 1. Chemical escapism: Drugs, alcohol, etc.
 - 2. Mental escapism: Eastern meditations, PMA.
 - 3. Religious escapism.
- C. By working on problems.
 - 1. Do what can to help. (Mt. 25:31-40).
 - 2. Enlist God's help. (1 Pet. 5:7)

III. Look While *Attending To The Duties Of This Present World.*

- A. Do present duties because are looking for Jesus. (vv. 9-14)
 - 1. Servants. (vv. 9-13).
 - 2. Zealous of good works (v. 14).
- B. Meet all responsibilities of present life because looking for Jesus. (cf. Cor. 5:10).
 - 1. Domestic. (cf. Eph. 6:8; 1 Pet. 3:7).
 - 2. Financial. (Rom. 13:8; Eph. 4:28; Rom. 12:17; 2 Thess. 3:10).
 - 3. Social. (Gal. 6:10; Jas. 1:27).
 - 4. Spiritual. (cf. John 4:24; Gal. 6:6).

Conclusion:

- 1. Look for Jesus by doing His will in present world. (cf. 2 Pet. 3:14)
- 2. Realize present world is not the end, but means to end.
- 3. Realize future world depends on behavior in present world.