

Zoe!
Part 9: God's Never-changing Integrity!
Slide Notations

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever!" Hebrews 13.8

Integrity: Steadfast adherence to a strict moral or ethical code. The state of being unimpaired; soundness. The quality or condition of being whole or undivided; completeness. A trustworthy, consistent, wholeness that never changes. *Adding this to the list of traits of the divine nature we are invited to obtain!*

Nature of God!

Humility! "Being equal to God He took on the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men and being found that way He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death!" **Ph2.6-8** Jesus mirrored God and modeled/life! God humbled Himself/obedient to death of His dear Son!

Lover of souls! No one can doubt His love for us/He gave His Son so that we could be saved! **J3.16** God commended His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died! **R5.8** We were justified freely by His grace thru the redemption that is in Jesus! **R3.24** Herein is love, not that we loved Him, but the He loved us and made a sacrifice for our sins; He sent His Son into the world that we might live thru Him! **1J4.9,10**

Rescuer of mankind! "Jesus was slain from the foundation of the world!" **Rev 13.8** "God had a wisdom hidden away from before the world for our glory that if the rulers of this world had known they would have never crucified the Lord. But it was prerecorded that "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit." **1Cor 2.7-10**

"God didn't send His Son into the world to condemn it but that the world should be saved thru Him!"
John 3.17

Integrity! Multiplied aspects of consistency of soundness, strength, etc... "The Father w/whom is no variableness nor shadow of turning!" **Jam 1.17** "I am the Lord, I change not!" **Mal3.6** "Jesus Christ (following God) is the same yesterday, today and forever!" **Heb 13.8** *And we are called to "Be mimics of God as dear children!"* **E5.1**

While there are many ways to measure integrity none tell the story faster than the words we speak!

Not a message on the use of expletives... because Christians do not swear! E5.4 Col3.8

God's name is holy/not used in vain! Hell is a scary noun/not interjection! Canine references are for animals! References to illegitimacy are unkind! Coital declarations rude! All fecal comments stink!

Not a message on euphemisms... God reads the thoughts/intents of the heart, not fooled by "substitutions!" Neither are we... or the world...

EITHER SAY WHAT YOU MEAN, SO WE KNOW WHERE YOU STAND, OR, CHANGE WHAT YOU SAY AND SHOW US YOUR STAND!

Not a message about lying/malice/gossip!

His Nature in Us! Integrity! Message about a consistency and soundness/authors words of integrity! Words that *have life, are Spirit!* Words that *have steel, are bankable!* Words that *source, make a difference!* Words that *shame the shameful!*

Because of the living nature of God in the heart – where all the talking comes from!

Nature of God! Integrity!

"God is not a man that He can lie, neither the Son of man that He should repent, what He says He does. Once He speaks, He makes it good!" **Num 23.19** The words He speaks are Spirit and life and eternal! **Ps33.11 J6.63** So will my word be: it will not return unto Me void, but it will accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. **Is55.11**

The Lord speaks and His words come to pass!

His Nature in Us!

Ps15.1-4 "Who dwells with God? The one who has committed to something and to his own hurt, changes not!"

Pr8.6,7 "I will speak of excellent things and the opening of my lips will be right things, for my mouth will speak truth and wickedness is an abomination to my lips!" **Pr12.17,18** "He that speaks truth shows his righteousness but a false witness shows deceit. There is one that speaks like the piercings of a sword but the tongue of the wise is health!"

Ps37.30,31 "The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom and his tongue talks of discernment. The law of God is on his heart, he will not slide!"

This speaks of life as God has it, a force alive in us, having its affects on us and of the benefits to others because it does!

Now we are ready for "Jesus Christ *the same yesterday, today and forever!*" Hebrews 13.8

"Let brotherly love continue... be hospitable to strangers... keep in mind those in bonds, thinking as though you were stuck there with them... esteem your marriage and mates in all things... live without covetousness, be content, knowing you have the priceless Lord who provides you with all you need, don't be afraid that you are missing out on anything... Keep in mind those who are speaking the word of God to you, whose faith you are to follow, considering the end of their lifestyles... for JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER... and you, don't deviate from the word you have received... it is a good thing that your hearts be established with grace and not with the stuff others occupy their time with.

The Incarnation of Integrity!

Be consistent (have integrity) in the things that are significant to God... Brotherly love... worldling care... People who struggle in bonds... Your marriage/covenant relationship... Worldly possessions/pride of life... Your personal relationship with Jesus!

Watch your leaders to make sure they are living consistently (w/integrity) during their efforts to lead you in faith... And if they are, follow them as they follow!

Lay hold on the doctrines of soundness that make you whole and trustworthy... Set your affections on the favor of God and not the offers of this world!

Be a person who, when it comes to integrity, is the same today and tomorrow as he was yesterday!