

The Christian Life – Part 2

Coming to Christ and Walking in Christ

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This passage in Acts 2 is a kind of ‘microcosm’ of the Christian life. It highlights key elements in coming to Christ and walking with Christ.

Coming to Christ

- **The Conviction of Sin**
- The Call to Repentance and Faith
- The Confession of Baptism

Walking with Christ

- A Life of Communion
- A Life of Compassion
- A Life of Community

1. In our day, the conviction of sin has given way to the comfort of indulgence and the crusade of victimhood.

2. The conviction of sin takes place in the light of the truth.

- What did they hear? (v. 36) That they crucified the Lord and Christ, Jesus. They heard of their sin.

- **Jesus was God in the flesh and they rejected Him.**

They rejected God! (Exodus 20:3) 1st Commandment: *You shall have no other gods before Me.*

- **Jesus revealed the Father, the one true God, and they hated what they saw!**

They hated God! (Exodus 20:4-6) 2nd Commandment: *⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.*

- **Jesus was called insane, a drunkard and a glutton, and a demon.**

They blasphemed the name of God! (Exodus 20:7) 3rd Commandment: *You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.*

- **Jesus is the fulfillment of the Sabbath rest for all those who trust in His finished work.**

They rejected the Lord of the Sabbath and the Sabbath offered in Jesus! (Exodus 20:8-11) 4th Commandment: ⁸*Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.* ⁹*Six days you shall labor and do all your work,* ¹⁰*but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you.* ¹¹*For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.*

- **Jesus spoke for God and as God and they rejected His words and His authority.**

They rejected divine authority! (Exodus 20:12) 5th Commandment: *Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.*

- **Jesus was righteous and innocent and He laid down His life, therefore, his death was a voluntary murder.**

They murdered the Son of God! (Exodus 20:13) 6th Commandment: *You shall not murder.*

- **Jesus was the Husband/the Bridegroom and they were unfaithful to Him.**

They committed spiritual adultery! (Exodus 20:14) 7th Commandment: *You shall not commit adultery.*

- **Jesus manifested the glory of God and they refused to honor Him but sought honor for themselves that belonged to Him.**

They stole the glory of God! (Exodus 20:15) 8th Commandment: *You shall not steal.*

- **Jesus was falsely accused, and His name slandered.**

They lied about Jesus! (Exodus 20:16) 9th Commandment: *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*

- **Jesus had the praise and popularity of the people that they wanted.**

They coveted the honor Jesus received! (Exodus 20:17) 10th Commandment: *You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.*