Incarnational Christianity

"What Is True Spirituality?"

08-07-22 Colossians 3:17, 1 John 2:6

Introduction: Last week we began a new series where we are focusing in on living like Jesus.

- 1. When Jesus was on earth, we got a glimpse of what that means.
- 2. Scripture is very clear that living like Jesus is what Christianity is all about, yet somehow that doesn't seem to reflect how Christianity is understood today.
- 3. That's a huge problem.
- 4. Could this explain the decline of Christianity in the western world? Many spiritual leaders come to that conclusion.
- 5. They see too many Christians settling for what they call pseudotransformation.
- 6. This begs the question we'll focus on today: What is true spirituality?
- 7. We'll start with what it isn't.
- I. Pseudo-Spirituality
 - A. Biblical Academics
 - B. Spiritual Disciplines
 - C. Self-Righteousness
 - D. Externalism
- II. Authentic Christianity
 - A. Walking (Living) Like Jesus

- B. Living In Jesus' Name
- C. Whole Life Christianity
- D. Loving God & Neighbor

Conclusion: What would happen if Christians actually started to live like Jesus?

- 1. What would happen if we traded pseudo-spirituality for Christ likeness?
- 2. How Christianity is perceived would begin to change.
- 3. The influence Christianity exerts would begin to change.
- 4. The world, including my world, would become a better place.
- 5. Never settle for anything less than authentic Christianity!