

On To Maturity 05

Taking Up Our Cross

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1 Review

Hebrews 5:13–14

...everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. 5:14 **But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.**

Hear (The Truth)-> Turn (Repent)-> Trust (Faith)-> Follow

Luke 6:46–48

“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?”

Key Definition: ALLEGIANCE

Letting our

HOPE be shaped by God’s promises in Christ,

TRUSTing (faith) Christ our Lord (King) to lead us in truth, and following Him in

LOVE can be described as our ALLEGIANCE to Him.

2 Taking Up Our Cross

Key Passage: Matthew 16:13-28

Mark’s Version: 8:34–38 ...8:38 For whoever is **ashamed** of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be **ashamed** when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Key Definition: Shame.

In an agonistic (honor–shame, competitive) society like that of the 1st Century, shame is often attached to **misplaced confidence** because HONOR is tied to the object in which one entrusts oneself. To place one’s trust in a person, ruler, patron, god, or ideology that ultimately proves unable to deliver protection, vindication, or blessing is to suffer public humiliation (Shame).

Paul’s Application: Philippians 2:1-10

Philippians 2:7–11

... he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 2:9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ...

Some Contrasting Passages:

2 Timothy 3:1-7; 4:1-4

2 Peter 2:1-3

3 Some Possible Conclusions:

To confess **Jesus is Lord!** in our cultural moment means:

- to place Christ above political identities,
- to reject the idol of autonomous self-definition,
- to resist making government a savior,
- to anchor truth in Christ rather than cultural consensus,
- to embody the ethics of Jesus’ kingdom,
- to hope in The Kingdom that cannot be shaken.

Perhaps the question for Christians today is not simply whether we believe Jesus is Lord, but whether our habits, fears, hopes, loyalties, and loves give evidence that we actually live as though Jesus is Lord indeed.