

Jesus – The Sweetest Name (*Lord's Supper*)

Philippians 2:5-11

Objects that are sweet: Cinnamon roll / dessert. Places that are sweet: Mountains in the fall, a vacant early morning beach, place where you grew up or your first married house. People that are sweet: spouse, kids (especially Grandkids), friend along the way who where honest, available, and faithful.

The sweetest thought of all: Jesus Christ = **Isaiah 9:6** “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” Just the mention of His name calms, relieves, and lifts the spirits! His name:

I. Secures Our Future

- A. **Salvation** – **Acts 4:12** “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” **John 20:30-31** “And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.”
- B. **Assurance** – **Heb. 13:8** “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”
- C. **Peace** – **Romans 5:1** “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:”

II. Settles Our Fears – **II Timothy 1:7** “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

- A. **Fear God** – **Psalms 19:9** “The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.”
- B. **Obey God** – **Acts 5:28** “Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.” **Acts 5:29** “Then Peter and the other apostles said... We ought to obey God rather than men.”

III. Strengthens Our Families – **Eph. 5:25** “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;”

- A. **Husbands** – Your home rises or falls on you! Love as Christ loves the Church, gave Himself.

IV. Simplifies Our Finances – **Prov. 3:9-10** “Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.”

- A. **Honor Him With Finances** – He is the Provider.
- B. **Have The Right Mindset** – Already rich beyond description: **Romans 8:17** “and joint-heirs with Christ...” When He is Lord of our Finances:
 1. Personal Needs are met: **Matt. 6:33** “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”
 2. The Local Church's Needs are Met: **Philippians 4:15-19**

V. Soothing in Our Fragile Days – **Prov. 18:24** “A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.” **Heb 4:15-16** “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” (**I Cor. 11** – let a man examine...so let him eat) – **Matt. 25:26-30**