

"DESTINATION: JESUS"

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THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS A JOURNEY OF FAITH.

Heb. 3:9,19 . . . even though they saw my miracles for forty years . . . because of their unbelief they were not able to enter his rest. (NLT)

Heb. 4:2-3 The Good News was preached to us just as it was to them. But the teaching they heard did not help them, because they heard it but did not accept it with faith. We who have believed are able to enter and have God's rest. (NCV)

OUR JOURNEY'S BEGINNING AND END IS NOT A PLACE BUT A PERSON – JESUS.

Rev. 22:13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." (NLT)

Col. 1:13-20 For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins. Christ Is Supreme. Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see – such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything. For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross. (NLT)

IN OUR JOURNEY WITH JESUS . . .

1. WE THINK WITH HIS MIND.

Phil. 2:5-8 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. (NRSV)

2. WE RELATE TO OTHERS WITH HIS COMPASSION.

Matt. 9:36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. (NLT)

Col. 3:12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. (NRSV)

3. WE SERVE BY FULFILLING HIS MINISTRY.

Matt. 20:28 "The Son of Man did not come to be served. He came to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many people." (NCV)

Acts 10:38 And no doubt you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the Devil, for God was with him. (NLT)

4. WE MOVE IN HIS NAME AND POWER.

Acts 1:8 "But when the Holy Spirit comes to you, you will receive power. You will be my witnesses – in Jerusalem, in all of Judea, in Samaria, and in every part of the world." (NCV)

Mark 16:17-18 "And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well." (NIV)

John 14:12 "I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." (NIV)

OUR DIVINE DESTINY IS TO BE TRANSFORMED INTO THE IMAGE OF JESUS CHRIST.

Rom. 8:29-30 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. (NASB)

1 John 2:6 Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Christ did. (NLT)