

“What Think Ye of Christ?”

In Matthew 22:42, Jesus asked the Pharisees the following question: “*What think Ye of Christ? Whose Son is he?*” The context would suggest that Jesus was questioning them concerning their concept of the Messiah and of His genealogy. But, to place this question in a general category, I say to you, our much appreciated reader, “*What Think YE of Christ?*”

Yes, would perhaps say “He is one of three Persons in the “Godhead,” that He died on the cross for the sins of mankind, that He lived a good life, etc., etc. But that is not my question. I do not ask, “what is your knowledge concerning Christ,” but rather “what **think ye** of Christ?”

What we “think of Christ” is more determined by our **actions** and our lives than by our words. In fact, it is possible for one’s actions to belie his words. What one actually thinks of Christ can best be determined by his response to His word, His church, and His authority. Hence, in order to help you know what you really think of Christ, we ask the following questions:

1. What think ye of the Gospel of Christ? Have you obeyed it to become a Christian, and are you obeying its precepts as a Christian? (Rom. 1:16; 2 Thess. 1:6-9).

2. What think ye of the church of which Jesus Christ is the head? (Col. 1:18). Are you a member thereof? Are you regular and faithful in attending every Bible study and worship assembly? (Heb. 10:23-25). Do you support its work financially (I Cor. 16:1-2). Are you a diligent worker in the church and in the Lord? (I Cor. 15:58).

3. What think ye of the authority of Christ? Do you readily submit thereunto, seeking to do all things by His authority? (Col. 3:17). Or do you find it easier to rationalize by saying “I don’t see anything wrong with this” (referring to something not found in the Bible), and then go ahead to direct your own course in matters spiritual?

Friend, these questions could be endless. “**What think ye of Christ?**” Remember, He knows! Moreover, your response to His teachings and the life you live will give your friends a good idea of what you think of Christ — because a tree is known by the fruit it bears. (Matt. 7:16-19. Your fruit reflects your thoughts. Indeed, “*what think ye of Christ?*”

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