

Christ Plus Nothing

- Salvation by faith • Discipleship and obedience
- A Teaching on the meaning and limits of a popular slogan

Why Examine the Slogan?

- The Teaching addresses a common Christian doctrine.
- The speaker distinguishes justification from ongoing discipleship.
- The aim includes discussion with those unfamiliar with Torah.

What “Christ Plus Nothing” Gets Right

- A person comes to faith in Messiah without earning salvation.
- Acts 15 rejects requiring Gentiles to become something else first.
- The speaker affirms this meaning at the moment of conversion.

Where the Slogan Becomes Misleading

- Obedience may be dismissed as legalism.
- Torah observance may be portrayed as adding to Christ.
- Repentance, perseverance, and discipleship may be treated as optional.

A Question About God's Commands

- Why celebrate Matthew 28 yet reject Sabbath observance?
- The speaker challenges separating commands by Testament.
- He calls for a consistent approach to Scripture.

Three Views of Torah Obedience

- Torah obedience is treated as an addition to Christ.
- Only commands repeated in the New Testament are considered binding.
- Torah practice is allowed personally but not taught as obligatory.

Salvation Is a Beginning

- Initial faith is not earned through Torah observance.
- 1 Peter 2:2 calls new believers to grow.
- 2 Peter 3:18 calls for growth in grace and knowledge.

Learning Yeshua from Scripture

- John 5:39, 46: Moses and Scripture testify of Him.
- Luke 24:27: Yeshua explains Himself from Moses and the Prophets.
- The Hebrew Scriptures establish the language of covenant and redemption.

Read with Humility

- Psalm 119:18: ask for opened eyes.
- Study passages in context.
- Avoid forcing connections that a passage does not support.

Building on the Rock

- Matthew 7:21–27 contrasts hearing-and-doing with hearing-only.
- The speaker relates this to the warning about lawlessness.
- Discipleship calls for putting Yeshua's words into practice.

Faith and Works

- James 2:17–26: faith without works is dead.
- Colossians 1:9–10: fruitful works and growing knowledge.
- John 14:15, 21: love expressed in keeping commandments.

How to Share This Teaching

- Lead with grace rather than confrontation.
- Understand the listener's background and concerns.
- Colossians 4:6: speech seasoned with grace.

Questions for Reflection

- Do I confuse the basis of salvation with the fruit of faith?
- Am I reading the Hebrew Scriptures in context?
- How can I communicate convictions with humility?