

Today's Theme

“Who We Are”

Series Title

“Making Much of Jesus”

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1. We can live “*Outside The System*”.

What is the system?

(1) The system is *This World* as we know it.

(2) The system that different *religions* require.

(3) The system *governments* impose on people.

2. How can we *live* OTS in this life?

(1) Where it all *starts* - Living OTS.

Matt 4:18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” 20 At once they left their nets and followed him. 21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

(2) Jesus tells us to *worship* God *directly*.

Luke 4:8 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

(3) We can *follow* Jesus *above* everything.

Acts 5:28 “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.” 29 Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! 30 The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross.

3. What living the OTS *looks* like?

(1) We live *free* and not *controlled* by others.

Col 2:16 Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.

(2) We live with the ability to *love & forgive* NMW.

Eph 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

(3) We live with a *peculiar* instinct to do *good*.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

4. How living with OTS *benefits* us?

(1) *Higher* levels of *peace* are experienced.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.

(2) We end up *following* Jesus more *completely*.

John 10:27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

(3) Others experience the *difference* Jesus makes.

Eph 2:5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.