

1. How easily we may misunderstand Christ here:
  6. 1. Christ did not underestimate family ties; responsinilities; duties.
  2. The meaning seems clear:
    1. Christ must be loved supremely, or he is not loved at all.
    2. If we are not willing to forsake all earthly friends we are not worthy.
    3. If we do not obey him rather than all others, we have not true attachment to him.

John 6:5-14

3. There are four ways in which we can use our ware. That boy that had the loaves and fishes could have done four things with them. Those four things are:
  1. He could have thrown them away.
    1. 1952 had 52 Lord's Days. 156 services exclusive of special services
  2. He could have eaten them all himself.
    1. Romans 14:7-9. 2 Cor. 5:15; 1 Thes. 5:9
  3. He could have distributed them himself among his friends.
    1. The value of friendship. Prov. 18:24.  
Literally: A man of friends will come to destruction.
  4. He could, as he did, give them to Jesus

*a man that hath friends must show himself friendly. Prov. 18:24*



5. Here, Paul assigns two reasons why he is not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. Much more is included than what is here expressed. THESE ARE:

1. Its Purpose.

1. Its purpose is indicated by the words "unto salvation." The purpose of the gospel is the salvation of all these who receive it.

2. Its Power.

1. The gospel says the apostle, is "the power of God."

2. Its purpose is a high and noble one, the highest and noblest mission ever undertaken.

3. Its power is not the power of a feeble or puny arm. It is that power which has brought men from death unto life.

6. Four reasons. I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. These are all embodied in the statement of Paul. I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ because:

1. The gospel is a message for the rich.

1. It tells them of a treasure that is incorruptible, that fadeth not away.

2. The gospel is a message for the poor.

1. It shows them how to have a peaceful mind in the midst of poverty.

3. The gospel is a message of universality.

1. To every one that believeth.

4. The gospel is a message of mercy.

*mercy is greater*

*title*

