



# Learning Christ

# Mosses requests to be instructed



- **Exodus 33:13**

**Now if indeed I have found favour in Your sight, please let me know Your ways, that I may know You and find favour in Your sight. Remember that this nation is Your people."**



# Isaiah was instructed



- **Isaiah 50:4 New King James Version**  
“The Lord GOD has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to *him who is weary*. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned.



# Jesus invites you to learn from Him



The need to learn Christ

- **Matthew 11:29 New King James Version**  
Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
- **Matthew 11:29 New Living Translation**  
Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.



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- **Ephesians 4:20 English Standard Version**  
**But that is not the way you learned Christ!—**

**Ephesians 4:20 New King James Version**  
**But you have not so learned Christ,**



# Paul says he has learned



- **Philippians 4:10 – 13 New King James Version**

**10 ¶ But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity.**

**11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:**

**12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.**

**13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.**



# Alternative reading



- Alternative readings to “I have learned”:
  - I have learned the secret of being filled – New American Standard
  - I am instructed both - King James Version
  - I am fully initiated into all the mysteries Weymouth New Testament
  - I have been initiated, - Young's Literal Translation



# Thomas Watson on learning ~ 1



- Let me put you upon a serious trial. Some of you have heard Much — you have lived forty, fifty, sixty years under the blessed trumpet of the gospel—what have you learned? You may have heard a thousand sermons, and yet not learned one. Search your consciences.
- You have heard much of CHRIST. Have you learned Christ? The Jews, as Jerome says, carried Christ in their *Bibles*—but not in their *heart*. The sound "went into all the earth; (Ro. 10:18) the prophets and apostles were as trumpets, whose sound went abroad into the world. Yet many thousands who *heard* the noise of these trumpets, had not *learned* Christ, "they have not all *obeyed*." (Ro. 10:16)





# Thomas Watson on learning ~ 2



- **(1.) A man may know much of Christ—and yet not learn Christ. The devils knew Christ. (Mat. 1:24)**
- **(2.) A man may preach Christ, and yet not learn Christ—as Judas and the false apostles. (Ph. 4:15)**
- **(3.) A man may profess Christ, and yet not learn Christ. There are many professors in the world, who Christ will profess against. (Mat. 7:22, 23)**



# What it is then to learn Christ? ~ 1



- 1. To learn Christ is to be made like Christ, to have the divine character of his holiness engraved upon our hearts. "We all with open face, beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are *changed* into the same image." (2Cor. 3:18) There is a metamorphosis made; a sinner, viewing Christ's image in the looking-glass of the gospel, is transformed into that image.
- Never did any man look upon Christ with a spiritual eye—but he went away quite changed. A true saint is a divine landscape picture, where all the rare beauties of Christ are lively portrayed and drawn forth—he has the same *spirit*, the same *judgment*, the same *will*—with Jesus Christ.



# What it is then to learn Christ? ~ 2



- **2. To learn Christ, is to believe in him—"my Lord, and my God," (John 20:28) when we do not only believe God—but *in* God, which is the actual application of Christ to ourselves, and as it were—the *spreading of the sacred medicine of his blood upon our souls*. You have heard much of Christ, and yet cannot with a humble adherence say, "*my Jesus*;" do not be offended if I tell you—the devil can say his creed as well as you!**



# What it is then to learn Christ? ~ 3



- **3. To learn Christ, is to love Christ. When we have Bible-lives, our lives like rich diamonds cast a sparkling lustre in the church of God, and are, in some sense, parallel with the life of Christ, as the transcript with the original.**



# Learning is not easy ~ 1



- This word, "I have learned," is a word which imports difficulty. It shows how hard the apostle came by contentment of mind; it was not bred in nature. Paul did not come *naturally* by it—but he had *learned* it. It cost him many a prayer and tear, it was taught him by the Spirit. Whence our second doctrine—that good things are hard to come by. The business of true religion is not so easy as most imagine. "I have learned," says Paul.



# Learning is not easy ~ 2



- **Indeed—you need not teach a man to sin; this is natural, (Psalm 58:3) and therefore easy.**
- **It comes as water out of a spring. It is an easy thing to be wicked; hell will be taken without storm; but matters of piety must be learned. The trade of sin needs not to be learned—but the art of divine contentment is not achieved without holy industry. "I have learned."**



# Learning God's ways and deeds



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- **Psalm 103:7 - New International Version**  
He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:
- **Psalm 103:7 New Living Translation**  
He revealed his character to Moses and his deeds to the people of Israel.
- **Psalm 103:7 English Standard Version**  
He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel



# Some more scriptures on learning



- **Psalm 1:2**  
But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.
- **Psalm 119:24**  
Your testimonies are indeed my delight; they are my counsellors.
- **Proverbs 3:1**  
My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments;
- **Proverbs 4:4**  
he taught me and said, "Let your heart lay hold of my words; keep my commandments and you will live.

