

Sunday, May 16, 2021  
“To The Top of The Class”  
Ephesians 4:17-24

The importance of learning has never been more critical than in a society where technology and specialization are at such a premium. For a Christian to stand distinct from all others he must learn Christ and be His Disciple completely. We cannot profess the name of Christ and then practice worldliness and selfishness. We are learners because we have taken Christ Jesus as our own personal Savior and we are now under the tutelage of the Holy Spirit! The Doctrine of Christ is not our subject, but the very person of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I. At the Top of the Class, One’s Subject Remains Exclusive. (v.20)

- To learn Christ is to be saved personally by Christ! “To come to know”; a one-time act!
- To learn Christ is to adopt His nature. (Sermon on the Mount; Precious Parables; Priceless miracles; Lord’s Prayer.)
- To learn Christ is to cherish His finished work. (See self as a sinner and He as the only Savior.)
- To learn Christ is to know His influence on your life daily.
- To learn Christ, one lives every minute for Him.

III. At the Top of the Class, One’s Sights’ Constantly Edit.

- We “edit” any urge to remain as before and somehow stay at peace.
- We “edit” any urge to excuse sin because we are forgiven.
- We “edit” every urge to feel a freedom to sin because the price has already been paid.
- We “edit” every urge to tolerate a little worldliness because we are going to Heaven (James 4:4).

IV. At the Top of the Class, One’s Spirit Excels. (v.20,23)

- We excel by loving the Lord with all our minds (Matthew 22:37).
- We excel when we keep our minds on spiritual things, not carnal, worldly things.
- We excel when we eliminate and cast down every thought that interrupts our knowledge of God.
- We excel when we take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ (II Corinthians 10:3-5).
- We excel when we constantly want more and more of His Word!