

Joseph, A Just Man

Matthew 1:19

Introduction

1. We should all aspire to be considered just by God.
2. Joseph provides a pattern in this important area.
 - I. Joseph Honored His Fellow Man.
 - A. Joseph's being call "just" actually comes in the context of his planned treatment of Mary.
 1. Joseph was going to put away Mary secretly.
 2. He cared enough about this woman that he did not want to make her a public example.
 3. Joseph was going to treat Mary well before he heard the news which exonerated her (Matthew 1:20)
 - B. The Golden Rule is involved in this matter (Matthew 7:12).
 1. A regular theme in Scripture is the secondary nature of self (Galatians 6:2; 2:20; Romans 15:1-3; 12:10; Luke 9:48).
 2. The pains of self-centeredness also comes out in Scripture (Galatians 6:3; Proverbs 16:18).
 - II. Joseph Honored God
 - A. He obey the Lord (Matthew 1:24, 25).
 - B. A lot of fluff passes for honoring God today.
 1. Man does not get to decide how God will be honored (2 Timothy 3:5; Romans 10:3).
 2. God is truly (and only) honored when we obey Him (John 14:15; 1 Samuel 15:22; Acts 5:29).

Plan of Salvation

- Hear the Word (Romans 10:17)
- Believe in Christ (Mark 16:16)
- Repent of Sins (Acts 17:30)
- Confess Jesus (Acts 8:37)
- Be Baptized (Acts 2:38)
- Live Faithfully (Revelation 2:10)

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Christ	Mary	Joseph	Just
Example	Angel	Lord	Golden
Matthew	Secondary	Pride	Commanded
Samuel	Fluff	Honor	God
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