

I. Those who look for Jesus will find him

A. We must desire to find him

“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with your whole heart.” (Jeremiah 29:13)

B. We must expect to find him

II. Those who find Jesus must receive him

A. We receive Jesus by faith

*Picture of Simeon holding Jesus

B. We receive hope to live with

“In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” (I Peter 1:3)

C. We receive peace to die with

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live even though he dies.” (John 11:25)

III. Those who receive Jesus should praise him

A. We praise him for his sovereign rule

B. We praise him for his faithfulness

C. We praise him for his salvation

“This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.” (I Timothy 2:4)

IV. Those who praise Jesus should follow him

A. We must listen to the Holy Spirit

B. We must obey the Holy Spirit

“Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit” (Galatians 5:25)

V. Those who find Jesus should worship him

A. We worship as we trust in God’s word

B. We worship as we focus on God

“Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.” (Psalm 105:4)

C. We worship as we fast and pray

D. We worship as we recognize God's presence

E. We worship as we give thanks to God

"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (I Thessalonians 5:18)

F. We worship as we give testimony

"We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:20)