INTRODUCTION

* FOCUSING ON THE CHRIST ... *The Shadow of Christ ... The Life of Christ*
* As we have been studying "The Life of Christ" - we have examined His Birth, His Youth ... and are currently looking at His Ministry by considering seven different facets of His Ministry. Already we have considered four of them: The Preparation for His Ministry, The Proclamation of His Ministry, The Power of His Ministry and The Parables of His Ministry
* This week and next week, we want to consider The Passion of His Ministry.
* Lord willing, after that we will consider the Pattern and Promises of His Ministry

* What is "Passion"? Passion is _____

    Your passions – that which you are passionate (strongly emotional) about will ultimately _____

* For what did Christ have passion? What passion, above all others, motivated Him in His ministry?

INSTRUCTION

I. CHRIST HAD A PASSION FOR _____

A. Illustrations (cf. Luke 2:46-49; John 5:30; John 4: 28-35; Luke 22:13-16; Luke 22:41-42)

B. Application (cf. Matthew 22: 35-38)

   1. THE E_____ OF OUR PASSION FOR _____

     a. It Is Revealed In Our Passion For His W_____ (cf. Deuteronomy 6: 4-9; John 15:7-8)

     b. It Is Revealed In Our Passion For His W_____ (cf. Deuteronomy 11: 1-14; I Corinthians 7: 32-35; Colossians 3:22-24)

   2. THE S_____ OF OUR PASSION FOR _____ (cf. Deuteronomy 10:12-19; I John 4:19)

   3. THE C_____ OF OUR PASSION FOR _____ (cf. Psalm 37:4; Deuteronomy 28; Revelation 2:1-7)

II. CHRIST HAD A PASSION FOR _____ *(Lord willing, next week)*

INTROSPECTION

* WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST PASSION? WHAT IS IT THAT EVOKES YOUR STRONGEST EMOTIONS?

* DO YOU TRULY LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL, AND MIND?
    OR, ... ARE YOU JUST GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS?

* OUR PASSION FOR GOD, SHOULD BE REFLECTIVE OF CHRIST'S PASSION FOR HIS FATHER ...
    AND RESPONSIVE TO THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

* AS WE PARTICIPATE IN A REMEMBRANCE OF HIS GREAT LOVE FOR US ... I MUST ASK THE QUESTION, "DO I NEED TO REPENT" AND RETURN TO MY FIRST LOVE & PASSION?