INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ Flötzerweg 156 (Neue Heimat) 4030 Linz ...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free. Jn.8:32

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

10:05:15

Theme: CHRIST MAGNIFIED, RECOMMENDED

Memory Verse: *Matthew 17:5 "While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him."*

Texts: Mathew 17:5-9, Proverbs 8:32-35

God the Father magnified the beloved Son. Love is the underlying force for the purchase and preparation of the Church (Ephesians 5:25-27). Christ's love, like the Father's love is unconditional and enduring (John 13:1). Like the Father, Christ remained constant in His commitment to the redemption of sinners (Ezekiel 18.32; John 4:34). He prosecuted His mission with urgency and purpose (John 9:4). He gave no thought to the personal cost to Him of man's redemption (Philippians 2:5-8). He was compassionate, generous, and benevolent (Mathew 9:36; 14:15; Mark 6:32-34).

Though he lived in a sinful world, He completed His earthly ministry without going into sin (Hebrews 7:26). He totally surrendered to God's will (Mathew 26:39, 42). He lived His life to bring glory to the Father (John 8:49,50). In return, heaven crowned Him with glory and honour (Mathew 17:2; Hebrews 2:9). Christ then was in every aspect a true reflects of the Father. It is little wonder that the Father magnified Him and recommended Him as a pattern and worthy example. For all who desire to meet the standard of heaven, Christ is the perfect example (1 Peter 2:21; 1John 2:6).

The voice from the cloud **"hear him**" urged the disciples, and by extension, all believers, to keep on listening to and obeying the words spoken by the beloved Son. A readiness to obey all we are taught by the Saviour is a sure sign of a truly regenerated heart (John 8:31; 15:5, 6). Jesus never encouraged His disciples to place confidence in past faith and experience. For salvation to be ensured there must be a continuance in God's word. True followers of Jesus continue to obey His words at all times. Christ reveals God's mind unto us. Hear what wisdom tell us in Proverbs 8:32-35).