

THIRTY-THREE WEEKS WITH JESUS

Jesus: Shiloh

Week: 29

Prayer Focus: Confidence in Christ

The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. Genesis 49:10

In this passage, Shiloh means the Messiah – Jesus. *Until Jesus comes...*is its meaning and its promise. Waiting for this Messiah is a wait by faith. Are you waiting or do you already know that He lives within your heart for you here and now?

This reference to Jesus in the Old Testament is a vision made clear in the New Testament when Jesus comes into the world as a baby born of Mary and Joseph. This was evidence of His earthly presence. However, certainty of His Spiritual presence in this world has been so since before time began as recorded in Scripture.

Do you have confidence in Shiloh and His presence with you now? Do you live with plans and dreams that look ahead into the future because you know that the Son of God is with you? Do you have hope in Jesus as Shiloh, your Messiah? If you do, you have everything required for a rich and purposeful life. You need not know where each day will lead to be certain that He is with you to care for you and to meet your every need.

This week our prayer focus is on building confidence in Christ's Word. As much as you think you may be at a certain position of faith in Jesus, each one of us can go deeper in our confidence in Jesus. So much so that we act on the stand HE took to build our confidence, restore peace if it needs restoration, and bolster the confidence of a believer who has become weak. We all get weak at times; it is part of being human. However, a focused look at Jesus and renewed time with Him will calm doubts and fears and bring to remembrance the promises on which Christians can rely; promises to remind one another to rely on. Remember this: Shiloh is without you; he wants you to be with Him, today and every day.

Jesus, Shiloh, Your Word states that you will return again. We wait for your return to this world just as those in your day waited for your first descent to this world. Thank You for Your promises, Lord Jesus, on which we rely. Thank You for Your care that makes a difference in our ability to go on, with purpose and confidence. In Thee, Amen.

Weekly Faith Challenge – Focus on building confidence in the promises of Jesus. Meditate on Scripture that uplifts and revitalizes weak faith into vibrant faith. Faith that makes others want to see what you have so they begin to follow Jesus for confidence, fellowship, and companionship. Make study of special Scriptures a priority with your Bible study time or group. Create a new journal to write down only verses that speak to Christ's confidence imparted to you. Study this list each day. After a month, assess where you are. By the Spirit's movement, you are likely to be in a new place of strength, a new place of confidence. To God be the Glory, great things He hath done!

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