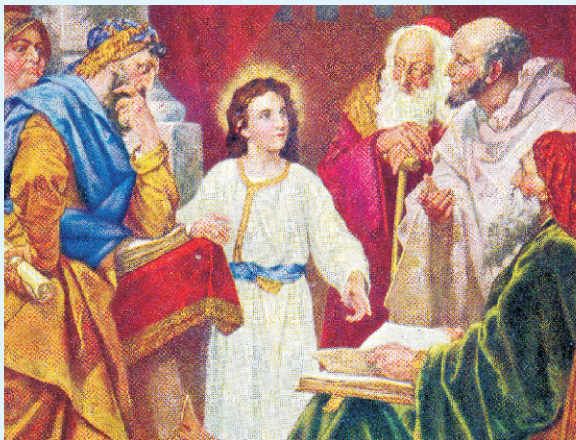


Christ in The Temple

Luke 2 : 41-52



“**W**here was He? Where did He go? Why did He stay behind? What was He doing?” The parents of Jesus were worried and sad because He was not with them on their return journey from Jerusalem, neither was he among their kinsfolk and acquaintance, after the Feast of the Passover. They had to return to Jerusalem to look for Him, and “they found him in the temple” (Luke 2: 46). Oh! What a joy! Christ was not found in a place of amusement or in a bad company, and he was not idle either. At the age of twelve, He was very responsible and He had a good sense of duty. He said: “I must be about my Father’s business” (Luke 2: 49).

Jesus came to show us the example of how to live and we have a lot to

learn from Him.

He was found in the Temple. Do you like going to Church? David said: "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD" (Psalm 122: 1).

He was found "sitting in the midst of the doctors" because He was dutiful enough to be about His Father's business. The Bible says: "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men" (Proverbs 22: 29). Those who love Jesus must not be lazy but dutiful and responsible in their daily work and at the Lord's business. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" (Ecclesiastes 9: 10).

Christ was obedient and respectful to His parents. He "was subject unto them" (Luke 2: 51). We must follow His good example.

"CHILDREN, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

"Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise:

"That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth" (Ephesians 6:1-3).

God wants us to resemble Jesus. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2: 5). Before we can be like Him, we must be born again. Humbly confess your sins to God and plead for forgiveness. Jesus will save your soul and you will become born again. "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God" (John 1: 12).

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