

VINTAGE JESUS

Question: Where is Jesus Today?

"I came forth from the Father and have come into the world; I am leaving the world again and going to the Father."

John 16:28

I. Basics to Relating to the Risen Lord (2 Timothy 2:1-7)

A. We are called to **Pray** (vv. 1-2a).

1. Types of **prayers**:

- a. **Supplication**: Petitions for the fulfillment of certain specific needs which are keenly felt.
- b. **Prayer**: Used here to refer to petitions for the fulfillment of general needs which are always felt.
- c. **Intersession**: Two Thoughts:
 - Pleading in the interests of others and doing this without holding back.
 - Pleading in the interests of knowing the heart of God.
- d. **Thanksgiving**: Pouring out our heart of gratitude for what God has done, is doing, and will do.

2. Types of **people**:

- ◆ **All**
- ◆ **Government Leaders**
- ◆ **Community Leaders**

3. Types of **purposes**:

- ◆ **Our testimony**
- ◆ **God's Pleasure**
- ◆ **Salvation to the lost**

B. We are called to **live** (godly lives v. 2b)

1. What this prayer is not: **a call for middle class stress free living**
2. What this prayer is:
3. How is this lived out?
 - a. **Peaceful**: At peace with those around you.
 - b. **Quite** lives: At peace inwardly.
 - c. **Godly** lives: Striving to be like Christ in all your conduct.
 - d. **Dignity**:

C. We are called to stay on **mission** (vv. 4-7)

D. How do we do that?

1. God's sovereignty: **One Way**
2. God's unity: **One God**.
3. God's Son: **One Mediator**.
4. God's sacrifice: **One Sacrifice**.

II. Application and Action

Because of where Jesus is...

- A. You can pray.
- B. You can live.
- C. You can witness.