

Bay City Wesleyan Church
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It is "Passed Time to Put Jesus in His Place." King Jesus reigns supreme over all.
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WE HAVE A HUGE PROBLEM THAT THE BIBLE CALLS "SIN."

Sin has many manifestations but its essence is one. A moral being, created to worship before the throne of God, sits on the throne of his own selfhood and from that elevated position declares, "I AM." That is sin in its concentrated essence; yet because it is natural it appears to be good. "What shall we do?" (Acts 2:37) is the deep heart cry of every man who suddenly realizes that he is a usurper and sits on a stolen throne.

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SYMPTOMS OF OUR PROBLEM:

- A. Some of us are Practical Atheists
- B. Other Christians are Comfort Zone Attendees
- C. There are church members who are Couch Potato Worshipers.
- D. Other Christians are Change Seekers who are always looking for new and revolutionary ideas about Jesus rather than simply wanting to know him. For us, if an idea is more than a year old, then it's out of date.
- E. Some congregations have a few Change Fighters
- F. Some people claiming to follow Jesus are merely Excuse Makers

CAUSES OF OUR PROBLEM:

1. Some of us see Jesus as a Sunday Morning Acquaintance
2. Others of us relate to Jesus as our Stormy Weather Life Guard
3. A few of us may feel like Jesus is our Generous Rich Relative

GOD PROVIDES RESOURCES TO DEAL WITH OUR PROBLEM

Colossians 1:15-20 NLT

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything. For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

Sermon in a Sentence:

Jesus possesses the place of perfect power over all things; he's my King.

We express it in many ways but all human beings look out for "number one." We grumble and rumble; we shout and pout; we grin and sin to get what we want from others. We act as though we can control the universe. Instead of bowing before the throne of God, we sit on the thrones of our lives and from that stolen position each of us declares, "I am king of the world." But Jesus possesses the place of perfect power over all things and we need to yield to him as our King. King Jesus reigns supreme over all.

"What shall we do?" is the deep heart cry of every person who suddenly realizes that he or she sits on a stolen throne.

- Pray each morning, "Jesus you are my King and I yield this day to you."
- Trust Jesus to act like the great, gracious King over all. He is the only King who would leave his throne to pay the price for your rebellion.
- Put in the time and effort needed to know King Jesus better and better.