

## Luke 9:20

*He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered and said, “The Christ of God.”*

Do you remember when you were dating and found the love of your life, who is now your spouse, or maybe you are dating some who you feel is the love of your life, but not married yet. When you married that person, think about why you married him or her? Was it in hopes of changing them into what you wanted him or her to be, or did you simply fall in love with him or her for who they were already?

If you are married, or are hoping to marry the person you are now dating so that you can change them, then you already have a bad relationship and if you are married then probably not a very happy marriage. It could had been the emotion that caused you to be attracted to that person or even their outward appearance, but now that you know the real them, you are not liking what you see or are hoping that you can fix him or her.

Some people will come to Jesus based upon an emotion or thinking that He will be what they want Him to be, which could be someone who would love them, but also allow them to continue in their sinful lifestyle.

Sure, give me some of that Jesus who died for me, but Who also says it's ok to live with someone and have sex outside of marriage.

Give me some of that Jesus who is ok with me going out to clubs or drinking everyday so I can get drunk all the time.

Give me some of that Jesus that I can post scripture about, then post how much I love the Walking Dead and post bad things about others, especially those I don't even know personally like actors, actresses, politicians etc...

Give me some of that Jesus that forgave the woman caught in adultery, but don't you dare give me any of that Jesus that said, “go and sin no more” because I want Jesus and my sinful lifestyle too.

Just like in marriage, when you first marry that person, you don't really know all about him or her, but you know enough to hopefully say, that no matter what, I want to live the rest of my life with this person. And after you start to learn more and more, you realize that the honeymoon is over and reality of life with this person now becomes a reality.

People come to love the Jesus in a manger or on the cross and decide to give their life to Him. But after that honeymoon wears off, so to speak, the reality of all of Jesus comes into play and some will actually; just like in marriage say, I did not sign up for this, I'm out of here, and leave the marriage or, go back into the world living a sinful lifestyle once again..

But those who truly love the Lord will seek Him to find out more and more about Him every day, once they do they start to fall even more and more in love with Him.

So, I won't ask about your marriage or your relationship with the person you are dating, but I will ask, "How's your relationship with the Lord? Are you growing closer to Him every day because you learn more about Him and love what you learn about Him, or are you ready to say forget this, I didn't sign up for this?"

- † **2 Peter 2:13-15 (NLT2)** *Their destruction is their reward for the harm they have done. They love to indulge in evil pleasures in broad daylight. They are a disgrace and a stain among you. They delight in deception even as they eat with you in your fellowship meals. They commit adultery with their eyes, and their desire for sin is never satisfied. They lure unstable people into sin, and they are well trained in greed. They live under God's curse. They have wandered off the right road and followed the footsteps of Balaam son of Beor, who loved to earn money by doing wrong.*
  
- † **Psalm 119:1-3** *Blessed are the undefiled in the way, Who walk in the law of the LORD! Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, Who seek Him with the whole heart! They also do no iniquity; They walk in His ways.*
  
- † **Psalm 139:23-24** *Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.*