

*Week of March 3, 2024*

The Christian \_\_\_\_\_ is characterized by

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (11)

The Christian \_\_\_\_\_ is qualified by \_\_\_\_\_ (12)

The Christian \_\_\_\_\_ is faithful to the \_\_\_\_\_ (13)

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. The call to "prescribe" (other versions translate as 'command') in verse 7 carries the weight of an order. Name a few things that are often spoken as suggestions, but could actually benefit by being given as a command.

3. What risks and benefits are typically associated with being young (vs 8)? What about being old? How might these things positively or negatively impact the Body of Christ and its mission?

4. Describe an important theological lesson you were taught by someone younger than you. This could be someone younger in age, younger in age compared to you, or someone who is newer to the faith.

5. Choose two of the five things listed in verse 12 (speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity) and write a description of what that thing looks like when it exemplifies Christ, and what it looks like when twisted by sin.

6. What attributes does the Church tend to promote in its spiritual leaders today (smart, popular, has a foreign accent, etc.)? What about in secular culture?

7. In what ways does Valley Bible Church do a good job of fulfilling Paul's instruction to "give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, and teaching" (vs 13)? In what ways can we improve? What about you, personally?

8. What happens to the authority and truth of the Gospel when those who spread it do not exemplify the kind of Christlikeness described in this passage?