

## Join in! 2022 Life of Christ Challenge



# Giving "The Life of Christ" to the Church and the Nation.

Brothers and sisters,

What a great opportunity we have before us! We do not know what the church is going to look like when we come out from under the Coronavirus. Certainly, the church is going to be different when we come back. We cannot, therefore, go on with business as usual! The church could well be approaching one of the greatest opportunities of winning others to Christ that we have experienced in many years.

Throughout the nation people are hungering for the hope that the gospel brings. Every experience that has gone before us—all the teaching and guidance we have received in the past, as well as all the worshiping and praying we have done—has prepared us for this special moment in history.

Here is what we can do together:

Let us study, preach, and offer to others "The Life of Christ" in 2022.

Look at this plan, consider it, and pray over it. Each congregation, regardless of its size, can be involved with "The Life of Christ" in a way that will lift up the church and succeed in teaching our neighbors throughout the nation.

We are confident that if a congregation puts "The 2022 Life of Christ Challenge" in place, the congregation will be blessed and people in the community will be reached!

Thank you for considering this bold plan. We look forward to working with you as a team to strengthen the church and to reach out to the nation!

In Christian Love,

Eddie Cloer

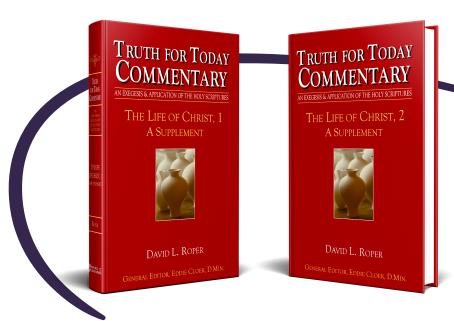
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### What is "The 2022 Life of Christ Challenge"?

#### If you brethren choose to accept the challenge, you will receive the following:

- 1. Four sets of *The Life of Christ*, 1 & 2 by David L. Roper.
- 2. Access to a website that contains 129 lesson plans—with a PowerPoint and study guide for each lesson, plus over 275 sermon approaches and additional study materials for each lesson. For a sample of the site, visit <u>biblecourses.com/ccc/usa</u>. The full site will be available when you accept the "Challenge."
- 3. For teens, 52 lesson plans and the digital book *Being a Teenage Missionary*.
- 4. For grades five and six, a special study, "Journeying with Jesus" by Jeri Ford.
- 5. A physical copy of David L. Roper's "Oh, How I Love You!"—a resource book on building a Christian home.
- 6. The "Reaching Out to America" Clinic, a life-changing video study that gives valuable instruction concerning reaching out to others with "The Life of Christ."



How wonderful it would be if the churches throughout America would teach *The Life of Christ, 1 & 2* in 2022 through sermons and in all adult and teenage Bible classes! This yearlong study will remind us of who we are and what our mission is.

David L. Roper has covered every line of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Those who have gone through this study on "The Life of Christ" have been remarkably blessed, thoroughly taught, and wonderfully transformed into the image of Jesus. For this time in our history, there is probably no better study for us to engage in.

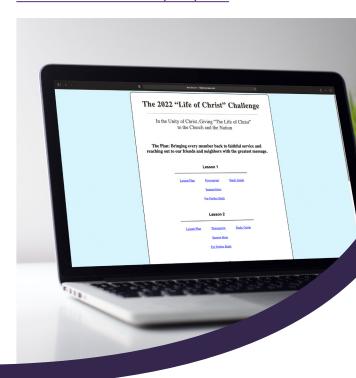
### "The Life of Christ" Website

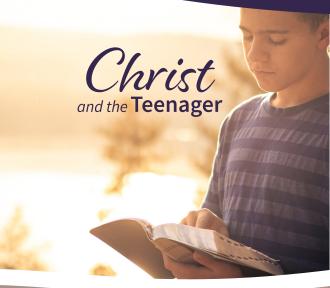
A special website has been created for you to easily access all of the resources for the study of "The Life of Christ."

Think of the wealth of material this website contains: 129 lesson plans—each being 2 to 6 pages and ready to be downloaded to your computer. In addition, there are 129 ready-to-use Power-Point presentations; 129 sets of study guides for both the teacher and student; two to three helpful chapters for deeper study of each lesson plan; and sermon approaches and ideas for preaching the content of each lesson plan.

This website also contains lessons for the youth, the digital book, *Being a Teenage Missionary*, and the thirteen-week video series, "Reaching Out to America."

View a sample of the site at biblecourses.com/ccc/usa.







### Youth Lessons

"Christ and the Teenager"

Fifty-two key lessons from "The Life of Christ" have been adapted for teenage classes. Each lesson has an exciting video that will inspire teens to love and follow Christ. Also available will be a digital book, *Being a Teenage Missionary*. This book has been written over the past year by a number of youth ministers of the churches of Christ, addressing relevant topics of evangelism with questions for discussion.

"Journeying with Jesus"

Jeri Ford has adapted 52 lessons from "The Life of Christ" for the fifth and sixth grades. These lessons are filled with Jesus' teaching and dynamic applications.

Studies on "The Life of Christ" will be available for students from grades five all the way up to twelve!

### 129 Lesson Plans

Each Lesson Plan contains multiple supplemental resources which can be used for a Bible class, a sermon, and/or personal study. At the top of each Lesson Plan sheet, one can find the page numbers in *The Life of Christ 1* or 2 that will be covered in that lesson.

The Lesson Plan includes an **outline** and a **manuscript**. The **outline** is 2 to 6 pages and covers the material in the corresponding commentary section. This design will help guide a Bible class teacher through the lesson or potentially help the preacher develop the sermon. Each outline has been reworked into a **manuscript** to allow a teacher to be able to read directly to the class or students.

In addition to the Lesson Plan, many resources are provided. These resources include the following:

#### 1. PowerPoint Presentations

A slide show has been provided for each lesson for the preacher or Bible class teacher.

#### 2. Bible Class Discussion Questions

These questions will be covered in the outline and manuscript and give the teacher a great way to introduce discussion in the class.

#### 3. Individual Study Guides

Each study guide is a list of questions that can be answered as a person reads through the commentaries. These questions are important for those who are using the material in personal work studies.

### 4. Sermon Approaches

We have provided sermon approaches on the topics covered in the lessons as a beginning point for the preacher to use.

#### 5. Further Resources

Each lesson offers an additional study that may be of help to the teacher or preacher. For personal study, these may help answer numerous questions the student may have.

The most powerful thing in the world is "The Life of Christ" when taught and coupled with fervent prayer.

### The "Reaching Out to America" Clinic

It has been said, "The finest way to lead someone to the gospel is by taking him through a Gospel." This method is the divine way of bringing someone to Christ. A thirteen-week video series has been prepared that covers the topic of reaching out with the gospel to your neighbor. This video series is designed to prepare teachers in each congregation to teach others the gospel by taking them through the Gospel Accounts.

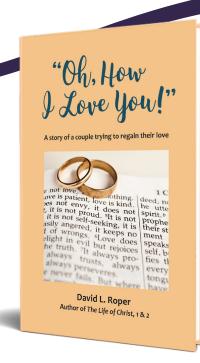
The videos will guide a group to become excellent teachers of "The Life of Christ." Through this method, you can be sure that some of your friends, relatives, and neighbors will be led to



In the first video, David Shannon, president of Freed-Hardeman University, speaks on how one can lead others to Christ.

Christ through these teachers of "The Life of Christ." Veteran gospel teachers have made these videos, and when the videos are combined into a thirteen-week study of how to lead others to Christ, wonderful results will come. Those who attend this class will be taught one of the finest approaches that Christians have for reaching out to neighbors, friends, and the nation.

The church of Christ is only the church of Christ when, in the unity and love of Christ, it lives and teaches "The Life of Christ" to itself and to the world.



### Building a Christian Home

This wonderful book by David L. Roper is a short narrative book on how to build a **Christian home**. As committed members visit with people in the community, a copy of this book can be given as a gift to them and as a token of friendship. Then, the recipient can be invited to come and be a part of a Bible study. Each copy of "Oh, How I Love You!" that is given away should contain a card that tells of the meeting times, classes, and special offerings of the church.

### Take action!

Here are specific actions you can take:

#### 1. Pray!

We hope the elders or leading men of the congregation will look at this plan, consider it, and pray over it.

#### 2. Sign up

Sign up by completing the form on <u>biblecourses.com / 2022</u> and pay the fee of \$235 by check or credit card. Further sign up details are given below.

#### 3. Identify a leader

Identify someone, a soul-conscious Christian person, who can keep up with the growth of "The 2022 Life of Christ Challenge" and keep the congregation informed about it.

#### 4. Prepare

Begin preparation for the "Reaching Out to America" Clinic. Identify who will lead that study so that necessary preparations can be made.

#### 5. Share

Please think of other preachers and elders who may be interested in "The 2022 Life of Christ Challenge." Ask them to contact us, or send them a copy of this information.

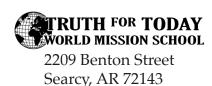
### The Expense

After deciding to accept "The 2022 Life of Christ Challenge," visit biblecourses.com/2022, complete the form, and pay the fee of \$235 by check or credit card for the expense of this yearlong study.

If you would like to handle this fee over the phone, you can call us at (501) 268-7588 and follow up with an email to 2022@biblecourses.com with your completed form.

Additional copies of *The Life of Christ*, 1 & 2 will be available for \$16 per book, including postage. You may order these copies as needed from Truth for Today World Mission School, 2209 Benton Street, Searcy, AR 72143. Payment is due at the time of your order.

If the congregation would be interested in helping a smaller congregation with the cost of "The Life of Christ" plan, please let us know. Likewise, if the congregation is a smaller congregation in which finances are an obstacle, we want to help them.



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### Can You Imagine?

Can you imagine the churches of Christ joining together and taking as many as we can through "The Life of Christ"? If 4,000 congregations each reached 5 non-Christians by teaching them "The Life of Christ," that would mean 20,000 people would be reached in 2022 alone.

Can you imagine elders in a given city meeting together and praying that they might be able to reach out to every person in the community who wants to know the gospel?

Can you imagine every congregation putting together a "reaching out" plan for their immediate community? Can you imagine elders searching through the congregation they oversee to find those Christians who would like to prepare themselves to take six or more through "The Life of Christ" during the year 2022?

This effort will be a part of the greater campaign "Into All the World, One-tenth of the World at a Time." Each year, the Lord willing, Truth for Today World Mission School will cover a tenth of the earth with studies of "The Life of Christ." If you would like to help in this great campaign, please let us know by emailing staff@biblecourses.com.