



## TODAY'S INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

# Hearts on Fire

*Every Christian: A Zealous Christian*

November 05, 2017

### THINKING THROUGH TODAY'S LESSON:

- Are you a “zealot” for Jesus?
- Where would you place yourself on the following list:
  - On fire?
  - Lukewarm?
  - Cold?
- What things in life are you passionate about? How does your zeal for these things affect your life?

### MY NOTES:

Zealous. Passionate. On fire. These may be ways that you and I may describe how we feel about many things in life. We are passionate about Madrid high school football. We are zealous or enthusiastic about our families, our work, etc. But would we say these kind of things about our devotion to Jesus? Better yet, do our *actions* show that we are on fire for Him, or do they show that we are lukewarm at best or even ice-cold in our faith? Lord willing, our series during November and December will help us to understand what it means to be zealous and help each of us to be able to say, “I am on fire for the Lord.”

#### I. What Does It Mean To Be Zealous?

A. Hebrew (qânâ or qineâ); Greek (zēloō or spōudē): Can be translated/ defined as ‘zealous, jealous, burning, indignation, eager, or diligent.’

#### B. The Zeal of \_\_\_\_\_

1. Both the Father and Jesus are described as having zeal
2. Verses about God’s Zeal
  - a. Isaiah 9:7; 42:13; 59:17 (zeal for bringing the Messiah and for putting on His armor)
  - b. Hebrews 10:27 (indignation)
  - c. Exodus 20:5 (jealousy)
  - d. John 2:17 (zeal for your house)

C. Whenever you see passages that talk about Christians showing zeal, we see many traits that are needed to have godly zeal:

1. **Courage** (1 Peter 3:13): Zealous Christians desire to overcome fear in order to be faithful to Christ. They desire to please God even if it may have negative consequences.
2. **Wisdom** (Romans 10:2). Zealous Christians need knowledge to channel their zeal correctly.
  - a. Misused/misdirected zeal (Php 3:6)
3. **Diligence in loving and serving** (Romans 12:11)
  - a. Paul’s “godly jealousy”/zeal (2 Cor 11:2)
  - b. Zeal of Christians for the contribution (2 Cor 9:2)

Zeal is a burning desire to \_\_\_\_\_, which is shown by showing courage, diligence, and wisdom in loving and serving others.

#### II. Jesus Died to Make \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Titus 2:14 - Jesus purchased us, purified us, & took possession of us so that He could make us zealous for good works. (cf Titus 3:1, 8, 14)

#### Conclusion & Application:

- A. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ or on fire?
1. See Revelation 3:15-19