

Christ, The Son

The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water, before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men. Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways.

Proverbs 8:22-32

Jesus is God manifested as the Son of God. He is the second of the trinity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Christ is the Living Word, the Son of God, the Lamb of God, the Good Shepherd, the Counselor, Light of the World, and the Prince of Peace. Jesus is Lord and Savior, Messiah, Yeshua, El Shaddai, King of kings and Lord of lords; Almighty, our mediator to the Father and our Redeemer from sin. *For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.* 1 Timothy 2:5

Everything God created He spoke into existence, and as He spoke, Jesus was the Living Word fashioning the foundation of all creation. *And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.* Ephesians 3:9 All things were created by Him and for Him. *For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.* Colossians 1:16-17

Accepting the omnipresence of Christ in the Kingdom and His role on earth, we learn of the immense proclamation of what God and Jesus did for man. *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.* Isaiah 9:6 God's entire Kingdom has been given to His Son and no one enters but through Christ.

When it was necessary for Christ to come down to earth to save man, the Living Word became flesh. *Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.* John 1:13-14 In accepting the

relationship between the Father and the Son, we can see a picture that tells a story that has always been about man from the very beginning. *For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.* Ephesians 2:18

Sin separated man from God; however, Jesus reconciled man fulfilling the Father's plan that we be reunited with Him. *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.* 2 Corinthians 5:21 Jesus' main purpose wasn't to take away man's sins which occurs when we repent. Christ's objective was to reestablish man's relationship with the Father. The spiritual connection God had with His children, Adam and Eve, was severed in the Garden of Eden. Christ came to rectify and reconcile man to his heavenly Father. Jesus brings man full circle back to the garden before sin.

Sin had to be dealt with, removed, to achieve the primary goal of reconciliation. We can see the strategy in God's plan. *And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.* 2 Corinthians 5: 18-19 Our Father wanted His children and came to earth in Christ to claim them.

There is absolutely no hope without Jesus, for He is the only pathway to everlasting life. *And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.* Colossians 1:20 Because of what Jesus did at Calvary, man may be given a rebirth in spirit for a relationship with the Father. *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.* 2 Corinthians 5:17

God is Spirit, Christ is Spirit, and we are spirit. It is all about living a spirit life. Jesus took the sins of the world and bore them upon Himself because it was required for reconciliation. There is no other way to be with the Father but to abolish the corruptible; changing man from flesh to spirit, sinner to saint. *Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.* Ephesians 2:15-18 It is important to understand why Christ did what He did because our relationship with our heavenly Father begins with Jesus.

Man was corrupted by Adam's sin and our spirit spoiled by the lust of the flesh. We miss the reason for Christ's birth, death, and resurrection for it wasn't just about salvation. His purpose on earth was to gather the lost children and teach of our Father, so we would know of Him and desire to be with God and because of this we are given the gift of salvation. Christ came to establish the way and dealing with sin became necessary to accomplish His mission. In our return to the Father, we have eternal life. *But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made*

unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 1:30-31

Why did Christ have to be born of the flesh to accomplish this objective? Why didn't God simply speak the words to eliminate the sin in the world? Because when God, the Almighty King, set forth the precepts or laws that operate His Kingdom, He will not violate them. *Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three things that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.* 1 John 5:5-8 Kingdom principles were put in place for man's purpose, and our destiny in Christ requires our obedience and participation.

In the Old Testament, the Israelites were without a quickened spirit. They did not have Jesus, or the Holy Spirit; therefore, there didn't exist a way for them to be reconciled, spiritually. This was the purpose for the commandments, a means of measurement to show their sins and that they could never be righteous through the law. With God giving man a better covenant through His Son, one that was preordained, we all are given an opportunity for redemption and reconciliation through Christ. Without Jesus we are nothing, lost forever and trapped in corruption that was never our Father's will. It was necessary that sin be taken out of the equation, so we may be sanctified to return to the spirit realm within the Kingdom for the Father. God's gift of a free will allow us to choose the Father.

Before the new covenant, God spoke to the Israelites when He removed them from bondage and gave them statutes, laws, and commandments to structure a lifestyle and show them how to conduct themselves. *Thou camest down also upon Mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments: And madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant: And gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promisedst them that they should go in to possess the land which thou hadst sworn to give them.* Nehemiah 9:13-15 If God had not presented the people a way to live, they would not have known how to reside as a nation. They were ill-equipped to live a civilized life from a slavery background.

God was their Lord and defined how their sins would be imputed against them according to the Commandments as administered by Moses. Without these in place, they had no means to gage sin, for there would have been no measurement of right and wrong. Rather than be obedient to the One who took them out of slavery, they became a generation defiant to His Word. *But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to thy commandments; And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not.* Nehemiah 9:16-17

God gave them freedom, destroyed their enemy, and set aside a territory where they could build their homes and prosper, but they quickly forgot His Word and fell back into the ways they understood. They accepted the surrounding pagan lifestyles with their foreign beliefs. In man's attempt to be obedient to God, he failed and regressed to a wickedness so severe that it was like an unstoppable plague. There were so few who believed in God, they became a nation blinded to the truth and refusing to accept Him. It was Sodom and Gomorrah.

They wanted a tangible object to worship and demanded that Aaron allow one to be made during the absence of Moses when he was with God for forty days. *Yea, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This is thy God that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great provocations.* Nehemiah 9:18 It set the precedence throughout the following generations of man's need for a symbol to worship as their god, a continuous act of rebellion and disobedience. Today, there are many symbol-isms, tangible and otherwise, that become our gods and we pay homage without realizing the impact it has in our relationship with God.

The Israelites were living strictly carnal governed by their thoughts and emotions. Jesus was the shadow of things spoken of in the earlier generations who would come to establish a new covenant between God and His people. *Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.* Colossians 2:17 There has to be a separation of the spirit from the flesh and this is done by Christ removing one to save the other. Jesus provided the redemption for man's sinful behavior.

Jesus became like man, human, to take the sins of the world upon Himself and nailed them to the cross. That is why when we repent of our sins, we are dead to the flesh and alive in the spirit. The flesh, corrupted in sin, died on the cross with Christ, and we are resurrected in spirit with Jesus when we accept Him into our life. *For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.* 2 Corinthians 4:16 Jesus had to be born from the womb and become flesh, just as man has a physical body because sin is ascribed to the carnal, and He put sin to death with His own.

His death destroyed sin, His blood removed the curses placed upon man by Adam, and Christ's resurrection returned Him to the Kingdom because His work on earth was finished. He came to do the Father's will, and He accomplished the assignment. Man has been given the opportunity to be reborn in spirit and live with Christ. *Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.* 1 John 4:13 As our Lord and Savior is seated in the Kingdom of Heaven, we may call up-on His name to receive heavenly power in our time of need through our faithful obedient petitions.

To know Christ, it becomes imperative to understand the earthly role of Jesus and the significance of His sacrifice. We fail to see the enormity of what Christ did for the sole purpose of being the shepherd gathering the lost sheep to return them home. We are the lost souls, corrupted by our flesh, and wandering aimlessly without direction or purpose with death our end. Then Jesus came with the promises of the Father and everlasting life.

After Christ's three and one-half year ministry of teaching about the Father and His Kingdom, Jesus was put to death. However, He knew the end of His time on earth was man's new beginning. It was the only way for it to be accomplished. *But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.* 1 Peter 1:19-21 He gave Himself for you. Jesus left His throne and came to earth for you.

As it began in the Garden of Eden with the first Adam, so shall it end in the Garden of Gethsemane by the second Adam, Jesus. Christ was removing the sins of the world and breaking the curses when He shed His blood from seven areas of His body. First, in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night of the last supper before He was taken, Christ sweats blood through His pores when blood vessels break beneath the skin as He prayed in agony to the Father knowing what was to come. *And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.* Luke 22:44 Second, at the whipping post where He was scourged repeatedly. Scriptures do not give an account as to the number Jesus withstood. According to Jewish law, a man was scourged no more than forty times as punishment, but not to be the means of death. *Forty stripes he may give, and not exceed: lest, if he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should seem vile unto thee.* Deuteronomy 25:3 However, we know that Christ was whipped by the Romans who had no law for the number they could administer upon a body. Thus, we have no scriptural verification to the total number of lashes upon Jesus. What we do know is that by these very strokes upon His back man is healed in all manner. By His stripes we are healed, sickness and disease, sins and transgressions have all been removed. *Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.* 1 Peter 2:24 Third, He was taken to the chief priests and a crown of thorns placed on His head. *And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!* Matthew 27:29 Though this symbolic crown was used to mock Jesus, the blood shed from the puncture wounds from the thorns represents a different meaning for man. Fourth, the palm of His hands bled from the nails piercing His flesh. *For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: they pierced my hands and feet.* Psalm 22:16 Fifth, blood dripped from nailed feet. Sixth, His side was pierced by a soldier's spear after Jesus was already dead. *But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.* John 19:34 Seventh, blood bruises shown on the outside of His skin reflective of internal bleeding. Another example of the number seven in the Almighty Kingdom.

Everything that was stolen from the first Adam by Satan has been returned to the Father by the second Adam, Jesus. Christ spoke to the Father: *I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.* John 17:4 Man has been given complete restoration by the blood of Christ.

The blood released from Jesus' body from these wounds redeems man from any curse of the law. In the Old Testament, the peoples attempt at removing their sins was with a clean, or pure sacrificial animal's blood and this is done continually. Christ shed His blood for man to set us free from bondage to the curses and gives us liberty to live under the grace of God. *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.* 1 Peter 3:18

All things set forth in the Kingdom for man's redemption, reconciliation, and salvation was taken care of on the cross at Calvary. *When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished; and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.* John 19:30 With Jesus' final words, His work of the Father was accomplished. With His return to the Kingdom of Heaven, man is now responsible to choose life with Christ, or by default of a sinful nature, the finality of death.

This is why when we pray, we do so on the blood of Jesus. There is a purpose unto the Kingdom for every drop that flowed from Christ's body. Nothing Jesus did was without premeditation and carried a price He willingly paid for man to be reconciled to the Father. It was established between the Father and the Son at the foundation and the plan was put into action upon the birth of Jesus. Christ was willing to save man. When we believe on the name of Jesus, knowing the punishment He withstood in our place and ask for forgiveness of our sins, we are sanctified. *And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.* Ephesians 4:24

As we are one in spirit with Christ, our body is the physical temple of God who dwells within each faithful believer as the Holy Spirit. No longer are we entrapped in bondage to the flesh, but live under the reign of Christ as sons and daughters of the Father. *But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.* Romans 6:22

Our recorded transgressions are erased from the Book of Life. Christ claims ownership of each person and all things are possible in Him. *Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.* Mark 9:23 We are not human first with a small inconsequential spirit, but rather we are a spirit person who lives in a physical body. Our spiritual life begins the day we accept Christ and are reborn in spirit. We have it completely backwards to the way it really is, and once we understand this it changes the dynamics of how we live. *That which is born of the Spirit is spirit.* John 3:6 Living in the spirit is the only way to receive authority and power through Christ.

Christ will judge us for our heavenly crowns when we stand before Him. There are seven categories and based on the accountability of how we lived this earthen life, and what we have accomplished in discipleship to the Kingdom will determine which crowns we receive. *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.* 2 Corinthians 5:10

The necessity of Christ in our life becomes very clear. God loves us so much that He sent His Son to earth, and Jesus loves us so much that He was willing to come and die for man that we may have everlasting life with the Father and the Son. How can we live a single day without thanksgiving to Jesus and glorifying our Father for His love of someone so unworthy, and yet, forgiven? Jesus said: *I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.* John 14:6 This declaration takes on a new meaning once we understand Jesus.

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