

Jesus Christ Life Death and Resurrection

It is important that we understand why Jesus Christ came and what He had done for us. God planned to send His Son Jesus, from the beginning of time. He knew that we would sin and need a Savior.

Who Christ was, the writer to the Hebrews describes Jesus' character in ***Hebrews 7:26-27, "26 For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; 27 Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself."*** This passage says that Jesus was a high priest, holy, harmless, undefiled, separated from sinners.

"1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.14 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." (In ***John 1:1, 14 KJV***) John says that Christ is the Word. Jesus as the Word, He was with God and was God. John goes on to say that the Word was made flesh, a man, that was Jesus, and that John had seen Jesus who lived among them and that Jesus was full of grace and truth.

"12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? 13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven." (John 3:12-13 KJV) Jesus, Himself said in that He came from Heaven, and He claimed to be the Son of God. When He said the Son of man, He meant the Son of God who became flesh and that is Jesus.

"6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6 KJV) As the way, Jesus said that He is the way to the Father. Jesus told His followers that He would give them eternal life, ***"27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."*** (John 10:27-28 KJV)

Why Christ came? The angel told Joseph that the reason Jesus was to be born was to save His people from their sins, ***"21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."*** (Matthew 1:21 KJV)

John the Baptist said that Christ came to take away the sin of the world, ***"29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."*** (John 1:29 KJV) Jesus Himself said that He came to minister and to give His life as ransom for many, ***"45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."*** (Mark 10:45 KJV)

Paul told Timothy that Jesus came to save sinners, ***"15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."*** (1 Timothy 1:15 KJV)

Why Christ died?

John 3:14-15 says that Christ was lifted upon the cross so that whosoever believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life, ***"14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: 15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."*** (John 3:14-15 KJV)

Was His death an accident? His death was not an accident. Jesus received the command from His Father who commanded His death and to lay down His life. Therefore He laid down His life and for this reason His Father loves Him: ***"17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. 18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father."*** (John 10:17-18 KJV)

If Jesus, Himself was sinless, for whose sin did He die? He died for our own sins, that He bare in His body, ***"24 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 KJV)

What can we now receive because Christ died for us? We receive redemption by His blood and forgiveness for our sins, ***"7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; 8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;"*** (Ephesians 1:7-8 KJV)

What is the meaning of Christ's resurrection? ***"1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, 2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) 3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; 4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:"*** (Romans 1:1-4 KJV) Christ's resurrection from the dead declare to us about Him that He is the Son of God with power.

Is still possible for Christ to die again? After he rose from the dead, death has no power over Him, ***"9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him."*** (Romans 6:9 KJV)

What keys or a sign of His authority does Christ now have? Christ has the keys of hell and death, ***"18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."*** (Revelation 1:18 KJV)

What happens to all men because they are descendants of Adam? In Adam all die, ***"20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. 21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But every man in his own order:***

Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.” (1 Corinthians 15:20-23 KJV)

What happens to those who belong to Christ? Those belong to Christ are made alive through Christ.

What is the meaning of Christ's resurrection? ***Ephesians 1:18-23*** tells us that Christ went to Heaven when He raised Him from the dead. ***“18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, 19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.” (Ephesians 1:18-23 KJV)*** According to verses 20, 21 and 22 that God seated Christ in Heavenly places and the importance of that is that God had put all things under his feet and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church.

Christ in Heaven doing something else in behalf of us; He is interceding for us to God the Father, ***“Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.” (Romans 8:34 KJV)***

Christ also will come again and when He will come in His second coming He will do the following:

1. “3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” (John 14:3 KJV) Christ promised that He will prepare a place for us in Heaven, that He will come to take us to be with Him.

2. 2 Timothy 4:8 says that Christ when He will appear will give us the crown of righteousness that God promised to those who are waiting for Him, ***“8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.” (2 Timothy 4:8 KJV)***

3. “26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.” (Luke 9:26 KJV) When Christ will come those who are ashamed of Him and of His Word, and are not willing to declare them to the people around them and live according to them, Christ also will be ashamed of them in front of God the Father. Therefore **urgently repent of all your sins, start to live the Word of God, and start to evangelize and tell others about Him and spread His Word.**

4. “2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he

is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.” (1 John 2:2-3 KJV) When Christ will come, we shall be like Him, and in such hope we live our life in holiness and keep ourselves pure for Christ until He will come to take us to Heaven.

My dear and beloved: No one knows which time Christ will come, ***“36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. 42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.: (Matthew 24:36, 42 KJV)*** Therefore since we don't know the time that Christ would come, we should behave and live in holiness and in righteousness so we can go with Him when He comes to take us.

Christ came to earth as a visible expression of God the Father, showing His characteristics of holiness, justice, mercy, grace and love. He came to die for us that we might have life. He came as a servant, to be God's sacrificial lamb. He chose to die for us. His death could pay for our sins because he was sinless. Because He died for us we can be forgiven. He rose again, making it possible for us also to rise again. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, we would not have any hope of rising from the dead on the last day. Jesus went to Heaven to prepare a place for us there, He is now at the right hand of God the Father interceding for us, and He will come again and take us to be with Him and forever.

Are you ready to meet Jesus when He will come?

Let us pray

My Prayer: Heavenly Father, I come before you in the name of Jesus who died for my sins on the cross, and who raised from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Thank you Lord because you sent your Son the Lord Jesus Christ to save me from sins and now my name is written in Heaven. Thank you Jesus for all your promises to me, and the place that you had prepared for me and that you will come to take me and be with you forever.

Confess and renounce all your sins. Confess your doubts and your lack of faith. Confess your worldliness and your love for material things. Confess and repent of your immoralities, cheating, stealing, and the rest of the works of the flesh. Repent of doing your own will and plan and not the will nor the plan of God. Repent of your lack of reading God's Word and your lack of prayers. Repent of your yoke with friends, non believers, and with the Media, News and games. Lord forgive me I repent and renounce the following sins

Lord I commit my life to live for you, to live in holiness, serving you, setting good example to others to follow you. Lord thank you for your grace and mercy and thank you for all the material and the spiritual blessings that I received from you. Lord I commit myself to employ all what you give me in your service and ministry. Lord protect me from the evil one and continue to provide for me until you come to take us to Heaven.

Lord, thank you for my brethren who repented of their sins and who gave their lives to you. Lord bless them, protect them and provide their needs and make them grow in you. Lord fill them with the Holy Spirit and give them the Spiritual gifts that they need in their lives and use them to serve you.

Lord bless us as your church and help us to go on and serve you declaring your Word and your will to the people. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the Spiritual gifts that we need in our lives to serve you. Lord continue to lead us to evangelize reaching new places and new people with the gospel of Jesus. Lord help us to continue to make new disciples and train new workers and plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to get water baptized and receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord prepare us for your coming to go with you when you come to take us. Lord take the message and spread it. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord bless us and enlarge our territory let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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