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## God's Free Gift: Jesus Christ

Because God is love, He has to love. As a complete, supreme being God was self-sustaining. He did not need to create anyone or anything. But He wanted to love. God does not love and therefore He is love. HE IS LOVE and therefore love comes from Him. And love has to have an object. So God created. First, He created angelic beings. But at some point in eternity past, some of these beings rebelled and 1/3 of them were cast out of heaven. Jesus said, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven" (Luke 10:18). This was the first case of the creation rebelling against the Creator. Now the dividing lines were set up. And a war would have to be fought. The battlegrounds would be outside heaven. Why did God not stop here? Why did He decide to continue creating man? There are many answers for this. The rebellious angels would have to be judged for God was holy and holiness requires judgment. God would have to reassert His authority throughout the heavens. And man had been in His heart from all eternity past. Man was to be His finest creation. Man was to be made in His image – in the image of God. And God wanted to continue to love.

So God created man. He made Adam – the first man. And then He brought Eve to him. And they became one in spirit. And Adam and Eve had been put in a perfect environment. All they needed was supplied for them. They walked in innocence of Sin. Yet, sin was around the corner. Eve was tempted and she fell. It has been said that when Eve sinned by disobeying God, that Adam sinned along with her. I would say that Adam **CHOSE** to sin. He chose to sin and sin entered into Adam. If Adam had not chose to sin, Eve would have been doomed to be separated from God for all eternity. But Adam so loved Eve that he entered into her sin by choice. This is a wonderful picture of Christ choosing to enter into mankind's sin so that we would not be lost. He was untainted and yet, "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21). The perfect man took sin upon Himself to save His bride – us. Love was continuing to permeate love. Whereas Adam could not save Eve, Christ could save His bride, the Church.

Now man would be cast out of Eden. And they would be given the promise of a Saviour (Genesis 3:15). Hope to look forward to. Let it be said that from this point on, Adam had a sinful nature. His very nature was sinful. He did not sin and therefore had a sinful nature but he had a sinful nature and therefore sinned. And he passed this down to all mankind. "For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22). "Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned" (Romans 5:12). Adam had then experienced "spiritual death" not physical death. Yet sin pervades everything. All creation. It is like a cancer that goes through everything robbing, killing, and destroying. This thing called SIN. It is the reason that people used to live hundreds of years and now live less than 100. SIN. It is the reason that plant and animal life die. SIN. It is the thing that we can ignore, avoid, deny yet exists. And it would continue to KILL unless it DIED.

That is why Jesus came to earth. God became man. God took on earthly flesh. He did not come to show us how to live – although He did that. He did not come to temporarily heal us – although He did that. He did not come to show us how not to sin – although He did that. But He came to die for two things. First, our sins. The things we do. His shed blood is for our sins. Second, He died for sin – the principle of sin. He had to eradicate the very essence of the problem. For SIN had permeated everything and had been born a new every time someone was born.

So what really happened on the cross? Did Jesus die for our sins? Yes. He died for every act, disobedience, and wrong doing we have committed, are committing, and will commit. He died for our sins. But He also died to destroy SIN. This principle of Sin.

First, we must recognize that Jesus Christ is “eternal life”. Eternal life is not just a place but a life – an eternal life- past and future. From “everlasting (past) to everlasting (future) you are God.” How could God foretell future events? It is because His life is not determined by time. He is “ABOVE TIME”. What is time? Is not time determined by the sun? Does the earth not travel around the sun in a year? And was not the sun created? Was not “time” created? The Creator created time. Yet, the Creator is above time. The Creator is always greater than creation. He is “eternal”. That is why He could look down upon our world and see past, present, and future. Because He is above time and supercedes time. His is ETERNAL. Eternal life. He sees the past, present, and future and yet walks, feels, and exists with us in the present “now”.

And man’s problem was death. Spiritual and physical death. He was separated from God and his body was dying. So here is what Jesus had to do. He had to take the ADAMIC race and destroy it!!! But at the same time He had to SAVE it!!!! Destroy what? Death. Save what? Us. How did He do this? By taking SIN upon Himself. “God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21). He took all mankind into Himself on the cross. He took the whole Adamic Race. He took mankind “into” Himself. “I have been crucified WITH Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20). “For we know that our old self WAS crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin – because anyone who HAS died has been freed from sin” (Romans 6:6,7). We have died. Where? On the cross “in Christ Jesus”. “For you died, and your life is now hidden in God with Christ” (Col.3:3). One of the greatest truths is that we are “IN CHRIST JESUS”. So when Jesus Christ was on the cross, we were in Him. When Jesus Christ died, we died in Him. When Jesus was buried, we were buried in Him. “Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life” (Romans 6:3,4). And when Christ arose from the dead, we were “in Him”. We passed over from death to life (John 5:24). And right now Christ is in heaven and we are there in Christ. “And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 2:6). We continue to be “in Christ”. Praise the Lord!!! We died. We were buried. We rose from the dead with Christ. And we are seated in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus. But we are still here waiting for our spiritual body (like Christ got His spiritual body after His resurrection) and we have a job to do. “For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Ephesians 2:10).

God sent His Son, born of a woman, to die for us. God became man. Many people are trying to become gods. But a lower form cannot attain a higher form. Yet, cannot a higher form (Jesus) take on a lower form (man). People can believe they can become gods but they can’t believe God became man. And so Jesus is 100% God and 100% man. He is the God-man. He is the man Christ Jesus. “There is one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus”. So our creator became like us so that we could understand Him. He came and became man so we could understand the love, beauty, compassion, peace, joy, suffering, and hope that is God. Praise the Lord!!! What a wonderful God. And this God wants to live in us by the power of His Holy Spirit. We just have to accept the gift of Jesus Christ’s forgiveness on the cross and say, “Thank you Lord for dying for my sins and for Sin. I am a sinner. I ask you to come into my heart right now and be my Lord and Savior. I thank you that you will never leave me and never forsake me. I am now your child. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.”

# APOLOGETICS

Apologetics is the study of “what Christians believe”. Christianity is based on facts and can be proved in many ways. The main facts that Christianity is based on are: Jesus Christ is Almighty God; The Bible is literally God’s Word spoken to man; fulfilled prophecy, Jesus Christ died on the cross for man’s sin; Jesus Christ rose from the dead thus conquering death.

No other major religion’s leader claimed to be God. But Jesus Christ not only claimed to be God but proved it by His miracles, His life, His Words, fulfilled prophecy, and His death & resurrection.

The Bible is a unified book. Even though written by some 40 different authors over 1600 years, it is one book. It’s doctrine, moral standard, plan of salvation, and program for the ages are all unified.

The Bible is a book of fulfilled prophecy. Only the Bible gives fulfilled prophecy about Christ’s life, death, and resurrection. It is a wonderful thing to see that throughout the Bible God knows the future. Therefore He knows our future.

Man has a “sin problem”. Only a sinless sacrifice could meet God’s need for holiness. Otherwise we would have to live a perfect life without sin or continually crucify ourselves. Thankfully, Jesus’ substitution for our sin was the perfect, sinless sacrifice that subdued God’s wrath against sin. Instead of trying to become sinless (whether in this life or the next) we can look by faith to the cross and ride into heaven on Christ’s perfect sacrifice.

Jesus Christ conquered death on this side. He did not enter into another life but by the power of God, conquered death and rose from the grave. It was after His resurrection that He returned to heaven. We can ride into heaven joyously knowing that Christ has conquered death and we’ve entered INTO HIS RESURRECTION LIFE.

## LET’S TALK ABOUT THE BIBLE

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| 1) I believe that God speaks to us because people and animals are able to communicate. If animals and people can communicate, why not God with mankind?   |
| 2) I believe in the Bible’s credibility because I see healing in the plant and animal world. We have healing of limbs, cures of diseases, etc. This shows that God cares about the world He has made.   |
| 3) The Bible has shown a fabulous ability to survive. Most books never survive over 25 years, fewer over a century, and a very small amount last over 1,000 years. This shows the Bible’s uniqueness. When you look at the conditions and persecutions that the Bible has gone through, its longevity is amazing. |
| 4) It is an amazing book in that it is still read by millions of believers around the world and has been translated into hundreds of languages  |
| 5) The Bible contains the revelation and embodiment of God. It shows how we got here, shows man’s fall, God’s sovereign rule, God’s plan for salvation, and sets forth the future of mankind.   |

6) The Bible is a unified book. Even though written by some 40 different authors over 1600 years, it is one book. It's doctrine, moral standard, plan of salvation, and program for the ages are all unified.
7) No man could have set forth to write such a harmonious book. If they could have written such a book, then we would have another Bible. Only God could have written such a unified book.
8) I believe no other book has benefited mankind more with its answer to sin and the hope and promises it provides. I find great comfort and reassurance every time I read it.
9) The Bible contains fulfilled prophecy. Again and again, God's predictions of the future events show it's a divine book. No other book or books combined, show fulfilled prophecy like the Bible. These prophecies concerned Israel, Gentile nations, individuals, and of course, Christ.
10) In the O.T. the Bible conveys the message of God's words using phrases such as "The Lord said," "Thus says the Lord," "Now the Lord said to ", etc. These kinds of phrases are used over 3,800 times in the Old Testament showing God actually speaking to these people.
11) Over 500 times, the N.T. authors claim to give the message of God. (1 Cor.14:37; 1 Thess.2:13; Gal.1:8; 1 John 5:10; 2 Pet.3:2; Heb.2:1-4)
12) Moses' writing in the Pentateuch are very credible. He was a witness of many events as well as being given credibility throughout the Bible by other writers as well as Jesus Christ.
13) Jesus Christ recognized and spoke of the Old Testament's credibility.
14) History and archaeology provide many proofs of the biblical characters, events, and dates of the Bible.
15) In many cases, the N.T. writers were eyewitnesses to Christ's miracles, fulfilled prophecies, life, death, resurrection, and ascension.
16) The N.T. writers were honest, believing what they wrote. Their belief cost them their social standing, material possessions, and even their lives.
17) The Gospels harmonize with each other. They don't contradict but supplement information. Even the so called differences in the Gospels have been proven valid and show that the four gospel writers did not collaborate but gave four valid versions.
18) The New Testament writers accounts harmonize with historical figures.
19) Peter puts the epistles of Paul as an equal with the rest of the scriptures (2 Peter 3:15).
20) Paul declares the whole Old Testament to be inspired in 2 Timothy 3:16.
21) Men throughout the Bible testify to their sinfulness (David with Bathsheba, Moses killing an Egyptian, etc.) Men would never write these kinds of things about themselves. It shows that the book was God-inspired.
22) The Bible was written by people from different time periods, social standings, and backgrounds. Yet the unity, literary expertise, and wonder of it is amazing.
23) The Bible is divine in that it lends itself to translation. It has been translated in whole or in part into over 1,000 languages and dialects. Truly a divine book.
24) The total account of N.T. manuscripts is now around 5,000 with a 99+% accuracy of copy. No other book from history compares to it.



## LET'S TALK ABOUT GOD'S EXISTENCE

1) Just because a person doesn't see something doesn't prove that it doesn't exist. For example, I don't see or feel some of my internal organs, but I know they exist.
2) God is Spirit and a spirit can't be comprehended by human senses. It is another "realm" of existence.
3) The Bible doesn't set out to prove God's existence. It starts out with Genesis 1:1 saying, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." I believe the Bible is credible and the Bible states God's existence.
4) No writer in the Bible sets out to prove God's existence. To the many writers of the Bible it is a fact that God exists.
5) One of the greatest proofs of God's existence is the fact that millions upon millions testify to a daily fellowship with God through prayer.
6) I know that God exists because I talked to Him in prayer today and He spoke to me. I also sense Him talking to me when I read my Bible. I also sense His presence in my heart and my life on a daily basis.
7) When I look at the heavens, I believe that there is a God that has created all this. No other theory has been able to explain the wonders of God's creation. It is so immense.
8) When I think of the order that God has setup for the world we live in, I am amazed. The thought that went behind the creation of even the smallest amoeba is absolutely mind-boggling.
9) The fact that we have a conscience testifies to God's existence. People have a still small voice and when they stop and listen to it, they must acknowledge God's existence.
10) Everything has a cause. The world is here, therefore something must have caused it to appear. The cause is God.
11) The design of the world is not an accident. It had to have a designer.
12) If man has an intellect and moral character, it proves that man's creator has intellect and moral character also.
13) All life must come from life. Physical life must have come from an eternal life. Psalm 36:9 says that, "For with Thee is the fountain (source) of life."
14) Atheism only adds to the problems of our existence, purpose in life, etc. It only creates more doubt, despair, and confusion. The existence of God unlocks the answers of the universe, our existence, and life itself.
15) Every sincere seeker after God has found Him. A sincere seeker will open up his "heart" and even challenge God as to His existence. God has always met a sincere seeker.

## LET'S STUDY THE ESSENCE OF GOD

1) The term “essence” or “substance” is what is beneath all outward manifestations of God. It is the “reality” itself of God. Usually God’s attributes are manifestations of His essence.
2) God is a substance. He is “spiritual” substance and not material substance. Jesus said, “God is spirit” in John 4:24. So God’s nature is spiritual.
3) God is “immaterial” and “incorporeal”. Man’s spirit is “finite”. God’s spirit is “infinite”. The Second Commandment forbids the making of any graven image or likeness of anything (Ex.20:4) as well as the numerous commands against idolatry (Deut.16:22; Lev.26:1). [The expressions showing God to have bodily hands, feet, eyes, ears, etc. are symbolic to show that God is real and has an interest in us.]
4) God is invisible. Men at times saw the “reflection” of God’s glory, but they did not see His “essence.” Sometimes “spirit” can be manifested in visible form. A “Theophany” is a manifestation of God in visible form (Gen.32:30; Gen.16:7-14; 18:13-33; 22:11-18; Exod.3:2-5; Judges 6:11-23; 1 Kings 19:5-7; 2 Kings 19:35).
5) God is alive. He is the “living” God (Joshua 3:10; 1 Sam.17:26; Psalm 84:2; Matt.16:16; 1 Tim.3:15; Rev.7:2). Because God is alive, He feels, has power, and activity. He is the source and support of all plant, animal, human, spiritual, and eternal life. God sees, hears, and lives. Idols are not alive.
6) God is a person. If the human spirit is personal, why not God who is spirit. God is a higher order of spirit than man and is personal. He has intellect (mind), sensibility (emotions), and volition (will). God speaks, sees, hears, grieves, repents, gets angry, is jealous, compassionate. He is the creator, sustainer, ruler, and upholder of all things.
7) The essence of God can be, and is, at once three persons and one personal being.
h) God is self-existence. He does not depend on anything outside of Himself for life as man does.
8) God is immense. He is infinite in regards to space. He is beyond space and He does not depend on space but space is dependent on Him.
9) God is eternal. He is infinite in regards to time. He never had a beginning or an ending. He is beyond time because He created time. Time was started in our solar system when the sun was created. God created the sun and therefore He is above time. He was before time, before the sun, and before all things. God is “above time.” That is why God knows the future. He is above time. God is amazing.

## DEFINITIONS OF GOD

**[Actually, God is “indefinable.” The “finite” cannot define the “Infinite”]**

“God is spirit, infinite, eternal, unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth” (answer to question #4 – Westminster Shorter Catechism)
“God is the one, simple, absolute, purely spiritual, personal Being of infinite perfections, wholly immanent in all the world, yet essentially transcendent in relation to all things” (Hoeksema)
“God is one, absolute, unchangeable and infinite in His knowledge and wisdom, His goodness and love, His grace and mercy, His righteousness and holiness.” (Berkhof)
“God is the infinite and perfect Spirit in whom all things have their source, support, and end” (Strong)

# LET'S STUDY THE UNITY OF GOD

## THE UNITY OF GOD: [3,4,7]

1) When Christians talk about the unity of God they are talking about the fact that there is only “one” God. His divine nature is undivided and indivisible.
2) This truth that there is one God is throughout the Old Testament (Deut.4:23,24, 35,39; Deut.6:4; 1 Kings 8:60; Isaiah 44:6; 45:5,21; etc.)
3) This truth that there is one God is throughout the New Testament (Mark 12:29-32; John 10:30; John 17:3; 1 Cor.8:4-6; 1 Tim.2:5; etc.)
4) It would be impossible for there to be more than one God. He is an “uncaused being”. How can there be more than one perfect and infinite being? Who would be the creator?
5) God’s being is simple. He is “one”. He is a unity of one. God’s unity has personal distinctions in the divine nature, but at the same time the divine nature is numerically and eternally one. In the trinity there are three persons but one essence.
6) God is a balanced being. God is holy and God is love. At the same time, God is just and righteous. Christ’s death at Calvary was a display of God’s mercy and love to the guilty sinner and God’s justice and righteousness toward sin.

## NAMES FOR GOD

1. Elohim	Gen.2:4	The One Who is Mighty	The Lord Who Creates
2. Jehovah	Gen.3:14	Self-existent One	One Who Causes To Be
3. El Elyon	Gen.14:22	The One Who is Supreme	The Lord Who Owns
4. Adonai	Gen. 15:2	The One Who is Ruling	The Lord our Master
5. El-Shaddai	Gen.17:1	The Almighty God	
6. El Olam	Gen.21:33	The One Who is Mysterious	The Lord Who Reveals
7. *Jireh	Gen.22:14	The One Who Redeems	The Lord Who Provides
8. *Rapha	Ex.15:26	The One Who Heals	The Lord Who Heals
9. *Nissi	Ex.17:15	The One Who Fights for me	The Lord our Banner
10. Yekaddia	Ex.31:13	The One Who’s Sanctification	The Lord Who Sanctified
11. *Shalom	Judge 6:24	The One Who Gives Peace	The Lord our Banner
12. Sabaoth	1 Sam.1:3	The One Who is Possessing	The Lord of Hosts
13. Elyon	Psa.7:17	The One Who is Blessing	The Lord Who Blesses
14. *Raah	Psa.23:1	The One Who is Caring	The Lord our Shepherd
15. *Tsidkenu	Jer.23:6	The One Who is Justifying	The Lord Our Righteousness
16. *Shammah	Eze.48:35	The One Who is Present	The Lord at Hand
* denotes “Jehovah”			
Jehovah-Jireh, Jehovah-Rapha, Jehovah-Nissi, Jehovah-Shalom, Jehovah-Tsidkenu, Jehovah-Raah, Jehovah-Tsidkenu, Jehovah-Shammah			

# ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

## "NATURAL ATTRIBUTES" [3,4,7]

1) <u>God is eternal.</u> This means that God has no beginning or ending. All idols are created or came from somewhere. But God has no beginning or ending. He has always been and always will be. ( <i>Genesis 1:1; Psalm 90:2; 1 Timothy 1:17</i> )
2) <u>God is unchangeable (immutable).</u> It is impossible for God to change. He can not change for the better or worse because He is absolutely perfect. Everything about God stays the same. His characteristics, attributes, plans, and purposes never change. ( <i>James 1:17; 1 Sam.15:29; Mal. 3:6; Psalm 102:26; Heb. 1:12; Rom.s 4:20; Psa. 33:11; Isa. 46:10; 1 Kings 8:56; 2 Cor.1:20; Psa. 103:17; Gen.18:25; Isa. 28:17</i> )
3) <u>God is present everywhere at once (omnipresent).</u> He's not limited to His creation. He is beyond His creation of the universe. The ever-present One is always there to help us. ( <i>Deut.4:17; Psa.46:1; 145:18; 139:7-9; Jer.23:23; Matt.28:20; Eph. 1:23</i> )
4) <u>God is infinite in knowledge (omniscient).</u> God knows everything from the past, present, and future. Nothing is hidden from God. We see His knowledge in the creation of man and the universe. ( <i>1 Chr.28:9; 2 Chr.16:9; Psalm 94:11; Daniel 2:20; Job 42:2; Isaiah 40:28; Psalm 147:5; Hebrews 4:13; Matt.10:30; 1 Cor.2:11; Romans 8:27; Psalm 147:4; Prov.5:21; Matt.6:8,32; Exodus 3:7</i> )
5) <u>God is all-powerful (omnipotent).</u> He is able to do whatever He wills. He does only those things in harmony with his perfect being and his perfection nature. ( <i>Gen.17:1; Rev.4:8; Job 42:2; Jer.32:17, 27; Rev.19:6; Psalm 33:9</i> )

## "MORAL ATTRIBUTES" [3,4,7]

1) <u>Holy.</u> God is separate, set-apart from all His creatures & from all moral evil and sin.
2) <u>Righteous.</u> Only God is righteous. Only he can do no wrong.
3) <u>Merciful.</u> God shows goodness to those in distress or trouble.
4) <u>Love.</u> God is love in essence and He is moved to show himself to His creation.
5) <u>Faithful.</u> God is faithful to his people and his creation.
6) <u>Glorious.</u> It is the greatness and majesty of God's presence.
7) <u>Longsuffering.</u> God is patient with His people.
8) <u>Compassionate.</u> God is moved by the suffering of people.
9) <u>Unsearchable.</u> God's ways are beyond finding out unless He chooses to reveal them.
10) <u>Good.</u> God deals tenderly and kindly with all his creatures. God is good.
11) <u>True.</u> God is the essence and source of all truth. He is honorable and trustworthy.
12) <u>Incorruptible.</u> There is nothing "corruptible." He can't change and will stay pure.
13) <u>Consuming Fire.</u> God burns up that which is not of Him.
14) <u>Gracious.</u> He is loving and giving to the ill-deserving.
15) <u>Jealous.</u> God wants His people's whole hearts. He is a jealous God.
16) <u>Great.</u> God has a remarkable ability and character. He is a great God.
17) <u>Invisible.</u> God is Spirit and cannot be seen by the human eye.
18) <u>Upright.</u> God is honest and honorable.
19) <u>Light.</u> In Him is no darkness. He is the light of the world.
20) <u>Perfect.</u> There is no flaw in God in either His ways, essence, or choices.
21) <u>None like Him.</u> Nothing or no one compares to God.

## LET'S STUDY CHRIST'S DEITY (JESUS IS GOD)

1) Jesus was referred to as Lord in the prophecy of Psalm 110:1, "The Lord (Father God) says to my Lord (the Savior): 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.'" This prophecy was that the Messiah and Savior would be the Divine Lord himself. Jesus referred to this in Matt.22:41-46; Mark 12:35-36; Luke 20:39-44. Peter in Acts 2:34.
2) In the Virgin Birth, God would be coming to live with men (Isa.7:14 fulfilled Matt.1:23)
3) Jesus, the Messiah, was given divine names in prophecy. In (Isa.9:7) God is Wonderful, Counselor (see Psalm 16:7), The Mighty God (God himself), The everlasting Father (see John 10:30 – "I and the Father are one.") Also we realize that God always existed yet, "For to us a child is born" – a "man" was born. "to us a son is given" – Jesus as God was "given".
4) Jesus, the promised Christ was to be "from everlasting". "But thou Bethlehem...out of thee shall He come forth unto Me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose going forth have been from old, from everlasting." Jesus is the "eternal God" - everlasting past.
5) Jesus claimed to be "I AM". Devout Jews would not even pronounce the word Jehovah and Jesus claiming to be the "I AM" (in John 8:58) of Exodus 3:14 and 6:2,3 was blasphemy as far as they were concerned. They immediately set out to stone Jesus. He was the great "I Am" in the flesh.
6) Only God can forgive sins (Mark 2:7). Yet Jesus forgave sins (Mark 2:5). So he was either blaspheming or He was God. It's an amazing thing that God can forgive sins.
7) For someone to put their name beside or with God's was blasphemy. God's name was so holy to a Jew that nobody could be associated with God's name. Yet Jesus claimed equality with the Father and Holy Spirit through the Baptismal formula of Matt.28:19 and also in the benediction of 2 Cor.13:14.
8) In Matthew 18:20 Jesus says, "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." He promises to be anywhere, everywhere at the same time. He claimed omnipresence.
9) Jesus was all-knowledgeable (omniscient). He prophesied about his death, resurrection, and ascension. He told the apostles about the "upper room", about the donkey "colt" and they found everything just as He had told them. Many times Jesus showed He was omniscient.
10) Jesus was all-powerful by His statement in Matt.28:18, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth." He showed his power by calming storms, by curing diseases, by creating fishes and loaves, and by his conquering death.
11) Jesus Christ had the power to create. He created and is maintaining the world (John 1:1-3; Heb.1:3). He created fishes and loaves for the 5,000, turned water into wine, etc.
12) Jesus Christ showed power over storms by calming them, over gravity by walking on water, and over death by conquering it.
13) Jesus Christ received worship from men. Only God was to be worshiped (Luke 4:8), yet He readily accepted it (John 9:38)
14) In John 20:28, Thomas called Jesus, "my Lord and my God." Jesus readily accepted this statement and never rebuked him.

15) God was manifest in the flesh (1 Tim.3:16). He was therefore able to have flesh and bones and at the same time be God who is Spirit.
16) Jesus had a beginning as a “man” coming to earth for the Virgin Birth. But as God, He had no beginning.
17) Jesus’ Resurrection shows His deity. If He had been a fake, God the Father would have left Him in the grave for judgment. But God raised Him from the dead (Rom.6:4), and he was in Romans 1:4, “...declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.” The Father God, by raising Jesus from the dead, showed the world that Jesus was the Son of God.
18) Jesus possessed the attributes of God: Eternal (Micah 5:2; John 8:58; Col.1:17; Rev.1:8). Unchangeable (Heb.13:8). Omnipotent (Luke 8:24; Matt.28:18); Omnipresent (Matt.18:20; John 1:48; John 3:13; Matt.28:20); Omniscient (Mark 11:2-6; John 2:24,25; Luke 5:22; Matt.24:3-31); Holy (Mark 1:24); Sinless (1 Peter 2:22; John 19:4); Just (John 2:14-17; Acts 17:31); Loving (John 15:13; John 11:36); Merciful (Titus 3:5); Faithful (2 Tim.2:13).
19) Jesus was not a created being. He was “incarnated” or became man. “Through him all things were made, without him nothing was made that has been made.” John 1:3.
20) In Hebrews 1:8, the Father calls Jesus, God. They are the same.
21) The Father is sometimes put above Jesus for administrative purposes only but not “essence.” Jesus functioned on earth as God and as man. The Father was still in heaven as the executive administrator.
22) We are a “son of God”. But Jesus is the “only begotten Son of God” (John 3:16). The main word here is the word “THE”. He is “THE Son of God.”
23) When Jesus said he was the Son of God, the Jews took that to mean “deity” and tried to kill him. The Jews had no doubt what the Son of God meant. To a Jew, sonship was equality.
24) Jesus as man died on the cross but God who is immortal did not die. It was his physical body that died on the cross. The spirit does not die but returns to God.
25) Jesus was conceived by the Holy Ghost as far as His humanity but His deity always existed.
26) Jesus co-exists with the Father. They are “one”. They are one in nature (eternal Spirit), but they have different offices and responsibilities. They are both indivisibly linked together (Matt.11:27; Luke 10:22; John 12:45)
27) The Father was the Jehovah of the O.T. (Psalm 23:1) and Jesus in the N.T. (John 10:11; Heb.13:20; 1 Pet.2:25; Rev.7:17)
28) In John 5:18, Jesus called God his Father. Again to a Jew they saw this as making himself equal with God and tried to stone him.
29) In John 14:9, “He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father....”
30) In John 10:33 the Jews again tried to stone Jesus because they believed He was only a man claiming to be God.
31) Jesus emptied himself (Phil. 2:5-8) of His glory for our sakes to come to earth and die for us.
32) We saw Jesus Christ’s glory at the Transfiguration.
33) In Col.2:9 we see that “For in Him (Christ) dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.”
34) In Jude 25, Jesus is addressed as, “To the only wise God our Savior.”



35) In Col.1:15, "Who (Christ) is the image of the invisible God..."
36) Jesus was equal with the Father (Phil.2:5,6)
37) Jesus had glory before He came to earth as a man (John 17:5; see Isaiah 48:11)
38) In John 1:1, we see that Jesus (the Word) was God. How come all the different versions claim this and only the Jehovah Witnesses' Bible says "The Word was a god". Are all those Greek scholars wrong?
39) In 1 John 5:20, Jesus is called the "true God and eternal life."
40) In Titus 2:13, "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ."

### A FEW THOUGHTS ABOUT CHRIST'S DEITY

If one was to think of Jesus as not being God what would be the consequences? These are very apparent as we study every religion, cult, or system outside Christianity. You have some kind of formula in which to try to get to God. This formula is called "works". The question is, "How much works is enough." Reincarnationists believe it cannot be done in this lifetime as well as many other religions. Yet, if Christ was not God, we have no redemption and no "assurance of salvation." Only God could redeem man. A lower form of being cannot make redemption for itself to a higher form. Yet, it is almost too easy. We accept what Jesus did for us on the cross. We believe and enter into His life. The eternal life of Christ. Why does it seem too easy to people outside Christianity? Because of man's pride. Christ's death on the cross takes away from us every means we have within ourselves of obtaining salvation. Human pride says that, "I must do something." Christianity says, "I can't do anything. It is impossible to get to God. God came to us."

Many formulate cleverly devised schemes to get to God. Wonderfully devised schemes. But the root of it all is "man's pride". When they stand before Jesus at the judgment, will what they have done be enough? No. "All our righteousness is as filthy rags" (Isa.64:6). When we as Christians stand before Jesus at the judgment, we will have looked back to the cross and the only thing to say to Jesus then will be, "Thank you Lord Jesus, God of all, that you died for me. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you." No "pride" just "thank you."

"It is finished"

## **CHRIST IS GOD**

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Jehovah (Isaiah 40:3; Matthew 3:3); As Jehovah of glory (Psalms 24:7,10; 1 Cor.2:8; James 2:1); As Jehovah, our Righteousness (Jer.23:5,6; 1 Cor.1:30); As Jehovah, above all (Psalms 97:9; John 3:31); As Jehovah, the First and Last (Isa.44:6; Rev.1:17; Isa.48:12-16; Rev.22:13); As Jehovah, Fellow and Equal (Zech.13:7; Phil.2:6); As Jehovah of Hosts (Isa.6:1-3; John 12:41; Isa.8:13,14; 1 Pet.2:8); As Jehovah, the Shepherd (Isa.40:11; Heb.13:20); As Jehovah, for whose glory all things were created (Pro.16:4; Col.1:16); As Jehovah, the Messenger of the covenant (Mal.3:1; Mark 1:2; Luke 2:27); Invoked as Jehovah (Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21; 1 Cor.1:2); As the Eternal God and Creator (Psalms 102:24-27; Heb.1:8, 10-12); As Mighty God (Isa.9:6); As the Great God and Saviour (Hos.1:7; Titus 2:13); As God over all (Psa.45:6,7; Romans 9:5); As the true God (Jer.10:10; 1 John 5:20); As God the Word (John 1:1); As God, the judge (Ecc.12:14; 1 Cor.4:5; 2 Cor.5:10; 2 Tim.4:1); Immanuel (Isa.7:14; Matt.1:23); As King of kings and Lord of lords (Deut.10:17; Rev.1:5; 17:14); As the Holy One (1 Sam.2:2; Acts 3:14); As the Lord from heaven (1 Cor.15:47); As Lord of the Sabbath (Gen.2:3; Matt.12:8); As Lord of all (Acts 10:36; Romans 10:11-13); As Son of God (Matt.26:63-67); As the Only-begotten Son of the Father (John 1:14,18; 3:16,18; 1 John 4:9); His blood is called the blood of God (Acts 20:28); As one with the Father (John 10:30,38; 12:45; 14:7-10; 17:10); As sending the Spirit, equally with the Father (John 14:16; 15:26); As entitled to equal honour with the Father (John 5:23); As Owner of all things, equally with the Father (John 16:15); As unrestricted by the law of the sabbath, equally with the Father (John 5:17); As the Source of grace, equally with the Father (1 Thess.3:11; 2 Thess.2:26,17); As unsearchable, equally with the Father (Pro.30:4; Matt.11:27); As Creator of all things (Isaiah 40:28; John 1:3; Col.1:16; Heb.1:2); As Supporter and Preserver of all things (Neh.9:6; Col.1:17; Heb.1:3); As possessed of the fulness of the God head (Col.2:9; Heb.1:3); As raising the dead (John 5:21; 6:40, 54); As raising himself from the dead (John 2:19,21; 10:18); As Eternal (Isa.9:6; Micah 5:2; John 1:1; Col.1:17; Heb.1:8-10; Rev.1:8); As Omnipresent (Matt.18:20; 28:20; John 3:13); As Omnipotent (Psa.45:3; Phil.3:21; Rev.1:8); As Omniscient (John 16:30; 21:17); As discerning the thoughts of the heart (1 Kings 16:30; 1 Kings 8:39; Luke 5:22; Eze.11:5; John 2:24,25; Rev.2:23); As unchangeable (Mal.3:6; Heb.1:12; 13:8); As having power to forgive sins (Col.3:13; Mark 2:7,10); As Giver of pastors to the Church (Jer.3:15; Eph.4:11-13); As Husband of the Church (Isa.54:5; Eph.5:25-32; Isa.62:5; Rev.21:2,9); As the object of divine worship (Acts 7:59; 2 Cor.12:8,9; Heb.1:6; Rev.5:12); As the object of faith (Psa.2:12; 1 Pet.2:6; Jer.17:5,7; John 14:1); As God, he redeems and purifies the Church to himself (Rev.5:9; Titus 2:14); As God, he presents the Church to himself (Eph.5:27; Jude 1:24,25); Saints live to him as God (Romans 6:11; Galatians 2:19; 2 Cor.5:15); Acknowledged by his Apostles (John 2:28); Acknowledged by the Old Testament saints (Gen.17:1; 48:15, 16; 32:24-30; Hos.12:3-5; Judges 6:22-24; 13:21,22; Job 19:25-27).



## LET'S TALK ABOUT CHRIST'S HUMANITY

1) Jesus was true man in every sense except that he was without sin. 1 Tim.2:5 says, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the <u>man</u> Christ Jesus." In order to mediate between God and man, he had to be both God and man.
2) In 1 Cor.15:21 the first Adam brought death; the second Adam, Christ, brought life.
3) He was given <u>the human</u> name Jesus which means, "Savior" and "The Lord Saves."
4) He was given the title the "Son of Man" which showed his humanity.
5) To be human, Jesus had to have a human parent. Mary was that human parent. (Luke 2:7; Galatians 4:4)
6) Jesus came from the human line of Judah. Jesus came from the line of David.
7) Jesus became "flesh" (John 1:14). He had a human nature.
8) Jesus suffered, learned obedience, increased in wisdom, asked questions, grew physically, was tempted, worked as a carpenter, sweated, was tired, suffered, hungered, thirsted, cried, slept, loved, had compassion, got angry, was grieved, groaned, and prayed.
9) Jesus had a spirit, soul, and body. His spirit returned to His Father at death, His soul was sorrowful in Gethsemane, and His body was buried in the grave.
10) At the age of 33, Jesus physically died. He was completely man.
11) Jesus still possesses a body which qualifies him to be our mediator (Luke 24:39; John 20:27; Acts 7:55,56)

# SOME NAMES FOR CHRIST

1. An Advocate (1 John 2:1)
3. The All, and in All (Col.3:11)
5. The Altogether Lovely (Songs 5:16)
7. The Author of Eternal Salvation (Hebrews 5:9)
9. The Beginning and Ending (Revelation 1:8)
11. The Bread of Life (John 6:35)
13. Christ (Matthew 1:16)
15. The Christ of God (Luke 9:20)
17. Christ our Passover (1 Corinthians 5:7)
19. Counselor (Isaiah 9:6)
21. The Door of the Sheep (John 10:7)
23. The Eternal God (Deut. 33:27)
25. Faithful and True (Rev. 19:11)
27. The First Begotten (Hebrews 1:6)
29. The Word of Life (1 John 1:1)
31. God Blessed Forever (Romans 9:5)
33. God With Us (Matthew 1:23)
35. The Great God (Titus 2:13)
37. Our Guide Even Unto Death (Psalms 48:14)
39. Heir of All Things (Hebrews 1:2)
41. Thine Holy One (Acts 2:27)
43. The Hope of Glory (Colossians 1:27)
45. Jesus (Matthew 1:21)
47. Jesus Christ Our Lord (Romans 7:25)
49. The Just One (Acts 7:52)
51. King of Kings (Revelation 19:16)
53. The King of Righteousness (Hebrews 7:2)
55. The Lamb of God (John 1:29)
57. The Lamb that was Slain (Rev. 5:12)
59. The Last (Isaiah 44:6)
61. The Light (John 1:7)
63. The Light of the World (John 8:12)
65. The Lord and Saviour (2 Peter 1:11)
67. The Lord God of the Holy Prophets (Rev. 22:6)
69. Lord Jesus (Romans 10:9)
71. The Lord of Glory (1 Corinthians 2:8)
73. The Man Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 2:5)
75. Messiah the Prince (Daniel 9:25)
77. The Omega (Revelation 22:13)
79. The Prince of Life (Acts 3:15)
81. A Prophet Mighty in Deed and Word (Luke 24:19)
83. My Redeemer (Job 19:25)
85. The Salvation of God (Luke 3:6)
87. The Seed of Abraham (Galatians 3:16)
89. The Seed of the Woman (Genesis 3:15)
91. The Shepherd of Israel (Psalms 80:1)
93. The Son of David (Matthew 1:1)
95. The Son of Man (John 1:51)
97. The Tabernacle of God (Revelation 21:3)
99. The True Light (John 1:9)
101. The True Witness (Proverbs 14:25)
103. Undeified (Hebrews 7:26)
105. The Way (John 14:6)
107. The Word (John 1:1)
2. Alive for Evermore (Rev.1:18)
4. The Alpha and Omega (Rev.1:8)
6. The Amen (Revelation 3:14)
8. The Author of our Faith (Hebrews 12:2)
10. The Blessed Hope (Titus 2:13)
12. The Bright and Morning Star (Revelation 22:16)
14. Christ Come in the Flesh (1 John 4:2)
16. Christ Jesus The Lord (2 Corinthians 4:5)
18. Christ Risen from the Dead (1 Corinthians 15:20)
20. The Creator (Romans 1:25)
22. Emmanuel (Matthew 1:23)
24. The Eternal Life (1 John 1:2)
26. The Faithful and True Witness (Revelation 3:14)
28. The First Begotten of the Dead (Revelation 1:5)
30. God (Rev. 21:7)
32. God manifest in the Flesh (1 Timothy 3:16)
34. The Good Shepherd (John 10:11)
36. That Great Shepherd of the Sheep (Hebrews 13:20)
38. The Head of the Body, the Church (Colossians 1:18)
40. My Helper (Hebrews 13:6)
42. Our Hope (1 Timothy 1:1)
44. The Image of the Invisible God (Colossians 1:15)
46. Jesus Christ (Hebrews 13:8)
48. Jesus Christ, the Son of God (John 20:31)
50. The King Eternal (1 Timothy 1:17)
52. The King of Peace (Hebrews 7:2)
54. The Lamb (Rev. 17:14)
56. The Lamb Slain from the Foundation of the World (Rev.13:8)
58. The Lamb Who Is in the Midst of the Throne (Rev. 7:17)
60. The Life (John 14:6)
62. The Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God (2 Cor. 4:6)
64. The Lord (John 13:13)
66. Lord God Almighty (Revelation 16:7)
68. Lord God of Truth (Psalms 31:5)
70. Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1)
72. Lord of Lords (1 Timothy 6:15)
74. Messiah (Daniel 9:26)
76. A Name Above Every Name (Philippians 2:9)
78. His Only Begotten Son (John 3:16)
80. The Prophet (John 7:40)
82. The Propitiation for Our Sins (1 John 2:2)
84. The Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)
86. Saviour (Titus 2:13)
88. The Seed of David (Romans 1:3)(2 Timothy 2:8)
90. My Shepherd (Psalms 23:1)(Isaiah 40:11)
92. The Son of Abraham (Matthew 1:1)
94. The Son of God (John 1:49)
96. That Spiritual Rock (1 Corinthians 10:4)
98. The True Bread from Heaven (John 6:32)
100. The True Vine (John 15:1)
102. The Truth (John 14:6)
104. The Upholder of All things (Hebrews 1:3)
106. The Wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1:24)
108. The Word of God (Revelation 19:13)

Over "500" Names for Christ

Advocate; An Alien; Alive for Evermore; The All, and in All; The Almighty; The Alpha and Omega; An Altar; The Altogether Lovely; The Amen; The Angel of God; The Angel of His Presence; The Angel of the Lord; The Anointed; The Apostle of our Profession; The Ark of the Covenant; The Arm of the Lord; The Author of Eternal Salvation; The Author of our Faith; The Balm of Gilead; A Banner to Them that Fear Thee; The Bearer of Glory; The Bearer of Sin; Before All Things; The Beginning; The Beginning of the Creation of God; The Beginning and Ending; The Beloved; My Beloved Son; The Bishop of Your Souls; The Blessed and Only Potentate; The Blessed for Evermore; The Blessed Hope; The Branch; The Branch of the Lord; The Branch of Righteousness; The Bread of God; The Bread of Life; The Bridegroom; The Bright and Morning Star; The Brightness of His Glory; The Brightness of thy Rising; Our Brother; A Buckler; The Builder of the Temple; A Bundle of Myrrh; The Captain of the Host of the Lord; The Captain of Their Salvation; The Carpenter; The Carpenter's Son; The Chief Cornerstone; The Chief Shepherd; The Chiefest Among Ten Thousand; A Child Born; Child of the Holy Ghost; The Child Jesus; The Chosen of God; Chosen out of the People; Christ; The Christ; Christ Come in the Flesh; Christ Crucified; The Christ of God; Christ Jesus; Christ Jesus The Lord; Christ a King; Christ the Lord; Christ our Passover; Christ Risen from the Dead; A Cleft of the Rock; A Cluster of Camphire; The Comforter; A Commander of the Peoples; Conceived of the Holy Ghost; The Consolation of Israel; The Corn of Wheat; Counselor; The Covenant of the People; The Covert from the Tempest; The Covert of Thy Wings; The Creator; The Creator of the Ends of the Earth; A Crown of Glory; My Darling; The Day; The Daysman; The Day Spring from on High; The Daystar to Arise; His Dear Son; My Defense; My Deliverer; The Desire of all Nations; Despised by the People; A Diadem of Beauty; The Door of the Sheep; Dwelling Place; Mine Elect; Emmanuel; The End of the Law; The Ensign of the People; Equal with God; The Eternal God; That Eternal Life; The Everlasting Father; An Everlasting Light; An Everlasting Name; Thy Exceeding Great Reward; His Excellency; The Excellency of Our God; Excellent; The Express Image of His Person; The Face of the Lord; The Fairer than the Children of Men; Faithful; Faithful and True; The Faithful and True Witness; A Faithful Creator; A Faithful High Priest; A Faithful Priest; The Faithful Witness; A Faithful Witness Between Us; A Faithful Witness in Heaven; The Finisher of the Faith; The First Begotten; The First Begotten of the Dead; The First Born; The Firstborn Among Many Brethren; The Firstborn From the Dead; The Firstborn of Every Creature; Her Firstborn Son; The First Fruit; The Firstfruits of Them That Slept; Foreordained before the Foundation of the World; The Forerunner; Fortress; The Foundation Which is Laid; The Fountain of Life; The Fountain of Living Waters; The Friend of Publicans and Sinners; A Friend that Sticketh Closer than a Brother; The Fruit of the Earth; The Fruit of Thy Womb; The Gift of God; A Glorious High Throne from the Beginning; A Glorious name; Glory; My Glory; The Glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father; The Glory of God; The Glory of His Father; God; God Who Avenge Me; God Blessed Forever; God Who Forgavest Them; Our God For Ever and Ever; The God of Glory; The God of My Life; God in the Midst of Her; God manifest in the Flesh; God of My Righteousness; God of My Salvation; God of My Strength; God With Us; A Good Man; Good Master; The Good Shepherd; The Governor Among Nations; Great; The Great God; A Great High Priest; A Great Light; A Great prophet; That Great Shepherd of the Sheep; Greater; A Greater and More Perfect Tabernacle; Greater Than Our Father Abraham; Greater Than Our Father Jacob; Greater Than Jonah; Greater Than Solomon; Greater Than the Temple; Guest; Our Guide Even Unto Death; The Guiltless; The Habitation of Justice; Harmless; The Head of all Principality and Power; The Head of Every Man; The Head of the Body, the Church; The Head of the Corner; The Heir; Heir of All Things; My Helper; The Helper of the Fatherless; The Hidden Manna; My Hiding Place; A Hiding Place from the Wind; The High and Lofty One Who Inhabiteth Eternity; An High Priest; An High Priest after the Order of Melchizedek; An High Priest Forever; My High Tower; The Highest Himself; Holy; The Holy Child Jesus; Thine Holy One; The Holy One and Just; The Holy One Of Israel; That Holy Thing Which Shall be Born of Thee; Holy to the Lord; Our Hope; The Hope of Glory; The Hope of His People; The Hope of Israel; The Hope of Their Fathers; The Horn of David; The Horn of the House of Israel; An Horn of Salvation; An House of Defense; Her Husband; I Am; The Image of the Invisible God; Immanuel; Innocent Blood; The Jasper Stone; Jesus; Jesus Christ; Jesus Christ Our Lord; Jesus Christ, the Son of God; Jesus of Galilee; Jesus of Nazareth; Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews; A Jew; Joseph's Son; The Judge of All the Earth; The Judge of the Quick and the Dead; The Just One; This Just Person; Thy Keeper; The Kindness and Love of God; The King Eternal; The King Immortal; The King in His Beauty; The King Forever and Ever; The King Invisible; The King of All the Earth; The King of Glory; The King of Heaven; The King of Israel; King of Kings; The King of Peace; The King of Righteousness; King of Saints; The King of Salem; King of the Jews; The King Who Cometh in the Name of the Lord; The Kinsman; The Lamb; The Lamb of God; The Lamb Slain from the Foundation of the World; The Lamb that was Slain; The Lamb Who Is in the Midst of the Throne; The Last; The Last Adam; The Lawgiver; A Leader; The Life; The Lifter-Up of Mine Head; The Light; The Light of Men; The Light of the City; The Light of the Glorious Gospel of Christ; The Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God; The Light of the Morning; The Light of the World; A Light to Lighten the Gentiles; A Light to the Gentiles; The Lily among Thorns; The Lily of the Valleys; The Lion of the Tribe of Judah; The Living Bread; The Living God; Lord; Lord also of the Sabbath; My Lord and My God; The Lord and Saviour; Lord Both of the Dead and the Living; The Lord from Heaven; Lord God Almighty; The Lord God of the Holy Prophets; Lord God of Truth; Lord

God Omnipotent; The Lord God Who Judgeth Her; The Lord, Holy and True; Lord Jesus; Lord Jesus Christ; The Lord of Glory; The Lord of the Harvest; Lord of Lords; Lord of Peace; The Lord of the Vineyard; The Lord of the Whole Earth; The Lord's Christ; The Lord's Doing; Lowly in Heart; Magnified; Our Maker; The Man; A Man Approved of God; A Man Child; The Man Christ Jesus; The Man Whose Name is the Branch; The Man of Sorrows; The Man Whom He Hath Ordained; Manna; Marvelous in Our Eyes; Your Master; The Mediator; The Mediator of a Better Covenant; The Mediator of the New Covenant; The Mediator of the New Testament; Meek; Melchizedek; A Merciful and Faithful High Priest; His Mercy and His Truth; The Messenger of the Covenant; Messiah; Messiah the Prince; Mighty; The Mighty God; The Mighty One of Jacob; A Minister of the Circumcision; The Minister of the Heavenly Sanctuary; A More Excellent Name; The Morning Star; The Mouth of God; The Mystery of God; A Nail Fastened in a Sure Place; A Name Above Every Name; A Nazarene; An Offering and a Sacrifice to God; The Offspring of David; Ointment Poured Forth; The Omega; His Only Begotten Son; The Only Begotten of the Father; Only Potentate; The Only Wise God; An Owl of the Desert; Our Passover; A Pavilion; Our Peace; A Pelican of the Wilderness; A Perfect Man; The Person of Christ; Physician; A Place of Refuge; A Plant of Renown; A Polished Staff; Poor; My Portion; The Portion of Jacob; The Portion of Mine Inheritance; The Potter; The Power of God; Precious; Precious Corner Stone; Preeminence; A Price; The Price of His Redemption; A Priest Forever; The Priest of the Most High God; A Prince and Saviour; The Prince of Life; The Prince of Peace; Prince of Princes; The Prince of the Kings of the Earth; The Prophet; A Prophet Mighty in Deed and Word; The Prophet of Nazareth; A Prophet Without Honour; One of the Prophets; The Propitiation for Our Sins; Pure; A Purifier of Silver; Of Quick Understanding; A Quickening Spirit; Rabbi; Rabboni; Rain Upon the Mown Grass; A Ransom for All; A Ransom for Many; My Redeemer; Redemptor; The Redemption of Their Soul; A Refiner's Fire; Our Refuge; A Refuge in Times of Trouble; A Refuge for the Oppressed; A Refuge from the Storm; Our Report; A Reproach of Men; Their Resting Place; The Resurrection and the Life; Reverend; A Reward for the Righteous; Rich; The Riches of His Glory; Right; The Righteous; A Righteous Branch; My Righteous Servant; The Righteous Judge; A Righteous man; Righteousness; The Righteousness of God; A River of Water in a Dry Place; The Rock; The Rock that is Higher than I; The Rock of Israel; A Rock of Offence; The Rock of My Refuge; The Rock of His Salvation; The Rock of Our Salvation; The Rock of Thy Strength; The Rod; A Rod out of the Stem of Jesse; The Root of David; A Root of Jesse; A Root out of Dry Ground; The Root and Offspring of David; The Rose of Sharon; A Ruler; The Sacrifice for Sins; A Sacrifice to God; My Salvation; The Salvation of God; The Salvation of Israel; A Samaritan; The Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever; A Sanctuary; A Sardine Stone; The Saving Strength of His Anointed; Saviour; The Saviour of All Men; The Saviour of the Body; The Saviour of the World; The Scapegoat; The Scepter of Israel; The Scepter of Thy Kingdom; Secret; The Secret of Thy Presence; The Seed of Abraham; The Seed of David; The Seed of the Woman; The Sent One; Separate from His Brethren; Separate from Sinners; The Serpent in the Wilderness; My Servant; A Servant of Rulers; My Servant the Branch; A Shadow from the Heat; The Shadow of the Almighty; The Shadow of a Great Rock; A Shelter; My Shepherd; The Shepherd of Israel; Our Shield; Shiloh; A Sign of the Lord; Siloam; Sin; A Snare to the Inhabitants of Jerusalem; The Son; His Son from Heaven; A Son Given; The Son of Abraham; The Son of David; The Son of God; The Son of Joseph; The Son of Man; The Son of Mary; The Son of the Blessed; The Son of the Father; The Son of the Free Woman; The Son of the Highest; The Son of the Living God; The Son of the Most High God; A Son over His own House; The Son who is Consecrated for Evermore; My Song; A Sower; A Sparrow alone upon the Housetop; That Spiritual Rock; A Star out of Jacob; My Stay; A Stone Cut out of the Mountain; A Stone Cut without Hands; The Stone of Israel; A Stone of Stumbling; The Stone which the Builders Refused; The Stone which the Builders Rejected; The Stone which was Set at Nought; A Stranger; My Strength; The Strength of Israel; The Strength of My Life; A Strength to the Needy in Distress; A Strength to the Poor; A Strong Consolation; A Stronghold in the Day of Trouble; A Strong Tower; A Strong Tower from the Enemy; A Stumbling Block; The Sun of Righteousness; A Sure Foundation; The Sure Mercies of David; A Surety of a Better Testament; A Sweet Smelling Savour; A Tabernacle for a Shadow; The Tabernacle of God; A Teacher Come from God; The Temple; A Tender Plant; The Tender Mercy of God; The Testimony of God; This Treasure; A Tried Stone; The True Bread from Heaven; The True Light; The True Vine; The True Witness; The Truth; Undeified; Understanding; The Unknown God; The Unspeakable Gift; The Upholder of All things; Upright; The Veil; The Very God of Peace; Very Great; A Very Present Help in Trouble; The Victory; The Vine; The Voice; A Wall of Fire; The Wave Offering; The Way; The Weakness of God; A Wedding Garment; The Well of Living Waters; The Well of Salvation; Wisdom; The Wisdom of God; A Wise Master Builder; My Witness; A Witness of God; A Witness to the People; Wonderful; The Word; The Word of God; The Word of Life; Worthy; That Worthy Name; Worthy to be Praised; The Yokefellow; The young Child; The Zeal of the Lord of Hosts; The Zeal of Thine House

# LET'S TALK ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT'S DEITY

## HIS PERSONALITY

1) The Bible uses “personal pronouns” to describe the Holy Spirit. (John 15:26; 16:8; 16:13; 16:14; Romans 8:16; 8:26; etc.)
2) The Holy Spirit is a person because He has certain characteristics. Will power (1 Cor.12:11); Intelligence (Neh.9:20; Romans 8:27); Grieves (Eph.4:30); Loves (Romans 15:30); Power (Acts 1:8); Knowledge (1 Cor.2:10-12).
3) The Holy Spirit does the same things that a person does. He speaks (Rev.2:7); cries out (Gal.4:6); intercedes (Rom.8:26); testifies (John 15:26); teaches (John 14:26); leads and directs (Rom.8:14); commands (Acts 16:6,7); calls people (Acts 13:2; Acts 20:28); is a missionary (John 15:26); and searches the deep things of God (1 Cor.2:10).
4) The Holy Spirit has emotions. He is grieved (Isa.63:10); can be insulted (Heb.10:29); can be lied to (Acts 5:3); and can be blasphemed (Matt.12:31; 32).
5) The Holy Spirit is a person because He has intellect, emotions, will, knowledge, and actions. He is not an “it” but a living person.
6) The Holy Spirit can be fellowshiped with, communed with, cures the broken heart, comforts us, guides us, leads us, teaches us, leads us into all truth, empowers people’s witnessing and preaching, gives life, takes away fears, is with us wherever we go, and comes alongside us (Greek word – Parakletos).

## WHY THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD [3,4,7]

a) The Holy Spirit possesses divine attributes of God. He is eternal (Heb.9:14); omnipresent (Psa.139:7-10); omnipotent (Luke 1:35; Gen.1:2; Job 26:13); omniscient (1 Cor.2:10,11; John 14:26; John 16:12,13); holy for in the words “Holy Spirit” the word “holy” describes His character (Luke 11:13); truth (1 John 5:6); good (Neh.9:20); and communes with us (2 Cor.13:14).
b) The Holy Spirit creates (Job 33:4; Psa.104:30); justifies (1 Cor.6:11); seals us for the day of redemption (Eph.1:13); gives life (John 6:63); is the author of the new birth (John 3:5,6); prophecies (2 Peter 1:21); convicts (John 16:8-11); and speaks (Isa.6:8-10; Acts 5:3-5).
c) Is associated with the Father and the Son. (Matt.28:19; 2 Cor.13:14; John 14:16). A Jew would never associate someone with God unless He was God.

## FURTHER STUDY: [“TORREY’S TOPICAL TEXTBOOK”] [10]

As Jehovah (Exodus 17:7; Hebrews 3:7-9; Numbers 12:6; 2 Peter 1:21); As Jehovah of hosts (Isa.6:3,8-10; Acts 28:25); As Jehovah, Most High (Psa.78:17,21; Acts 7:51); Being invoked as Jehovah (Luke 2:26-29; Acts 4:23-25; 1:16,20; 2 Thess.3:5); As called God (Acts 5:3,4); As joined with the Father and the Son in the baptismal formula (Matt.28:19); As eternal (Hebrews 9:14); As omnipresent (Psalms 139:7-13); As omniscient (1 Cor.2:10); As omnipotent (Luke 1:35; Romans 15:19); As the Spirit of glory and of God (1 Pet.4:14); As Creator (Gen.1:26,27; Job 33:4); As equal to, and one with the Father (Matt.28:19; 2 Cor.13:14); As Sovereign Disposer of all things (Dan.4:35; 1 Cor.12:6,11); As Author of the new birth (John 3:5,6; 1 John 5:4); As raising Christ from the dead (Acts 2:24; 1 Pet.3:18; Heb.13:20; Rom.1:4); As inspiring Scripture (2 Tim.3:16; 2 Pet.1:21); As the source of wisdom (1 Cor.12:8; Isa.11:2; John 16:13; 14:26); As the source of miraculous power (Matt.12:28; Luke 11:20; Acts 19:11; Rom.15:19); As appointing and sending ministers (Acts 13:2,4; 9:38; 20:28); As directing where the gospel should be preached (Acts 16:6,7,10); As dwelling in saints (John 14:17; 1 Cor.14:25; 3:16; 6:19); As Comforter of the Church (Acts 9:31; 2 Cor.1:3); As sanctifying the Church (Eze.37:28; Rom.15:16); As the Witness (Heb.10:15; 1 John 5:9); As convincing of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment (John 16:8-11)



# LET'S STUDY THE TRINITY

## CONSIDER THE NUMBER "THREE": [6,3,4,7]

1) The number "3" is considered the "Divine Number" in Scriptures because it is mentioned often as dealing with Holy Things. It speaks of the Trinity of God – Father, Son, Holy Spirit.
2) Man is a three part being – spirit, soul, and body. "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground (body), and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (spirit); and man became a living soul (soul)" (Genesis 2:7). We are made in the image of God.
3) "May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole <u>spirit, soul, and body</u> be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and He will do it." (1 Thess.5:23) Here, we see spirit, soul, & body.
4) The Three Great Feasts; the Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles (Leviticus Ch. 23).
5) The threefold character of the Baptismal Formula "baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."(Matt.28:19)
6) The Apostolic Benediction: "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Cor.13:14)
7) In Matt.3:13-17, we see God the Father speaking from heaven, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." God the Son, Jesus Christ, was being baptized. God the Holy Spirit descended like a dove and alighted on the Savior.
8) In the creation of man in Genesis 1:26, we see plural terms being used. "And God said, Let US make man in OUR image, after OUR likeness; and let them have dominion."
9) The Three Temptations of Christ (Matt.4; Luke 4)
10) Christ's Three Prayers in Gethsemane (Matt.26:36-46; Mark 13:32-42; Luke 22:39-46)
11) Peter's "3" Denials (Matt.26:69-75; Mk. 14:66-72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-18, 25-27)
12) Christ's Restoration of Peter with Three Questions and 3 Charges. (John 21:15-18)
13) The "Restoration of Israel" on the "third" day. (Hosea 6:1,2)
14) Jonah's three days inside the belly of the whale. (Jonah 1:17, Matt.12:38-40)
15) Jesus is spoken of as 'He which <u>"is"</u> and <u>"was"</u> and <u>"is to come"</u> . (Rev.1:8; 4:8)
16) We see Christ's threefold ministry as the Faithful Witness (Prophet), First Begotten from the Dead (Priest), and the "Prince of the Kings of the Earth" (King). He is "Prophet", "Priest", and "King". As Prophet, He is God's Word. As Priest, He is God's Lamb. As King, He is God's Lion. (Rev.1:5)
17) In Rev. 16:13 we see <u>the dragon, false prophet, and beast</u> – manifested during the tribulation. In Rev.20:10 see the dragon, false prophet, and beast before Christ's 1,000 year earthly reign. "And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light." (2 Cor.11:14). If Satan believes in the Trinity and counterfeits it, why shouldn't we believe?
18) The four "Living Creatures" chant "Holy, Holy, Holy". He is three times "Holy". (Rev.4:8) and they give Him "Glory", "Honor", and "Thanks". (Rev.4:9)
19) His Works are the Works of God. Jesus we made alive by the Spirit (1 Peter 3:18) "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but <u>made alive by the Spirit.</u> "
20) "For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of <u>righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit</u> " (Romans 15:17)
21) (Acts 17:28) "For in Him we <u>live</u> , and <u>move</u> , and <u>have our being</u> ".
22) "For <u>from</u> Him and <u>through</u> Him and <u>to</u> Him are all things." (Romans 11:36)

23) <u>“His good, pleasing, and perfect will”</u> is seen in Romans 12:3.
24) In Acts 17:32-34, we see that people respond to the Gospel in 3 different ways. “Sneer”, “want to hear some more”, or “believe”. “When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them (1) <u>sneered</u> but others said, ‘We want to (2) <u>hear you again</u> on this subject.’ At that, Paul left the Council. A few men became followers of Paul and (3) <u>believed</u> .”
25) <u>The number Three is also prominent in nature.</u>
The primary colors of solar light are Blue, Yellow, and Red. The Sun manifests Light, Heat, and Chemical Rays. Nature has Three Kingdoms: Animal, Vegetable, and Mineral. Matter exists in three forms: Gas, Liquid, and Solid. The great forces of nature are Gravity, Light, and Electricity.

## THE TRINITY AND ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

In the Holy Spirit we see God Almighty in that the same attributes attributed to the Father and Jesus are spoken about the Holy Spirit. His attributes affirm personality and deity. [7]

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>God the Father</u>	<u>God the Son</u>	<u>God the Holy Spirit</u>
1) Omnipresent	Jeremiah 23:24	Matthew 18:20	Psalms 139:7
2) Omniscient	Jeremiah 17:10	Revelation 2:23	1 Corinthians 2:11
3) Omnipotent	1 Peter 1:5	2 Corinthians 12:9	Romans 15:19
4) Eternal	Psalms 90:2	Revelation 1:8,17	Hebrews 9:14
5) Holy	Revelation 15:4	Acts 3:14	Luke 1:15
6) Truth	John 7:28	Revelation 3:7	1 John 5:6
7) Benevolent	Romans 2:4	Ephesians 5:25	Nehemiah 9:20
8) Communion	1 John 1:3	1 John 1:3	2 Corinthians 13:14

### **MORE ABOUT THE TRINITY: [3,4]**

<b>1) Many have come against the Christian doctrine of the Trinity. In these last days before Jesus returns we need to know what we really believe. The essence can be, and is, at once, three persons and one personal being. Three persons but one essence. Three eternal distinctions in the one divine essence. The Tri-personality of God. The triune God.</b>
<b>2) The Athanasian Creed says, “We worship one God in the Trinity, and the Trinity in unity; we distinguish among the persons, but we do not divide the substance ..... The entire three persons are coeternal and coequal with each other so that one can worship complete unity in Trinity and Trinity in unity”.</b>
<b>3) If there were no trinity, there could be no incarnation for God is Holy and had to become man. There could be no objective redemption for the Father was in Heaven while the Son was on the cross; therefore no salvation for there would be no one capable of acting as Mediator between God and man (1 Tim.2:5,6).</b>
<b>4) The doctrine of the trinity is not a truth of natural theology, but of revelation.</b>
<b>5) The Trinity is indeed the threefold persons of God and yet God in ESSENCE one.</b>
<b>6) What a beautiful thing it is to right now to have our Father reigning in Heaven, Jesus our Risen Savior seated at His right hand praying for us right now as our High Priest, and the Wonderful Counselor, indwelling us, empowering us, loving us, and changing us.</b>
<b>7) We don’t have to understand it in my mind but accept it by faith that my God has everything covered. He is able to save us to the uttermost.</b>

### **AND MORE ABOUT THE TRINITY. [7]**

<b>a) In a business, the company may be called “Jones and Company”. John Jones, Jim Jones, and Peter Jones may be the heads of three different departments in the company. The three work together in unison, yet it is one company. Three persons working together in unison, yet one company.</b>
<b>b) Light has three different rays. It has red heat rays (invisible like the Father), yellow light rays (that are seen giving us a picture of the Son), and blue chemical rays (seen by their effects giving us a picture of the Holy Spirit).</b>
<b>c) Water comes in three forms. Liquid, ice, and steam. Yet it is still only water.</b>
<b>d) A Shamrock is a three-leaved plant. It is one leaf but three distinct sections.</b>
<b>e) John Clarke. John is a husband, father, and teacher. He is one person but functions in three different roles at the same time.</b>



## **SALVATION (BECOMING A CHILD OF GOD)**

People are saved by an act of their will when they have received Jesus Christ into their hearts as their personal Savior trusting in Christ's shed blood for them on the cross of Calvary. It is not whether you go to church, whether you are baptized, whether you are in the choir, whether you are a good person, whether your parents are or aren't Christians, whether you were born in a Christian home, etc. To put your faith in something that you do or someone else did will never get you born again. We can only be saved by putting our faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross and asking Jesus Christ to come into our heart and rule as our Lord and Savior. Then we must turn our will and lives over to God and allow God to be our Lord. That is salvation. It is putting our faith in what Jesus did for us on the cross of Calvary, not in what you have done.

### **HERE'S 12 (of many) REASONS TO TRUST CHRIST AS SAVIOR [7]**

1) Jesus is God. His teachings are divine truth on which I can confidently build my life on. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."
2) Jesus died for my sins on the cross of Calvary. His shed blood on the cross was the atonement that I needed to bring me to God. "Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin."
3) Jesus rose from the dead and is alive today. He is alive and able to talk to me on a personal basis everyday. Jesus Christ has power over death. I need that.
4) Jesus Christ has divine power. He is more than a good man. He has divine power to give to me on a day-by-day basis for my life.
5) Jesus was sinless. He was not able to sin because He was God. This makes Him able to save me completely. Jesus cannot and will not ever sin. His salvation for me is perfect. For Jesus to come into my heart and live in me gives me the power I need over sin, the world, and the devil.
6) Jesus created all things. He is bigger, mightier, and more powerful than anything. I need the best and Jesus is the best. He is God Almighty. (No other religious leader has ever pretended or said to be God).
7) Jesus was and is perfect. I can never be perfect no matter how hard I try. I need Jesus' perfection in my life or I will spend the rest of my life trying to be better. How much is enough? Only perfection is enough. I need Christ's perfection, not mine.
8) Jesus knows what it is like to be human. Jesus suffered loss, pain, affliction, rejection, heartache, etc. No body else can relate to me better than Jesus. He is able to comfort me, help me, give me rest, give me hope, and give me life.
9) Jesus loves me. He wants nothing but the best for me. He is "for" me. He will never leave me & promises to be with me always. His love is unchanging, perfect, & ever present.
10) Jesus lived His life for His Father. He knew the Father and loved Him. If Jesus could completely trust in His Father, even enough to go to the cross, why can't I?
11) Jesus received a new spiritual body that will never die. I am promised the same.
12) Jesus changes lives. Millions upon millions of people testify to the life changing power, joy, love, peace, and salvation Jesus Christ provides.

## HOW CAN I BE SAVED? [2]

**"YET TO ALL WHO RECEIVED HIM, TO THOSE WHO BELIEVED IN HIS NAME, HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD" (JOHN 1:12)**

### **BELIEVE + RECEIVE = BECOME**

**BELIEVE that God loves you and promises you eternal life in Jesus**

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, what whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 1:4; 2:11; 3:14-15; 3:18; 5:24; 6:40; 6:47; 8:30; 10:42; 11:45; 12:11)

**BELIEVE that you are separated from God and a sinner**

Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:10; 6:23) We sin because of our "sinful nature" that was imparted to us by Adam. We need a new nature – the divine nature of Jesus imparted to us by the New Birth (John 3:3-6)

**BELIEVE that God provided a way for you to have forgiveness of sins**

Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrated his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Ephesians 2:8,9; Titus 3:3-7). God's grace is Christ dying for our sins on the cross. Every religion says "DO". Go to church, pray, do a pilgrimage, do penance, etc. Christianity says, "DONE". Jesus did it all for us on the cross of Calvary.

**RECEIVE his forgiveness, love, and acceptance.**

Romans 8:9-10, "That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (John 1:12; Acts 4:12; Eph 2:4; Rev. 3:20)

**RECEIVE Christ by praying this following prayer from the heart:**

"Lord Jesus, thank you for shedding your blood on the cross for me. Thank you for dying for me and rising from the dead so that I might have eternal life in you. I confess that I am a sinner and that salvation is found in no one else but you. I thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. I now ask you to come into my heart and reign in my heart and life as my Savior, Lord, and King. I give you my life. Now Lord, fill me with your Holy Spirit so that I can have power over the world, sin, and the devil. Thank you that I am a child of God and that I will spend eternity with you. I love you Jesus. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen."

**BECOME a "child of God" by the new birth.**

2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come." Have you received Christ into your heart? Did he say he would come in if you received him? Is Christ a liar? Do you feel saved (salvation is not a feeling but believing)? Christianity is walking by faith. You "are" a child of God by faith. As you walk with Christ, begin to "thank" him for saving you. The feelings will follow as you put your trust in him. **JESUS HAS DONE IT ALL FOR YOU AT THE CROSS. YOU'RE A CHILD OF GOD AND HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.**

## **GROWING AS A CHILD OF GOD [1]**

a) Read your Bible daily. God talks to us through His Word. (Psalm 105:11)
b) Pray to God daily. Find a time that is most suitable to you. Daniel prayed three times a day. You can do this by praying before every meal. Don't be too hard on yourself. Start out slowly, and develop a relationship with God. Begin to ask God to speak to you through His word. Ask God to "keep" you as He's promised. Ask God to continue to help you become more and more like Jesus.
c) Try to memorize scripture. When God speaks to you through His Word, take some time to memorize the passage. Some people like to put the verses on cards that they go back and look at again and again.
d) Find a godly man (if you are a male) or woman (if you are a woman) to pray with, share your life with, and to guide you in your Christian walk. This is called discipleship. People who get "discipled" end up discipling others.
e) Find a good Christian church that preaches the Bible, is interested in your Christian growth, and provides Bible studies, prayer groups, and support. An amazing thing about Christianity is that when we are born again, we don't "have" to go to church, we "want" to. [Remember that Christians are not perfect. A lot of people get hurt by putting their trust in people. Put your trust in God and pray that God will bring good Christians into your life.]
f) Don't be in a hurry to go into ministry. Listen to God's voice. Allow time to grow. Be wise. Many people get "too" involved without taking the time to grow and mature in Christ. Get involved in ministry as God leads you.
g) Fellowship with mature Christians. If you hang around Jesus, you will become like Jesus. We become "who" we hang around with.
h) Ask your pastor when you can be baptized. Baptism is an "outward" sign of an "inward" change. It is "identifying" with Jesus publicly to show others we have made a commitment to Jesus Christ. Also ask your pastor about "communion."

**IF YOU ARE NOT CONSTANTLY HEARING  
THE WORD "JESUS"  
FROM YOUR PREACHER -  
RUN OUT OF THAT CHURCH.**

**IT'S ALL ABOUT  
*JESUS***

# SANCTIFICATION

## (BECOMING LIKE JESUS) [7]

1) Sanctification is the same as holiness. It is separation <u>from</u> the world, sin, and the devil and separation <u>unto</u> God.
2) Hebrews 12:14 calls us to, “Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.” We are called to be holy, cleansed, and set apart.
3) Jesus sanctified himself so we should be sanctified, “For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.” (John 17:19). We should be sanctified so that others will be by what they see in our lifestyle.
4) In 1 Peter 3:15 we are commanded, “But in your hearts set apart Jesus Christ as Lord.” Jesus should fill our hearts.
5) 2 Timothy 2:21 says, “If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.” We are to be sanctified so that we can be used for God’s glory.
6) In the Old Testament, the tabernacle, men, buildings, temples, priests, the nation, the firstborn the tabernacle’s contents, etc. were sanctified or cleansed (2 Chronicles 29; Numbers 8:17; Exodus 40:9-11; Lev.27:14-16). These were done to give us a picture that we too should be set apart and made holy.
7) We can be sanctified by spending time in the Word of God, renewing our mind, and putting our faith in the sanctifying work of Christ’s blood. We need to agree with the Word of God and the Holy Spirit when they convict of us of sin. Then we should confess the sin and repent (walk in a new way). We need to allow God to use the “all things” of Romans 8:28 to conform us to the image of Christ (Romans 8:29). God allows struggles, difficulties, persecutions, etc. into our lives so that we will become more and more like Jesus Christ.
8) Jesus is our Sanctification. We were sanctified when we were born again “positionally”. We know that we “are” sanctified. Jesus is also our Sanctifier. He continually and experientially sanctifies us everyday. He brings His cleansing and healing power into our lives each moment as we allow Him. We “ARE” sanctified positionally, we “ARE BEING” sanctified moment by moment, and we “WILL BE” sanctified when Christ returns for us. Hallelujah!!!!

**CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE IS NOT SOMETHING  
WHICH IS GOING ON AROUND THE BELIEVER BUT  
SOMETHING WHICH IS GOING ON WITHIN HIM**

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# SALVATION (ASSURANCE)

WE CAN BE ASSURED OF OUR SALVATION  
FOR THE BIBLE CLEARLY TEACHES "ASSURANCE". [3,4,7]

1) In order to be free to share your faith, you must be confident that you are saved.
2) It is not right to just "think," "hope," or "pretend" that you are saved. You can know you are saved by faith in what God has said in His Holy Word the Bible.
3) You are either "saved" or "not saved". You are either "in Christ" or "out of Christ". You are either going to heaven or going to hell. God does not see us as Protestants or Catholics, church goers, church leaders, teachers, etc. He sees us as either "saved" or "not saved".
4) Many people say, "I don't feel saved". Salvation is not a feeling. It is faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross and his resurrection. You may not feel like you are a father or mother but you are still a father or mother.
5) Salvation is a gift (Eph.2:8) that we can receive, possess, and be confident of. When someone gives you a gift at Christmas, you don't wonder if you have it or not. You simply say, "Thank you." It is the same with salvation. Say, "Thank you" Jesus.
6) Many people believe they have to work to be saved. How much work is enough? If a person would continually have to work to be saved they would never be able to find the rest that Jesus promises (Matt.11:28, 29). We do not work "to" the cross but "from" the cross.
7) Assurance of salvation is to have the confidence that we are saved. It's to know that if you were to die right now, you would go to heaven and spend eternity with Jesus.
8) Jesus Christ is eternal life (1 John 1:2; 1 John 5:11,12; 1 John 5:20). When we were saved we entered into Christ's eternal life. There is only one life that is going to live for eternity. That is the life of Christ. In order to experience His life, we have to be "in Christ". Jesus took our life into Himself on the cross ("For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God" Col. 3:3 – see Galatians 2:20; Romans 6:1-10). This became real in our lives when we received Christ into our hearts and put our faith in His finished work on the cross.
9) It is important not to put our faith in our feelings. Our feelings are part of our soul (mind, will, and emotions). Satan has access to our feelings. Our feelings can be up and down. But "we walk by faith".
10) We base our assurance on three things. 1) The witness of the Holy Spirit (Rom.8:16; Galatians 4:6); 2) The Word of God (1 John 5:10; 1 John 5:13; John 5:24; Acts 13:39; Luke 7:48; Romans 10:13); and the changed life (1 John 3:14; 2 Cor.5:17).
11) <u>From now on</u> trust the Word of God for your salvation. The Word of God never changes. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Stay spiritually alert, come out of the world, put away all sin (1 John 1:9); walk in the Spirit (Gal.5:16; Luke 11:13); don't become "religious" but soft hearted towards Jesus; and love fellowshiping with the saints.

## QUESTIONS FOR THE UNASSURED?

Go to John 1:12 in your Bible.

A: Did you receive Christ as your personal Savior?

A: Did you believe in His name?

A: Then Jesus has given you the right to “become” a child of God.

Go to John 5:24 in your Bible.

A: Is Jesus the Truth? Is Jesus telling the truth?

A: Have you heard God’s Word about salvation through Jesus Christ?

A: Do you believe on the One who sent Jesus?

A: Then what do you have?

A: Is that “now” or “in the future”?

A: Will God condemn you?

A: What has happened?

A: Is that “now” or “in the future”?

NOW SEE: Acts 13:38,39; Romans 10:13; John 10:28,29; Ephesians 2:8,9;  
1 John 5:13; John 6:47; John 20:31

### “TWO WORDS” IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S MESSAGE.

When someone gives you a gift at your birthday party, what do you say? You say, “Thank you”. That is all it takes if you have believed on Jesus Christ. Start saying “thank you”. When the devil comes to try to steal the “joy of your salvation”, simply put your trust in God’s Word and begin to say something like this:

Jesus, thank you for saving me. I will praise you, forever.

Jesus, thank you for eternal life. I love you Jesus.

Jesus, thank you for dying for me. Jesus, you are LORD.

Jesus, thank you for forgiving my sins. I worship you.

Jesus, thank you for your Good News. I adore you.

You are LORD! Jesus is LORD! Jesus is LORD! Hallelujah!!!!

That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Romans 10:9,10

## SALVATION (OUR IDENTITY)

Most people identify themselves with their families, their jobs, their social clubs, their accomplishments, etc. If you think about it, our father's and mother's gave us death. They gave us a dead spirit (dead to God and alive to sin), a soul that was bound for hell, and a body that was dying the minute it was born. This is our "human" or "natural" inheritance. Also, many times people look at what they do or the things they've accomplished in life. This is not "who we are." They're not a solid foundation to build a life on.

When we become a Christian, Jesus not only enters into our life but just as importantly -we enter into His life (the life of God - the eternal life). His life - always has been - is now - and will always be. His life is eternal - eternal past, eternal present, and eternal future. So as Christians we "IDENTIFY" with His life - the life of God - the Eternal One's life. This is who we are.

Many people think humility is thinking of themselves as lowly & not very worthy. Actually, this is "not" humility. True humility is accepting the truth as fact and believing the truth about ourselves. God by His grace, love, and mercy has given us so many things. The list below is "WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST." It is now the life, gifts, and existence of God that we identify with as Christians.

But aren't we supposed to be humble as Christians? Yes, true humility says, "I am all this because of what Jesus Christ has done for me on the cross." (It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God - that is our holiness, righteousness, and redemption. Therefore, let him who boasts, boast in the Lord - 1 Cor.1:30,31) We can sin two ways here. We can sin by not accepting the truth about ourselves and thereby hurt God. Or we can sin by becoming "puffed up" with spiritual pride thinking we are better than others. Remember, it is because of him....his death on the cross....his wonderful grace to us who deserved nothing but hell, separation from God for eternity, and death. Thank you Lord Jesus.

Let's take some time now and read "outloud" who we are in Christ. The term "in Christ" ("in love," "in whom," "in him," etc.) is mentioned over 100 times in the New Testament. We have passed over from death (the wages of sin is death) to life (but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus). We were in Adam - identified with our earthly parentage - and now we are in Christ - identified with our spiritual parentage - God. Hallelujah!!!!



## Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ” [8]

* My name is recorded in heaven. (Luke 10:20)
* I have life in Christ. (John 1:4)
* I shall not perish but have eternal life by believing in Christ. (John 3:14-16)
* I shall not be condemned. (John 3:18)
* I believe in Christ, have eternal life and will be raised up on the last day (John 6:40)
* I have everlasting life. (John 6:47)
* I have abundant life (John 10:10)
* I have eternal life (John 10:28)
* I am a son of the light. (John 12:36)
* I have an untroubled heart because I trust in God. (John 14:1)
* I have a mansion of Glory waiting (John 14:2)
* I am indwelt by Christ (John 14:23)
* As I remain in Christ, I will bear much fruit. (John 15:5)
* I am a friend of God (John 15:15)
* I am in Jesus' prayers and a gift to Jesus from God (John 17:9, 12, 14)
* I am saved by Christ (Acts 4:12)
* By believing in Christ I receive forgiveness of sins through his name (Acts 10:43)
* In Christ, I live and move and have my being. I am His offspring. (Acts 17:28)
* My hope in God has given me the promised resurrection of my body (Acts 24:15)
* I believe what God has told me will happen (Acts 27:25)
* I have righteousness from God through faith in Jesus Christ. (Rom 3:22)
* I am justified through faith in Jesus (Rom 3:26)
* I am credited righteousness because I believe in Jesus. (Rom 4:24)
* I have received reconciliation through Jesus Christ. (Rom 5:11)
* I am dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. (Rom 6:11)
* I have received the gift of God; eternal life in Christ Jesus (Rom 6:23)
* I have no condemnation in Christ Jesus. (Rom 8:1)
* I am indwelt by the Holy Spirit (Rom.8:16)
* I am an heir of God and joint-heir with Christ (Rom.8:17)
* .....nothing will be able to separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus (Rom 8:39)
* I speak the truth with my conscience confirming it in the Holy Spirit (Rom 9:1)
* I will never be put to shame because I trust in Jesus (Rom 9:33; 10:11)
* I am part of the Body of Christ belonging to the other members of His body. (Rom 12:5)
* I'm filled with joy & peace. I overflow with hope by the Holy Spirit's power (Rom 15:13)
* I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God. (Rom 15:17)
* I have fellow workers in Christ (Rom 16:3)
* I am tested and approved in Christ. (Rom 16:10)
* I am sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy (1 Cor 1:2)
* I have been given grace in Christ Jesus. (1 Cor 1:4)
* I have been enriched in every way in Christ – in my speaking and knowledge (1 Cor 1:5)
* Because of God I am in Christ Jesus (1 Cor 1:30)
* Christ has become for me wisdom from God -- my righteousness, holiness and redemption. (1 Cor.1:30)
* I am wise in Christ! (1 Cor 4:10)
* I have ten thousand guardians in Christ, (1 Cor 4:15)
* I am made alive in Christ Jesus. (1 Cor 15:22)
* I am washed, sanctified and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor.6:11)
* My body is the Holy Spirit's abode (1 Cor.6:19)
* I have spiritual gifts (1 Cor.12:11)
* I do everything in love. (1 Cor 16:14)



* Christ's promises are always "Yes" in Christ. (2 Cor 1:19,20)
* God makes me stand firm in Christ. (2 Cor 1:21)
* God has anointed me, set his seal of ownership on me. (2 Cor.1:21)
* God has put his Spirit in my heart as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. (2 Cor.1:21)
* God, always leads me in triumphal procession in Christ (2 Cor 2:14)
* Through me, God spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him (2 Cor.2:14)
* In Christ I speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God. (2 Cor 2:17)
* In Christ, I am a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Cor 5:17)
* God has reconciled me to himself in Christ, (2 Cor 5:19)
* He has committed to me the message of reconciliation. (2 Cor.5:19)
* God made him who had no sin to be sin for me, (2 Cor 5:21)
* In God I have become the righteousness of God. (2 Cor.5:21)
* Everything I do is for other's strengthening. (2 Cor.12:19)
* By God's power I will live with him to serve others. (2 Cor 13:4)
* I have freedom in Christ Jesus and will not become a slave again to sin. (Gal 2:4)
* I have put my faith in Christ Jesus that I may be justified by faith in Christ (Gal 2:16)
* What Christ has promised me has been given me through faith in Jesus (Gal 3:22)
* I am a son of God through faith in Christ Jesus (Gal 3:26)
* I am one with fellow believers in Christ Jesus (Gal 3:28)
* I am adopted as a son into God's family (Gal.4:5)
* I am one of the faithful in Christ Jesus (Eph 1:1)
* I have been blessed in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing (Eph 1:3)
* I was chosen in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless (Eph 1:4)
* God predestined me to be adopted as his son through Jesus Christ (Eph 1:5)
* In Christ I have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins (Eph 1:7-8)
* God's grace has been lavished on me with all wisdom and understanding (Eph.1:7-8)
* God's made known to me the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure (Eph 1:9)
* I have been chosen and predestined in Christ (Eph 1:11)
* I have been included in Christ. (Eph 1:13)
* I have been marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, (Eph.1:13)
* God raised me up with Christ and seated me with him in the heavenly realms (Eph 2:6)
* God will show me the incomparable riches of his grace (Eph.2:7)
* I am God's workmanship. (Eph.2:10)
* I'm created in Christ Jesus to do good works prepared in advance for me (Eph.2:10)
* In Christ Jesus I have been brought near through the blood of Christ. (Eph 2:13)
* I have access to God through Jesus (Eph.2:18)
* In Christ I am being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives (Eph 2:22)
* I am now an heir with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus. (Eph 3:6)
* I am part of God's eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus (Eph 3:11)
* In Christ I may approach God with freedom and confidence. (Eph 3:12)
* Christ dwells in my heart through faith. I'm being rooted and established in love. (Eph 3:17)
* I am to be humble and gentle; patient, bearing with one another in love. (Eph 4:2)
* In all things I will grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. (Eph 4:15)
* From Christ, I am joined and held together by every supporting ligament, (Eph 4:16)
* I have been taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. (Eph 4:21)
* I've been forgiven in Christ. I should be kind and compassionate. (Eph 4:32)
* I should pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers/requests (Eph 6:18)
* I should be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. (Eph.6:18)
* I am a servant and saint in Christ Jesus (Phil 1:1)
* My joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of other Christians. (Phil 1:26)

* I worship by the Spirit of God, and glory in Christ Jesus (Phil 3:3)
* I put no confidence in the flesh (Phil 3:3)
* I want to be found in him, having God's righteousness by faith (Phil 3:9)
* I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Phil 3:14)
* I have heavenly citizenship in Christ (Phil.3:20)
* My name is recorded in heaven (Phil 4:3)
* The peace of God will guard my heart and mind in Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:7)
* I am strengthened for all tasks to which God calls me (Phil.4:13)
* I have all my needs met according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus (Phil 4:19)
* I am a saint in Christ Jesus (Phil 4:21)
* I am holy and faithful in Christ. God's given me grace and peace (Col 1:2)
* Others have heard of my faith in Christ Jesus and my love for all the saints (Col 1:4)
* Others have been told of my love in the Spirit. (Col 1:8)
* I have been rescued from the dominion of darkness and brought into the kingdom of God's Son (Col.1:13)
* In Christ, I have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Col 1:14)
* Christ is before all things, and in him I am held together. (Col 1:17)
* All God's fullness dwells in me. I am complete in him. (Col 1:19)
* I proclaim him, admonishing and teaching with all wisdom, so I may present everyone perfect in Christ (Col 1:28)
* My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, (Col 2:2)
* I have all the hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge in Christ. (Col 2:3)
* I am orderly and firm in my faith in Christ (Col 2:5)
* Just as I received Christ Jesus as Lord, I will continue to live in him (Col 2:6)
* I will be rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith and overflowing with thankfulness. (Col 2:7)
* I have been given fullness in Christ, the head over every power and authority (Col 2:10)
* I was circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, done by Christ (Col 2:11)
* I am forgiven and my sin debt is paid (Col 2:13,14)
* The reality is found in Christ and I am in Christ. (Col 2:17)
* I died, and my life is now hidden with Christ in God. (Col 3:3)
* The Lord's message has rang out from me – my faith in God's known everywhere. (1Thes 1:8)
* I believe that Jesus died and rose again and so I believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. (1Thes 4:14)
* I will give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for me in Christ (1Thes 5:18)
* The name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in me (2 Thes. 1:12)
* The grace of our Lord has been poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. (1 Tim 1:14)
* I have served well and will gain an excellent standing and great assurance in my faith in Christ Jesus. (1 Tim 3:13)
* I won't let anyone look down on me because I'm young. I will set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. (1 Tim 4:12)
* God, who richly provides for me everything for my enjoyment. (1 Tim 6:17)
* I have the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, (2 Tim 1:1)
* God has saved me and called me to a holy life because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given me in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, (2 Tim 1:9)
* I will be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. (2 Tim 2:1)
* Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. (2 Tim 2:10)
* I want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus and I will be persecuted (2 Tim 3:12)
* The Scriptures are able to make me wise for salvation through faith in Christ (2 Tim 3:15)
* I will be active in sharing my faith, so that I'll have a full understanding of every good thing I have in Christ (Phi.1:6)
* People refresh my heart in Christ. (Phile 1:20)
* I have and will receive the Blessed Hope (Titus 2:13)

* I have trusted in God and will be careful to devote myself to doing what is good (Titus 3:8)
* Like Jesus, “I will put my trust in him.” (Heb 2:13)
* I will come to share in Christ if I hold firmly till the end the confidence I first had. (Heb 3:14)
* I will leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity (Heb 6:1)
* Though I have not seen him, I love him; and even though I do not see him now, I believe in him and I’m filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy. (1 Pet 1:8)
* I am a child of God, and I belong to him (1 Pet.1:9)
* I am redeemed by the precious blood of Christ (1 Pet.1:18,19)
* Thru him I believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him. My faith and hope are in God (1Pet 1:21)
* I have been born again of incorruptible seed (1 Pet.1:23)
* I trust in God and will never be put to shame. (1 Pet 2:6)
* I am a priest of God (1 Pet.2:5,9)
* Those who speak maliciously against my good behavior in Christ will be ashamed of their slander (1 Pet 3:16)
* The God of all grace, will himself restore me, make me strong, firm and steadfast (1 Pet 5:10)
* I have fellowship with the Trinity (1 Jn.1:3)
* I am in Christ and have no darkness in me. (I Jn 1:5)
* But when I walk in the light, as he is in the light, I have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies me from all sin (I Jn 1:7)
* Christ is my advocate (I Jn. 2:1)
* Because I claim to live in him, I must walk as Jesus did. (I Jn 2:6)
* I love my brother & live in the light, and there’s nothing to make me stumble (I Jn 2:10)
* I don’t love the world and I have the Father’s love in me. (I Jn 2:15)
* The anointing I received from God remains in me (I Jn 2:27)
* I will continue in him, so that when he appears I’ll be confident and unashamed before him at his coming (I Jn 2:28)
* I am a child of God (1 Jn.3:1)
* He appeared so that he might take away my sins. And in him is no sin. (I Jn 3:5)
* I am born of God and I will discontinue to sin, because God’s seed remains in me (I Jn 3:9)
* I know that I live in him and he in me, because he has given me of his Spirit. (I Jn 4:13)
* I acknowledge that Jesus is the Son of God, so God lives in me and I in God. (I Jn 4:15)
* I don’t fear because I am made perfect in love. (I Jn 4:18)
* I possess eternal life (I Jn.5:13)
* I know him who is true. And I am in him who is true—even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. (I Jn 5:20)

# SALVATION (OUR FUTURE GLORY)

## THE BELIEVER'S FUTURE GLORY [3,4,7]

a) Our death will just be a falling asleep in Christ (John 11:11; 1 Thess.4:14)
b) We will awake in the Lord's presence (Phil.1:23)
c) We will be with Christ (John 14:3; Acts 26:18; Psalm 17:5)
d) We will behold the "light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ Jesus" (2 Cor.4:6; John 17:24; Matt.17:2). What a glorious face that will be!!!!
e) We shall see His face (Rev.22:4) and be glorified with Christ (Romans 8:17,18)
f) We will reign with Christ (2 Tim.2:12).
g) We will inherit all things (Rev.21:7). We will shine with Him (Col.3:4)
h) We will receive "rewards" and "crowns" for our works done here on earth.
i) Our body will be raised imperishable; raised in glory, raised in power, and raised a spiritual body (1 Cor.15:42-44) just like Jesus' body. He is the Way.
j) We will not all sleep (those who are raptured will not sleep but be caught up in the air to be with him – 1 Thess. 4:16-17; John 11:24,25; 1 Cor.15:51). Elijah and Enoch did not die but were caught out – a type of the rapture. Some of us here right now may never die.
k) We will all be changed (1 Cor.15:51)
l) No more pain, tears, crying, death, or mourning (Rev.21:6)
m) We will drink without cost from the spring of the water of life (Rev.21:6)
n) God will be our God and we will be His son (Rev.21:7)
o) There will be a beautiful city, streets of gold, God will be its light, there will be no more darkness and no sin; only the love of God.
<b>WE WILL BE WITH "JESUS."</b>
<b>THE CREATOR IS ALWAYS GREATER THAN THE CREATION.</b>

Simply put: Our "spirit" has been saved. Our "soul" is being saved. Our "body" will be saved. Our "spirit" was saved when we received Christ into our heart and entered into His life. Our "soul" is being saved as we renew our mind, turn our will and emotions over to Christ, and cleanse our heart by yielding and submitting to Jesus. Our "body" will be saved (the great Christian hope) and we will get a spiritual body just like Jesus did after His resurrection.

Our "spirit" is justified.  
 Our "soul" is being sanctified.  
 Our "body" will be glorified.

## GRACE vs WORKS

The Bible clearly teaches that Salvation is by GRACE and Grace alone (Eph: 2:8). The Bible also clearly teaches WORKS. Unfortunately, people either mix these two doctrines up or intermix them. They are completely separate. We have been saved because we have put our faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross. That was our death to our ADAMIC life we inherited from our parents. The resurrection of Jesus Christ gave us NEW LIFE. This is by faith and 100% the GRACE of God.

Now, after salvation, we are to WORK for Christ. Why? Because we were dead in our sins and transgressions but now “in Christ” we can serve Him in holiness. You cannot serve God unless you are “alive to God” and “dead to sin”. We now serve Christ because His love compels us. Because we are obedient children. Yes, we “work out our salvation” as God works in us. This is sanctification – the continual cleansing God does. The cleansing God works in us as we let Him.

**SALVATION IS “TO” THE CROSS  
WORKS IS “FROM” THE CROSS**

If you are not fully assured of your salvation then you are “working for your salvation”. Then all you have is “religion” not “relationship”. Only a taskmaster would make a person work, work, work and then not even let them know if they will even be saved. Jesus saves us completely – then calls us to work for Him – and is storing up rewards in heaven for us. After “salvation”, let us not suffer loss but “work” in the Power of the Holy Spirit and receive our “crowns” and “rewards”. Then the only thing we will be able to do after we’ve received our crowns is to lay them down at the Savior’s feet “For from him and through him and to him are all things. To God be the glory forever and ever. Amen.” (Romans 11:36)

### The N.T. speaks of 5 judgments. [5,6]

1) <u>Believer’s Judgment as to Sin took place at Calvary.</u> Those who receive Christ’s forgiveness have been judged as to the principle of Sin. Salvation is secured (Rom.10:4; Rom.8:1,2; John 5:24). Our sins should be constantly confessed (1 John 2:1; 1 John 1:9).
2) <u>Believer’s Judgment as to Works will take place at the Rapture in the Air at the Judgment Seat of Christ.</u> This is for our works only and not salvation (2 Cor.5:10; 1 Cor.4:5; 1 Thess. 4:17; 1 Cor.9:24-27). We’ll receive “rewards” or suffer “loss”. Here our crowns will be rewarded for the N.T. speaks of 5 crowns:
a) The Crown of Life or Martyr’s Crown (James 1:12; Revelation 2:10)
b) The Crown of Glory or Elder’s/Pastor’s Crown (1 Peter 5:2-4)
c) The Crown of Rejoicing or The Soul Winner’s Crown (1 Thess. 2:19,20; Phil. 4:1)
d) The Crown of Righteousness or The Crown of Those Who Love His Appearing (1 Tim.4:8)
e) The Crown Incorruptible or the Victor’s Crown (1 Cor. 9:25-27)
3) <u>The Jews during the Great Tribulation on the earth.</u> This is after the Rapture. The Jews will be judged during this time for their rejection of Christ (1 Sam.8:7; Luke 23:18; Acts 7:51, 54-60; Eze.20:34-38; Jer.30:4-7). Many Jews will be saved out of the tribulation (Matt.24:21-31; Zech.14:1-11; Zech.12:10; Isaiah 66:8).
4) <u>The Nations at the Revelation of Christ on earth for their treatment of the Jews.</u> This is before the 1,000 Millennial reign of Christ. (Joel 3:1,2; Matt.25:31-46).
5) <u>The Wicked Dead at the Great White Throne during the Renovation of the Earth by Fire.</u> This is after the 1,000 year Millennial reign of Christ. (See Rev.20:11-15; 2 Pet.3:7)

## PICKING UP OUR CROSS

**“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his soul. If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.”  
(Luke 9:23-26)**

**Have you committed your life to Jesus Christ?  
There are many “lukewarm” Christians in this world.  
But God wants to take a “few good men and women” and change the world.  
Write a prayer now committing your life to serving Jesus Christ.**

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**The greatest adventure possible is a fully committed, submitted, and yielded life to Jesus Christ. Jesus totally trusted the Father and would do nothing unless the Father told Him. He knew the Father’s love for Him. In fact, He so loved the Father that He was willing to die on the cross. He also loved us so much that it was the “Power of Love” that took the God-man to the cross to die for us so that we could leave the life of Adam and enter into the life of God - Jesus Christ.**

**Our prayer at “Altogether Lovely” Ministries is that you will continually experience the joy of Christ as you serve Him. He is beyond comprehension and yet He has given us His Holy Spirit. By this same Holy Spirit we can continually know God, be filled by God, and experience His Power in our lives.**

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