

Lesson 1-6 The Doctrine of Christ

“...Concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, 4 and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.” Romans 1:3-4

I. What do we mean when we say that Jesus Christ has two natures?

A. Jesus Christ is true God (Heb. 1:8; John 20:28; Tit. 2:13; I John 5:20).

But to the Son He says: “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. Hebrews 1:8

And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!”²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” John 20:26-29

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. Titus 2:11-14

And we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us understanding so that we can know the true God. And now we are in God because we are in his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the only true God, and he is eternal life. I John 5:20, NLT

1. He is given the names and titles of God.

a. Alpha and Omega (Rev. 22:12-13, 16; 1:8).

“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.”...¹⁶ “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.” Revelation 22:12-13, 16

b. Beginning and Ending (Rev. 22:12-13, 16).

- c. The First and the Last (Rev. 1:17 with Is. 44:6).

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. Revelation 1:17-18

"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: 'I am the First and I am the Last; besides Me there is no God. Isaiah 44:6

- d. The Holy One (Acts 3:14 with Hosea 11:9).

But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. Acts 3:14

For I am God, and not man, the Holy One in your midst... Hosea 11:9b

- e. The Lord (Mal. 3:1; John 20:28; Luke 2:11; Acts 9:17; 10:36; Phil. 2:11; Heb.1:10).

For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

- f. The Lord of Glory (I Cor. 2:8 with Ps. 24:8-10).

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. I Corinthians 2:8

Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. ⁹ Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. Psalm 24:8-10

- g. Wonderful, Mighty God, Father of Eternity (Is. 9:6).

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

- h. God (Heb. 1:8; John 20:28; Tit. 2:13; Rom. 9:5).

...of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen. Romans 9:5

- i. Immanuel or “God with us”(Mt. 1:23).

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

2. He referred to Himself as the Son of God (John 5:18; 10:30-33; Luke 22:70; Rev. 1:8).

Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

John 5:18

Then they all said, “Are You then the Son of God? So He said to them, “You rightly say that I am.” Luke 22:70

3. He was declared to be the Son by the Father at His baptism (Mt. 3:13-17; Mk. 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22).

When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. ²² And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, “You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.” Luke 3:21-22

4. He was acknowledged as the Son of God by Satan and his demons (Mt. 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13, 41).

And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, “You are the Christ, the Son of God!” Luke 4:41

5. He has the attributes of God. John is the Gospel of Christ’s deity (John 1:1-5, 6-18).

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it...¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:1-5, 14

- a. He is all powerful (Mt. 28:18; John 1:3; Eph. 1:20-23; Heb.1:3; 2:8).

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; ³

who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. Hebrews 1:1-4

- b. He is all-knowing (John 2:24-25; 5:25; 16:30; Col. 2:3; Rev. 2:23).

Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. ²⁴ But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, ²⁵ and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man. John 2:23-25

- c. He is everywhere present after the resurrection by the Spirit (Mt. 18:20; 28:20).

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen. Matthew 28:19-20

- d. He is eternal (John 1:1; 17:5; 8:58; Mic. 5:2).

Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.” John 8:58

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. ⁴ I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. ⁵ And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. John 17:3-5

- e. He is unchanging (Heb. 1:10-12; 13:8).

But to the Son He says... “You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. ¹¹ They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; ¹² like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail.” Hebrews 1:8a, 10-12

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Hebrews 13:8

- f. He is self-existent (John 1:4; 5:21, 26; Heb. 7:16).

For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself. John 5:26

- g. He is holy (Acts 3:14; Mark 1:24).

But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. Acts 3:14-15

- i. He is the fullness of the Godhead (Col 1:19; 2:9).

For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

Colossians 2:9-10

For in Christ the fullness of God lives in a human body, and you are complete through your union with Christ. He is the Lord over every ruler and authority in the universe. –NLT

6. He possesses or demonstrates godlike functions.

- a. Creation (John 1:3).

All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. John 1:3

He created everything there is. Nothing exists that he didn't make. –NLT

- b. Sustaining Creation (Col. 1:15-17; Heb. 1:3).

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. Colossians 1:15-17

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; ³ who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Hebrews 1:1-3

- c. Forgiving Sins (Mk. 2:5-10; Luke 7:48).

Read Mark 2:5-10

Then He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”
Luke 7:48-49

- d. Eternal Judgment (John 5:22; Mt. 25:31-46; Acts 17:30-31; II Tim. 4:1).

For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. John 5:22-23

Read Matthew 25:31-46

Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.” Acts 17:30-31

- e. Giver of Life (John 10:28; 17:2).

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,² as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. John 17:1-2

7. He is an equal person in the Godhead (II Cor. 13:14; John 10:30-33; II Th. 2:16-17; Heb. 1:3).

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.” Philippians 2:5-7

Other Translations:

“Who existing in the form of God counted not the being on equality with God a thing to be grasped.” ASV

“Though the divine nature was His from the beginning, yet He did not look upon equality with God as above all things to be clung to.” –TCNT

“For He, Who has always been God by nature did not cling to His prerogatives as God’s equal” –Phil

“His nature is, from the first, divine and yet He did not see, in the rank of Godhead, a prize to be coveted.” –Knox

“Who, though he was God, did not demand and cling to his rights as God.”
–TLB

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen. II Corinthians 13:14

I and My Father are one.”³¹ Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.³² Jesus answered them, “Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?”³³ The Jews answered Him, saying, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.” John 10:30-33

8. He is the New Testament equivalent of God’s Old Testament relationship to the people of God.

a. A Light and a Glory (Compare Is. 60:1 with Luke 2:32).

God, the Father

Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. Isaiah 60:1

Jesus, the Son

He took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:²⁹ “Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word;³⁰ for my eyes have seen Your salvation³¹ which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,³² a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.” Luke 2:28-32

b. A Stone of Stumbling and Rock of Offense (Compare Is. 8:13-15 with I Pet. 2:6-8; Rom.10:32-33).

God, the Father

The LORD of hosts, Him you shall hallow; let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread.¹⁴ He will be as a sanctuary, but a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel, as a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.¹⁵ And many among them shall stumble; they shall fall and be broken, be snared and taken.” Isaiah 8:13-15

Jesus, the Son

Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, “Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.”⁷ Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those

who are disobedient, “The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,⁸ and “A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.” They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

I Peter 2:6-8

- c. A Shepherd (Compare Is. 40:10-11 with John 10:11).

God, the Father

Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young.

Isaiah 40:10-11

Jesus, the Son

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

John 10:11

9. He is to be worshipped as God (Mt. 14:33; 28:9; Luke 24:52; Heb. 1:6; Phil. 2:10-11, Compare Acts 10:25-26; 14:14).

Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, “Truly You are the Son of God.” Matthew 14:33

Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

Luke 24:51-53

But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: “Let all the angels of God worship Him.” Hebrews 1:6

Whenever anyone tried to worship one of the apostles they immediately rebuked them. Worship only belongs to God. Jesus on the other hand could receive worship because He was indeed God.

As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him.²⁶ But Peter lifted him up, saying, “Stand up; I myself am also a man.” Acts 10:25-26

- B. Jesus Christ is true man (I Tim. 2:5; John 8:40).

“For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.” 1 Timothy 2:5

1. He is called the Son of Man over 75 times in the New Testament (Luke 9:22, 26, 44, 58; 19:10). Other titles include Son of David (Mt. 9:27), Son of Abraham (Mt. 1:1), the Last Adam (I Cor. 15:45-47).

Note: Luke is the Gospel of Jesus as the Son of Man. In his genealogy he goes back to Adam (Luke 3:38).

*And He strictly warned and commanded them to tell this to no one, saying “The **Son of Man** must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.” Luke 9:22*

*For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the **Son of Man** will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father’s, and of the holy angels. Luke 9:26*

*“Let these words sink down into your ears, for the **Son of Man** is about to be betrayed into the hands of men.” Luke 9:44*

*And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the **Son of Man** has nowhere to lay His head.” Luke 9:58*

*And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the **Son of Man** has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” Luke 19:9-10*

2. He was born of a woman (Gal. 4:4; Mt. 1:18; 2:11; 12:47; 13:55; Luke 2:7; Rom. 1:3).

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. Galatians 4:4

When He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, “Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works? ⁵⁵ Is this not the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? ⁵⁶ And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?” ⁵⁷ So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house.” ⁵⁸ Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief. Matthew 13:54-58

So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:6-7

Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God² which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures,³ concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh,⁴ and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

Romans 1:1-4

3. He took on human nature (John 1:14; Acts 2:30; Heb. 2:14; I John 4:2-3).

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. Hebrews 2:14-15

- a. He had a human body before and after His resurrection (Mt. 26:12; 27:58-59; Luke 24:39; John 20:27).

Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus.⁵⁸ This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him.⁵⁹ When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,⁶⁰ and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed.

Matthew 27:57-60

Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you."³⁷ But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit.³⁸ And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts?³⁹ Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."⁴⁰ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.⁴¹ But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?"⁴² So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb.⁴³ And He took it and ate in their presence. Luke 24:38-43

- b. He still has a human body in heaven (Acts 1:9-11; 7:55-56; 17:31; Heb. 4:14).

Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.¹⁰ And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in

white apparel,¹¹ who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.” Acts 1:9-11

But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, “Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” Acts 7:55-56

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. Hebrews 4:14

4. He was subject to the normal laws of human development (Luke 2:40, 52).

And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. Luke 2:40

Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart.⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. Luke 2:51-52

5. He was subject to the physical limitations associated with humanity (Heb. 4:15).

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15

- a. He grew weary (John 4:6, Compare Is. 40:28).

So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.⁶ Now Jacob’s well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. John 4:6

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. Isaiah 40:28

- b. He needed sleep (Mt. 8:24, Compare Ps. 121:3-4).

Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him.²⁴ And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.²⁵ Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!” Matthew 8:23-25

He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. Psalm 121:3b-4

- c. He grew in knowledge and wisdom (Luke 2:52; Mk. 13:32, Compare Is. 40:12-14; Job 21:22).

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. Luke 2:52

But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Matthew 13:32

“Can anyone teach God knowledge, since He judges those on high? Job 21:22

- d. He grew hungry (Mt. 4:2; 21:18).

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Matthew 4:1-2

Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry. And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, “Let no fruit grow on you ever again.” Immediately the fig tree withered away. Matthew 21:18-19

- e. He grew thirsty (John 19:28; Ps. 22:15).

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “I thirst!” John 19:28

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death. Psalm 22:15

- f. He wept on occasion (John 11:35; Heb. 5:7).

Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. And He said, “Where have you laid him? They said to Him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, “See how He loved him!” John 11:33-36

...who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. Hebrews 5:7-8

- g. He experienced agony of soul (Luke 22:44).

And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. Luke 22:44

- h. He experienced physical death (John 19:30; I Cor. 15:3).

So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. John 19:30

6. He had the appearance of a man (Is. 53:2b; John 4:9; 21:4-5).

He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. Isaiah 53:2b

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. –NIV

*When we beheld him there was nothing to behold, that we should desire him.
–The Emphasized Bible*

He had no distinguished appearance. –Spurrel

*But in our eyes there was no attractiveness at all, nothing to make us want Him.
–The Living Bible*

*There was nothing attractive about him, nothing that would draw us to him.
–Good News Translation*

- a. He had to be pointed out to his captors (Mt. 26:47-48; Luke 22:47-48).

And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people. Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him." Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him. Matthew 26:47-49

- b. He was mistaken for a gardener (John 20:15)

*Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."
John 20:15*

7. He was tempted as a man (Heb. 2:18; 4:15).

"For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses,

but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.” Hebrews 4:15-16

8. As a man He functioned like we must function.

- a. He spent time in prayer seeking the mind of the Father (Mark 1:35; Luke 5:16; 6:12-13; Mt. 14:23).

Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. Mark 1:35

Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles. Luke 6:12-13

And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Matthew 14:23

So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed. Luke 5:16

- b. He depended on the anointing of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:18-19; Acts 10:38).

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. Acts 10:38

- c. He needed the strengthening ministry of angels (Mt. 4:11; Luke 22:41-45).

Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him. Matthew 4:11

And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, ⁴² saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." ⁴³ Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. ⁴⁴ And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. Luke 22:41-44

- d. He had no knowledge of the future (Mark 13:32).

But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Mark 13:32

II. Why was it necessary for the Word (Jesus) to become flesh?

- A. Man is a sinner and as such is under the death penalty (Rom. 3:23; 5:12, 14; Eph.2:1; 4:18).

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned...¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. Romans 5:12, 14

- B. God's desire is for man to be restored to life (John 10:10; I Tim. 2:4).

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.⁵ For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,⁶ who gave Himself a ransom for all... I Timothy 2:3-6

- C. In order for this to happen, man must be redeemed and restored. Someone must pay the price for man's redemption.

- D. No man of Adam's race can redeem men because all are in the same sinful condition (Ps. 49:6-8).

Those who trust in their wealth and boast in the multitude of their riches, none of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him for the redemption of their souls is costly... Psalm 49:6-8

...knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.²⁰ He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you²¹ who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. I Peter 1:18-21

- E. God cannot overlook man's sinful condition because He is holy (Rom. 8:3-4). His holiness must be satisfied.

For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Romans 8:3-4

The law of Moses could not save us, because of our sinful nature. But God put into effect a different plan to save us. He sent his own Son in a human body like ours, except that ours are sinful. God destroyed sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. He did this so that the requirement of the law would be fully

accomplished for us who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit. –NLT

- F. If sinful man is to be redeemed, a sinless man must die (or pay the wages of sin) for sinful man.
 - 1. God could not redeem man as God.
 - 2. Angels could not redeem man because they are not of like substance.
 - 3. The Redeemer must be a near kinsman, one of Adam's race (one who possesses flesh and blood) and yet having no sin of his own.
- G. If man is to be redeemed, God Himself must become man (Is. 7:14; Mt. 1:22-23; John 1:14). This is the only solution.

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

Matthew 1:22-23

III. When Jesus became man, how did His relationship to God, the Father change?

- A. Prior to creation the three persons of the Godhead dwelt in a state of equality in relation to their divine person.
 - 1. Jesus was equal with God (Phil. 2:6).
 - 2. Jesus was totally one with God (John 17:5).

And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. John 17:5

- B. In the incarnation Jesus submitted Himself fully to the will of the Father.

This involved several things:

- 1. He was begotten of the Father in His humanity (Ps. 2:7; Luke 1:35; John 6:57; Mt. 1:16).

"I will declare the decree: the LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Psalm 2:7

And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Matthew 1:35

As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. John 6:57

God was Jesus’ father, not Joseph (Luke 3:23).

*Eliud **begot** Eleazar, Eleazar **begot** Matthan, and Matthan **begot** Jacob. And Jacob **begot** Joseph the husband of Mary, **of whom was born** Jesus who is called Christ. Matthew 1:15-16*

Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, the son of Heli... Luke 3:23

2. He was sent by the Father (John 3:16-17; 8:42; Gal. 4:4).

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. John 3:16-17

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. Galatians 4:4-5

3. He did the works that the Father gave Him to do (John 5:36; 17:4).

I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. John 17:4

4. He spoke only those words that the Father gave Him to speak (John 14:10).

Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.”⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.¹¹ Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

John 14:8-11

5. He became the way to the Father (John 14:6).

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”⁷ “If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”

John 14:6-7

6. He submitted Himself to the will of the Father (Mt. 26:39; John 5:30; Phil. 2:8).

He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.” Matthew 26:39

I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

John 5:30

IV. How does Jesus Christ fulfill the qualifications for a Redeemer?

- A. He was born of Adam’s race (Mt. 1:1; Luke 3:23, 38); hence, He is a kinsman.

...the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God. Luke 3:38

- B. He did not inherit the sin in the human bloodstream because God was His Father through the Holy Spirit (I John 3:5; Mt. 1:16-18).

And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. I John 3:5

- C. He was perfectly sinless in His life; hence He was able to redeem (I Pet. 1:19; 2:21-22; II Cor. 5:21; John 8:46; 14:30; 18:38; Heb. 4:15). Being human and sinless He became the perfect candidate to save mankind.

“Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth”;²³ who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;²⁴ who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness— by whose stripes you were healed.²⁵ For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. I Peter 2:22-25

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. II Corinthians 5:21

I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. John 14:30

...there is nothing in me that belongs to him. –Amplified Bible

1. If He had been sinful--

- He would have had to die for His own sins.
- He would not have been the Son of God.
- He could not have been the spotless sacrifice for sin.
- We would have no savior and no salvation.

2. There are many witnesses who gave testimony of Christ's sinlessness.

The spotless lamb had to be inspected and declared qualified or fit to be the perfect sacrifice for sin. Jesus, our sacrificial lamb, like the Old Testament sacrifices of old, had to be without spot or blemish.

- The testimony of the Father (Mt. 3:15-17; 17:1-5; Heb. 1:8-9)

But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom." ⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions." Hebrews 1:8-9

- The testimony of Gabriel, the Archangel (Luke 1:35)

And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God." Luke 1:35

- The testimony of demons (Mt. 8:28-29; Mark 1:24; Luke 4:34)

Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are— the Holy One of God!" Luke 4:33-34

- The testimony of Christ Himself (John 8:46; 14:30)

Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? John 8:46

- The testimony of Pilate (John 18:38; 19:4, 6)

Pilate made three confessions that concluded Jesus, "Holy, Holy, Holy."

I find no fault in Him at all. John 18:38

I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him.
John 19:4

You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him. John 19:6

- The testimony of Pilate's wife (Mt. 27:19)

Have nothing to do with that just Man.

- The testimony of the thief on the cross (Luke 23:41)

This Man has done nothing wrong.

- The testimony of the centurion at the crucifixion (Luke 23:47)

Certainly this was a righteous Man!

- The testimony of Herod (Luke 23:13-15)

Then Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people,¹⁴ said to them, "You have brought this Man to me, as one who misleads the people. And indeed, having examined Him in your presence, I have found no fault in this Man concerning those things of which you accuse Him;¹⁵ no, neither did Herod, for I sent you back to him; and indeed nothing deserving of death has been done by Him.

- The testimony of Judas (Mt. 27:4)

I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

- The testimony of Peter (Acts 3:14; I Pet. 2:21-22; 3:18)

¹⁴ But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. Acts 3:14-15

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God. I Peter 3:18

- The testimony of John (I John 3:5)

In Him there is no sin.

- The testimony of Paul (II Cor. 5:21)

He knew no sin.

- The writer to the Hebrews (Heb. 4:15; 7:26-28)

Without sin. Hebrews 4:15

For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Hebrews 7:26-28

- The prophets of old (Jer. 23:5-6; Is. 53:9)

"Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. ⁶ In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Jeremiah 23:5-6

Because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.

Isaiah 53:9

Because Jesus was sinless, He was able to redeem. But to be able is one thing. Would Jesus be willing to redeem us? The answer is "YES!"

- D. He was willing to redeem man (John 10:17-18; Eph. 5:25).

"Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

John 10:17-18

See the Story of Ruth and Boaz

V. Why did Jesus Christ have to die?

- A. In order to pay the wages of sin that we had earned (Gen. 2:17; Ezek. 18:4; I Pet. 2:24; Gal. 3:10, 13; Rom. 3:23).

...for in the day that you eat of it [sin, transgress] you shall surely die.

Genesis 2:17

The soul who sins shall die. Ezekiel 18:4

Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness... I Peter 2:24

But those who depend on the law to make them right with God are under his curse, for the Scriptures say, "Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all these commands that are written in God's Book of the Law." ¹¹ Consequently, it is clear that no one can ever be right with God by trying to keep the law. For the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life." ¹² How different from this way of faith is the way of law, which says, "If you wish to find life by obeying the law, you must obey all of its commands." ¹³ But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." ¹⁴ Through the work of Christ Jesus, God has blessed the Gentiles with the same blessing he promised to Abraham, and we Christians receive the promised Holy Spirit through faith. Galatians 3:10-14, NLT

B. In order for the New Covenant to take effect (Heb. 9:15-22).

That is why he is the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people, so that all who are invited can receive the eternal inheritance God has promised them. For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant.

¹⁶*Now when someone dies and leaves a will, no one gets anything until it is proved that the person who wrote the will is dead. ¹⁷ The will goes into effect only after the death of the person who wrote it. While the person is still alive, no one can use the will to get any of the things promised to them.*

¹⁸*That is why blood was required under the first covenant as a proof of death. ¹⁹ For after Moses had given the people all of God's laws, he took the blood of calves and goats, along with water, and sprinkled both the book of God's laws and all the people, using branches of hyssop bushes and scarlet wool. ²⁰ Then he said, "This blood confirms the covenant God has made with you." ²¹ And in the same way, he sprinkled blood on the sacred tent and on everything used for worship. ²² In fact, we can say that according to the law of Moses, nearly everything was purified by sprinkling with blood. Without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sins. Hebrews 9:15-22, NLT*

C. In order that we might receive the adoption of sons (Gal. 4:4-7).

But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. ⁵ God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. ⁶ And because you Gentiles have become his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, and now you can call God your dear Father. ⁷ Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, everything he has belongs to you. Galatians 4:4-7, NLT

D. In order that He might deliver us from this present world system (Gal. 1:4).

Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,⁴ who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,⁵ to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Galatians 1:3-5

E. In order that He might bring us back to God (I Pet. 3:18).

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit.

VI. What was the death of Jesus Christ for man?

A. It was a RANSOM (Lev. 25:47-49; Mt. 20:28; I Tim. 2:6; Gal. 3:13).

Ransom means “to deliver a thing or person by paying a price; to buy back a person or thing by paying the price for which it is held in captivity” (*The Great Doctrines of the Bible*, Evans, pg. 71). See Romans 7:14.

We are all sold into slavery to sin and the devil. We must be redeemed or purchased back much like Hosea purchased his wife back from the slave block.

The law is good, then. The trouble is not with the law but with me, because I am sold into slavery, with sin as my master. Romans 7:14, NLT

‘Now if a sojourner or stranger close to you becomes rich, and one of your brethren who dwells by him becomes poor, and sells himself to the stranger or sojourner close to you, or to a member of the stranger’s family,⁴⁸ after he is sold he may be redeemed again. One of his brothers may redeem him;⁴⁹ or his uncle or his uncle’s son may redeem him; or anyone who is near of kin to him in his family may redeem him; or if he is able he may redeem himself. Leviticus 25:47-49

...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28

For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all... I Timothy 2:5-6

B. It was a PROPITIATION (Rom. 3:25; I John 2:2; Heb. 2:17).

Propitiation literally means “mercy seat or covering” (Heb. 9:5) “The mercy seat covering of the Ark of the Covenant was called a propitiation. It is that by which God covers, overlooks and pardons the penitent and believing sinner because of Christ’s death” (Evans, pg. 72).

When the mercy seat was in place, God did not see the tables of the law, He saw the sprinkled blood.

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,²⁴ being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,²⁵ whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,²⁶ to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Romans 3:23-26

For all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard.²⁴ Yet now God in his gracious kindness declares us not guilty. He has done this through Christ Jesus, who has freed us by taking away our sins.²⁵ For God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins and to satisfy God's anger against us. We are made right with God when we believe that Jesus shed his blood, sacrificing his life for us. God was being entirely fair and just when he did not punish those who sinned in former times.²⁶ And he is entirely fair and just in this present time when he declares sinners to be right in his sight because they believe in Jesus. –NLT

And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. I John 2:2

- C. It was a RECONCILIATION (Rom. 5:10-11; II Cor. 5:18-21; Eph. 2:16; Col. 1:19-23).

Reconciliation means a bringing together of those who were opposed to each other. Through the cross of Christ, the enmity that existed between God and man is removed, man is brought back into fellowship with God and man's friendship with God is restored.

For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.¹¹ And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. Romans 5:6-11

When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners.⁷ Now, no one is likely to die for a good person, though someone might be willing to die for a person who is especially good.⁸ But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.⁹ And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from

God's judgment. ¹⁰ For since we were restored to friendship with God by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be delivered from eternal punishment by his life. ¹¹ So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God—all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God. –NLT

Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. II Corinthians 5:18-21

¹⁹ For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰ and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. ²¹ And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled ²² in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight— ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Colossians 1:19-23

- D. It was a SUBSTITUTION (Is. 53:3-6; I Pet. 2:24; 3:18; II Cor. 5:21; Rom.5:8; Gal. 2:20).

Substitution means “in the place of or in the stead of another.” Christ was our substitute who took our place, who bore our sins, who paid the penalty that we deserved. It means that something happened to Christ “and because it happened to Christ, it need not happen to us” (Evans, pg. 72).

He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. ⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:3-6

*For Christ also suffered once for sins, **the just for the unjust**, that He might bring us to God... I Peter 3:18a*

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Galatians 2:20

E. It was an ATONEMENT (John 1:29; I John 1:5-7).

To atone means “to cover or to make one.” “God foreshadowed it in the Old Testament with animal sacrifice, whose blood temporarily covered sin and the sinner, until the blood of Jesus Christ that cleanses the sinner from all sin was shed” (Conner).

Another good type of this atonement is the Ark of Noah. The word for the pitch that covered the boards of the ark and kept the waters of destruction from destroying the household of faith is from the same root word as “atonement.”

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” John 1:29

...the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. I John 5:7

VII. What are the benefits of the atonement?

(The following is extracted from unpublished notes by Kevin Conner).

A. **Pardon:** To pardon means to receive forgiveness or remission of a penalty. The penalty was paid by Jesus (Acts 10:43; 13:38-39; Jer. 31:34; Mic. 7:18-19).

To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins. Acts 10:43

Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses. Acts 13:38-39

For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.

Jeremiah 31:34c

Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. Micah 7:18-19

B. **Justification:** In justification man is pronounced just and declared righteous. It is “just-as-if-I’d” never sinned (Rom. 3:24-26; 5:1).

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:1-2

- C. **Regeneration:** In regeneration man is born anew, experiencing a spiritual birth into the kingdom and family of God, receiving a new nature (John 3:1-5; I Pet. 1:23).

Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,²³ having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever. I Peter 1:22-23

- D. **Adoption:** In adoption the believer is placed as a child in the family of God (John 1:12; Rom. 8:15-17; Eph. 1:5; Gal. 4:5).

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1:12-13

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. Romans 8:15-17

- E. **Sanctification:** In sanctification the believer is set apart unto the Lord. He is separated **from** the world, the flesh and the devil and separated **unto** a life of serving the Lord Jesus Christ who, through His death and resurrection, brings to the believer all of the benefits of the Atonement (I Cor. 1:30; 6:11; I Th. 4:3; Heb. 10:10).

And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

I Corinthians 6:11

- F. **Healing:** Whatever was lost in the fall was restored in God’s atonement. It is a complete victory over all of the works of darkness. This healing includes physical, emotional and spiritual healing (Mt. 8:17; Is. 53:5; I Pet. 2:24).

When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: “He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.” Matthew 8:16-17

VIII. What makes the cross of Jesus Christ so meaningful?

- A. The cross of Christ is the most significant event in history. Notice the emphasis on the cross in the New Testament.

1. **The Cross in Romans** (Rom. 5:6-12, 18-19).
 - A manifestation of the love of God (vs. 8)
 - A means of reconciling us back to God (vs. 10)
 - The judgment of God on one man for the sins of many (vs. 18-19)

2. **The Cross in Corinthians** (I Cor. 2:1-5; 1:17-18, 21-24).
 - The wisdom and power of God to those who believe.
 - Foolishness and weakness to those who do not believe.

3. **The Cross in Ephesians** (Eph. 2:11-22).
 - The means of reconciliation of the Jew and the Gentile (not just reconciling us to God but us to all other men).

4. **The Cross in Philippians** (Phil. 2:5-11).
 - The supreme example of Christ's humility as the servant of Jehovah.
 - The condition of Christ's exaltation to the right hand of the Father.

5. **The Cross in Colossians** (Col. 1:19-20; 2:13-15).
 - The place where principalities and powers were defeated.

6. **The Cross in Hebrews** (Heb. 2:14-15; 12:2-4).
 - The place where the power of death was destroyed.
 - The cross produced Christ's joy, His bride, the Church.
 - It is a model to us not to become weary or discouraged in the way of the Lord.

B. Even though it is an instrument of torture and death, the cross of Christ is a thing of beauty. It is a thing of beauty because of what it accomplished for us. Note the following:

- **Christ** became sin so that **you** could be righteous.
- **Christ** was punished so that **you** could receive mercy.
- **Christ** died so that **you** could experience life.
- **Christ** became a curse so that **you** could be free from the curse.
- **Christ** was taken captive so **you** could be free from bondage.
- **Christ** was falsely charged so that **you** could not be charged.
- **Christ** was stripped naked so that **you** could be clothed with royal robes.
- **Christ** was condemned so that **you** could experience no condemnation.
- **Christ** submitted to death to deliver **you** from death's power.
- **Christ** carried our grief so **you** could have joy unspeakable.

- **Christ's** body was torn so that **you** might be healed and whole.
- **Christ** was humiliated and abased that **you** might be exalted.
- **Christ** was forsaken by the Father so **you** might have full access to the Father.

C. The cross of Christ becomes a pattern for those who follow Christ (Mt. 16:24-26; Gal. 2:20).

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" Matthew 16:24-26

Notice Jesus' challenge:

1. "If anyone desires to come after Me"

The appeal of Jesus here is to the will of every person. There must be a decision of the will, not just an emotional response.

2. "Let him deny himself"

The appeal of Jesus here is to the law of self-preservation. There must be a willingness to deny our self-life and be willing to live for others.

3. "Take up his cross"

The appeal of Jesus here is to be willing to suffer shame for the sake of Christ and to identify with Him in His death.

4. "And follow Me"

The appeal of Jesus here is to follow Him by faith believing that He will only lead us into abundant life.

IX. What happened to Christ after His death?

A. Christ fulfilled His responsibility as our High Priest and Mediator of the New Covenant.

1. His spirit ascended to the Father and He presented His sinless blood in the heavenly sanctuary (Luke 23:46; Heb. 9:11-15; 12:24; Col. 1:20).

"Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" Luke 23:46

So Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come. He has entered that great, perfect sanctuary in heaven, not made by human hands and not part of this created world. Once for all time he took blood into that Most Holy Place, but not the blood of goats and calves. He took his own blood, and with it he secured our salvation forever. Hebrews 9:11-12, NLT

2. He descended into Hades, conquered Satan, spoiled principalities and power, conquered sin and death, and released the captives--the righteous dead (Acts 2:27; Col 2:14; Ps. 16:10; 86:13; Luke 16:19-31; Rev. 1:18).

For You will not leave my soul in Hades, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.’ Acts 2:27-28

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. Colossians 2:13-15

3. His spirit ascended back to heaven with the released captives including the thief on the cross (Luke 23:43; Eph. 4:7-10; Col. 2:14; Ps. 68:18; Heb. 12:23).

And Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.” Luke 23:43

“When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive... Ephesians 4:8

4. He ascended to the Father to present His glorified body (John 20:17).
5. He physically rose from the dead with other saints of old (John 20:17; Mt. 27:51-53). He became the first fruits of them that sleep.

Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.’” John 20:17

Compare: John 20:27 a little while later.

Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”

Notice that some of those who had died in faith got a personal tour of the Holy Land from Jesus, Himself!

*Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,⁵² and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;⁵³ and coming out of the graves **after His resurrection**, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.*
Matthew 27:51-53

a. Christ's resurrection body was physical in nature. It was not a spirit or ghost. As such,

- It could be touched (John 20:24-29).
- It could receive food (John 21:11-13).

b. Christ's resurrection body was different from His pre-resurrection body.

- It could simply appear in the room (Luke 24:36; John 20:19, 26).

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." John 20:19

- It could vanish out of sight (Luke 24:31).

Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.

- It looked different than His pre-resurrection body (Luke 24:13-16; John 20:14-15; 21:4, 12; Mk. 16:12).

Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. John 20:14

But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. John 21:4

After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country.¹³ And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either. Mark 16:12-13

c. Christ's resurrection body was heavenly, glorious and immortal, that is, it can never die again (Rom. 6:9-10; I Cor. 15:20, 42-57; Phil. 3:21; Rev. 1:18).

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.¹⁰ For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Romans 6:8-10

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. Philippians 3:20-21

6. He returned to earth to prepare His disciples for His permanent departure.
- B. Christ appeared to His followers offering many infallible proofs of His resurrection (Acts 1:3). Note the following:

- He appeared to Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9).
- He appeared to women (Mt. 28:9).
- He appeared to Peter (I Cor. 15:5).
- He appeared to two disciples (Luke 24:15-31).
- He appeared to ten apostles without Thomas (John 20:19,24).
- He appeared to the eleven with Thomas (John 20:26-28).
- He appeared to seven disciples who were fishing (John 21:1-24).
- He appeared to eleven apostles (Mt. 28:16-17).
- He appeared to five hundred people (I Cor. 15:6).
- He appeared to James (I Cor. 15:7).
- He appeared to the eleven apostles (Acts 1:2-9).

- C. Christ prepared His followers for His departure.

1. He breathed the Holy Spirit into the apostles (John 20:19-22).

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.²¹ So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

2. He commissioned them for the work of building the church and extending the Kingdom (Acts 1:2).

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible [unmistakable]

proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. Acts 1:1-3

He commissioned or commanded them to:

- Preach the Gospel in all the world and to every creature (Mark 16:15).
 - Be witnesses to Him from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8; Luke 24:47-48).
 - Bring deliverance and healing (Mark 16:17-18, See Luke 9:1-6; 10: 1-12).
 - Make disciples of all nations (Mt. 28:18).
 - Baptize those who respond (Mt. 28:19, Compare Acts 2:38-39).
 - Tend to them as a shepherd (John 21:15-20).
 - Teach them the whole counsel of God (Mt. 28:20, Compare Acts 20:27).
3. He instructed them to wait for the empowering of the Holy Spirit (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8).

Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.” Luke 24:49

⁴ And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:4-8

- D. Christ physically ascended into heaven as a forerunner to us who believe (Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9; 2:33-34; Heb. 6:20; 10:12).

And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God.

Luke 25:50-52

Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹ who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.” Acts 1:9-11

This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.³³ Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.³⁴ “For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: ‘The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand,³⁵ Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”’ Acts 2:32-35

1. Christ has been exalted by God (Phil. 2:9; Eph. 1:20-21; Acts 5:31; 7:55-56).

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11

...and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

Ephesians 1:19-21

The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. Acts 5:30-31

2. Christ sat down at the right hand of God (Eph. 1:20; Col. 3:1).

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Colossians 3:1

3. Christ was placed as the head of all things to the Church (Eph. 1:22-23).

And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1:22-23

4. Christ was crowned with glory and honor (Heb. 2:9; Eph. 1:22; I Pet. 1:21; 3:22).

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. Hebrews 2:9

Who [Jesus Christ] has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him. I Peter 3:22

X. What is Christ doing now?

- A. Christ is involved in priestly ministry in our behalf (Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:25; 9:24).

Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Romans 8:34

Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:23-25

For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.

Hebrews 9:24

- B. Christ is waiting until all enemies are put under His feet (Heb. 10:12-13; Acts 2:34-35; 3:19-21).

And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. Hebrews 10:11-13

- C. Christ is upholding all things by the Word of His power (Heb. 1:3-4).

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; ³ who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. Hebrews 1:1-3

XI. What does the Bible teach concerning Christ's coming again?

- A. Christ is coming again (John 14:3; Acts 1:11; 3:19-20; Phil. 3:20-21; I Th. 4:13-18; Heb. 9:28).

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. ¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and

with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore comfort one another with these words. I Thessalonians 4:13-18

And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation. Hebrews 9:27-28

- B. Christ is coming as personally, as visibly and as gloriously as He went (Acts 1:11; I Th. 4:15-17; II Th. 2:7-8; Mt. 25:31-32).

Who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.” Acts 1:11

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. Matthew 25:31

- C. Christ’s coming is to bring hope to the saints (I Th. 4:18; Tit. 2:13; II Pet. 3:11, 13).

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, ¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. Titus 2:11-14

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. ¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? ¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. II Peter 3:10-13

- D. The immanence of Christ’s coming is to bring an attitude of watchfulness to all (I John 2:28; Mt. 24:44-46; Luke 12:35-36; 21:34-36).

And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. I John 2:28

“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. ³⁵ For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Watch

therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.” Luke 21:34-36

- E. Christ’s coming will be obvious to all (Rev. 1:7; Mt. 24:26-27, 30).

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

Revelation 1:7

- F. Christ’s coming will take many by surprise (Mt. 24:44-46; Luke 21:34-36; I Th.5:2-6; Rev.16:15).

The key to reading this passage in I Thessalonians is to note the distinction between those who are in darkness and the children of light. One must carefully observe the pronouns “they” or “them” and “we” or “us.”

*But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ² For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³ For when **they** say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon **them**, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And **they** shall not escape. ⁴ But **you**, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake **you** as a thief. ⁵ **You** are all sons of light and sons of the day. **We** are not of the night nor of darkness. ⁶ Therefore let **us** not sleep, as **others** do, but let **us** watch and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. ⁸ But let **us** who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God did not appoint **us** to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. I Thessalonians 5:1-10*

XII. What is in store for Christ after His return?

- A. The marriage of Christ and His bride, the Church (Rev. 19:7-9; Eph. 5:23, 32).

Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.” ⁸ And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. ⁹ Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’ ” And he said to me, “These are the true sayings of God.” Revelation 19:7-9

- B. The Judgment Seat of Christ where the righteous are judged (Mt.16:27; Rom. 14:10-12; I Cor. 5:10).

For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. Matthew 16:27

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. I Corinthians 5:10

- D. The Great White Throne judgment of the unrighteous dead (Mt. 25:31-32; II Tim. 4:1; Rev. 20:11-12).

Although this judgment is administrated by God the Father, Jesus will no doubt be present as those judged at the great, white throne will be judged in regards to their relationship to Him.

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:11-15

- D. The subjection of all things back to the Father (I Cor. 15:27-28).

For “He has put all things under His feet.” But when He says “all things are put under Him,” it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.

- E. Ruling and reigning with His saints into eternity (II Tim. 2:12; Rev. 3:21; 11:15; 20:4).

This is a faithful saying: for if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him. If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. I Timothy 2:11-12a

To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. Revelation 3:21

Song: When I survey the wondrous cross.

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died;
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.