

THE SAVIOUR – THE REDEMPTION OF CHRIST

“...eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” – Romans 6:23

“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.” – 1 Timothy 3:16

As we continue in our study of “the gift of God” we consider the second truth found in **Romans 6:23**. We first took a look at ‘The Sinner,’ and now we come to ‘The Saviour.’ We began with the sinner because we understand that there is no need for a Saviour if there is no sinner.

The name of Jesus Christ has been a point of contention for many centuries. There are many opinions about who Jesus Christ was, and also about who Jesus Christ claimed to be. This may be a contentious subject in our world, but the Scriptures are clear as to who Jesus Christ is.

A. JESUS CHRIST IS THE SOVEREIGN OVER THE SINNER

Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh. The Word of God declares Christ to be both ‘Son of man’ (*Matthew 9:6*) and ‘Son of God’ (*John 3:18*). He was 100% the perfect man and 100% the perfect God.

1) The Old Testament Declared that Messiah was God

The Old Testament prophets testified of the birth of Messiah. They prophesied the place of his birth, the time of his birth, and the circumstances of his birth.

The name of the Messiah would be _____.

Isaiah 7:14, *“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”*

The record of **Matthew 1:23** tells us that the interpretation of the name ‘Immanuel’ means, ‘_____ with us.’

One of the titles ascribed to Messiah would be ‘The mighty _____.’

Isaiah 9:6, *“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called*

Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Another title for Jesus Christ is, 'The _____ our Righteousness.'

Jeremiah 23:5-6, *"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, The Lord our Righteousness."*

2) The Gospel according to John Declared that Messiah was God

A study through the book of John gives the Bible student certainty that Jesus Christ is God.

Jesus Christ (The Word) was _____.

John 1:1, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."*

Jesus Christ (The Word) was made _____.

John 1:14, *"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."*

Jesus Christ made himself _____ with God.

John 5:18, *"Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God."*

Jesus Christ declared Himself and His Father to be _____.

John 10:30, *"I and my Father are one."*

Jesus Christ was threatened because He being a man, made Himself _____. **The Jews considered the claims of Christ to be blasphemy.**

John 10:31-33, *"Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God."*

Jesus Christ told Philip that he who has seen Him has seen the

_____.

John 14:9, *“Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?”*

Jesus Christ was called by Thomas ‘My Lord and my _____.’
John 20:28, *“And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.”*

3) The New Testament Epistles Declared that Messiah was God

Read **Colossians 1:12-17** and fill in the blanks.

Jesus Christ is the _____ of the invisible _____. (verse 15)

By Jesus Christ were all things _____. (verse 16)

All things were created _____ Him, and _____ Him. (verse 16)

Jesus Christ thought it not robbery to be _____ with God.
Philippians 2:6, *“Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.”*

God speaks unto the Son and said, ‘Thy throne, O _____, is for ever and ever.’

Hebrews 1:8, *“But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.”*

Who laid down His life for us? _____.

1 John 3:16, *“Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”*

Who was manifest in the flesh? _____.

1 Timothy 3:16, *“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.”*

B. JESUS CHRIST IS THE SACRIFICE FOR THE SINNER

Our Lord Jesus Christ often reminded the disciples what He came to do above all else. The emphasis of the Gospel Records is stated as follows:

"he must go and suffer" Matthew 16:14-15, 21
Christ came that He might be the Sacrifice for Sinners.

"his hour was come" John 13:1
Christ died as the Sacrifice for the Sinners.

"all things must be fulfilled which were written" Luke 24:44-47
Christ showed that His Sacrifice was according to Scripture.

The great announcement from John the Baptist sums up the work of our blessed Saviour. As John saw Jesus coming unto him, he said, *"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."* (John 1:29)

The Word of God declares that Christ offered Himself up for the sinner. Consider the following verses that speak of our Lord's Sacrifice:

Jesus Christ _____ death for every _____.

Hebrews 2:9, *"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man."*

God made Jesus Christ to be _____ for us, who knew no sin.

2 Corinthians 5:20-21, *"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."*

Jesus Christ was made a _____ for us, that He might redeem us from the curse of the law.

Galatians 3:13, *"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:"*

Jesus Christ died for the _____.

Jesus Christ died for us while we were yet _____.

Romans 5:6-9, *"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."*

The standard for reconciliation to a holy God is righteousness. No man has ever met such a standard of righteousness apart from Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ was without _____.

Hebrews 4:15, *“For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”*

Jesus Christ knew no _____.

2 Corinthians 5:21, *“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin...”*

Jesus Christ did no _____.

1 Peter 2:21-22, *“For even whereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:”*

C. JESUS CHRIST IS THE SUFFICIENCY FOR THE SINNER

We conclude that Jesus Christ is completely sufficient to satisfy the demands of a just God. There is a false idea being propagated, that one must live a life of righteousness in order to in the end receive eternal life. Such an idea is contrary to Scripture.

Defining Biblical Terms:

Jesus is the **Atonement** – to be the satisfaction, to be the substitute in the suffering for our sin.

Jesus Christ is our **Redemption** – to rescue and deliver from the bondage of sin.

Jesus Christ is our **Propitiation** – to satisfy the wrath of God through substitution.

Through Jesus Christ we have **Remission** – receiving pardon/forgiveness from deserved punishment.

Through Jesus Christ we receive **Justification** – To render just, innocent. God pardons the sinner and accepts him as righteous.

The Christian does not live a righteous life because he desires to go to heaven one day. The Christian lives a righteous life because he has been set free from sin and death.

Paul makes it clear in **Galatians 2:21**, *“I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.”* Righteousness does not come by the law, it comes by the death of Christ.

Consider the truth regarding those who are in Christ Jesus. Those who are in Christ are those who have come to Christ by faith. (*Romans 4:5*)

Romans 8:1-4, *“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”*

There is therefore now no _____ to them which are in Christ Jesus. (*verse 1*)

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of _____ and _____. (*verse 2*)

Can the righteousness of the law be fulfilled in us apart from Jesus Christ?
(*verses 3-4*)

How is the righteousness of the law fulfilled in us? (*verses 3-4*)

The free gift came upon all men unto justification by the _____ of Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:18, *“Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.”*

Jesus Christ is declared to be the _____ for our sins.

1 John 4:10, *“Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”*

1 John 2:2, *“And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.”*

Romans 3:25, *“Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;”*

The demands of a Holy God were met in Christ Jesus. Our Saviour was the sufficient sacrifice for the sin of the world. No other sacrifice or service is needed for eternal life. This truth is summed up in **1 John 5:11-13**,

“And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”

God’s gift of eternal life is linked to the possession of who? _____.

Conclusion:

Jesus Christ is God, Who stands over the world as **Sovereign**. As God, Jesus Christ became a man that He might be the **Sacrifice** for the sin of the world. And, as the **Sacrifice**, Jesus Christ is completely **Sufficient** to reconcile us to God.

Jesus Christ did for us what the law could not do for us!

“For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us...” Romans 8:3-4

REVIEW QUESTIONS:

Who is Jesus Christ? _____

Did the Old Testament prophets prophesy that Messiah would be God?

What does the name 'Immanuel' mean? _____

Was Jesus Christ a sinner as we are?

What did Jesus Christ become for us? _____

Does righteousness come by obedience to the law? _____

Will a born-again Christian ever come into condemnation? _____

What did John the Baptist proclaim when he saw Jesus Christ for the first time?

Does the Bible affirm the deity of Jesus Christ? If so, where?

Explain in your own words why Jesus Christ came to earth:

