

# WHY CHRIST CAME

PART IX -- {Sunday, March 01, 2015 A.D.}

## FOCUS THEME:

### **Christ came to bring the GOSPEL:**

Christ came to serve:  
Christ came to demonstrate true humility:  
Christ came to give us a clear conscience:  
Christ came to reveal God's love for sinners:  
Christ came to make His Cross the ground of all boasting:  
Christ came to receive our worship:  
Christ came to free us from our slavery to the fear of death:  
Christ came to bring the Light/Life of God to a dark/dead world:

## **Essential Prerequisite to the GOSPEL:**

- **Knowledge of and belief in Sin and self as Sinner.**
- **An understanding of and belief in the reality of, apart from God, the absolute personal peril and desperation of the sinner before the Holy, Just, Faithful and Sovereign God.**

## REFERENCE TEXTS:

### Romans 3:9-20 (NASB95)

<sup>9</sup> What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin; <sup>10</sup> as it is written, "THERE IS **NONE RIGHTEOUS**, NOT EVEN ONE; <sup>11</sup> THERE IS **NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS**, THERE IS **NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD**; <sup>12</sup> **ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE**, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME **USELESS**; THERE IS **NONE WHO DOES GOOD**, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE." <sup>13</sup> "THEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE, WITH THEIR TONGUES **THEY KEEP DECEIVING**," "THE POISON OF ASPS IS UNDER THEIR LIPS"; <sup>14</sup> "WHOSE **MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS**"; <sup>15</sup> "THEIR FEET ARE **SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD**, <sup>16</sup> DESTRUCTION AND MISERY ARE IN THEIR PATHS, <sup>17</sup> AND THE PATH OF PEACE THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN." <sup>18</sup> "THERE IS **NO FEAR OF GOD** BEFORE THEIR EYES."

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become **accountable to God**; <sup>20</sup> because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law *comes* the **knowledge of sin**.

### Exodus 20:1-17 (NASB95)

<sup>1</sup> Then God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup> "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup> "You shall **have no other gods** before Me.

<sup>4</sup> "You shall **not make for yourself an idol**, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, <sup>6</sup> but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

<sup>7</sup> "You shall **not take the name of the LORD your God in vain**, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

<sup>8</sup> "**Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy**. <sup>9</sup> "Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the

seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; *in it* you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. <sup>11</sup> "For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup> "**Honor your father and your mother**, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

<sup>13</sup> "You shall **not murder**.

<sup>14</sup> "You shall **not commit adultery**.

<sup>15</sup> "You shall **not steal**.

<sup>16</sup> "You shall **not bear false** witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup> "You shall **not covet** your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

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### **Hebrews 9:27 (NASB95)**

<sup>27</sup> And inasmuch as **it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment,**

### **Revelation 20:11-15 (NASB95)**

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw a **great white throne and Him who sat upon it**, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. <sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. <sup>13</sup> And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of *them* according to their deeds. <sup>14</sup> **Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.** <sup>15</sup> **And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.**

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### **FOCUS TEXTS:**

What the **GOSPEL** is:

- The **Biblical** witness to the **Person, Teaching and Ministry** of the **Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**.
- The **GOOD NEWS** of **SALVATION** by the **Grace, Mercy, and Steadfast Lovingkindness** of **God**.
- **Holy Scriptures**.
- **Exclusive** of other saviors or philosophies of thought/methodologies/gospels.
- **Saved for** what end.

**1 John 4:9-10 (NASB95)**

By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

**Titus 3:4-7 (NASB95)**

<sup>4</sup> But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, <sup>5</sup> He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**John 11:25-27 (NASB95)**

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said\* to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world."

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**Acts 2:22-24 (NASB95)**

<sup>22</sup> "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup> this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. <sup>24</sup> "But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

**1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (NASB95)**

<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; <sup>7</sup> then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; <sup>8</sup> and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

**2 Timothy 1:9-10 (NASB95)**

<sup>9</sup> who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity, <sup>10</sup> but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

**Luke 24:45-47 (NASB95)**

<sup>45</sup> Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

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**Luke 2:9-11 (NASB95)**

<sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; <sup>11</sup> for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

**2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (NASB95)**

<sup>17</sup> Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. <sup>18</sup> Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, <sup>19</sup> namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

<sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

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**John 14:6 (NASB95)**

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said\* to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

**Acts 4:10-12 (NASB95)**

<sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that **by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by this *name* this man stands here before you in good health.** <sup>11</sup> "He is the STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED by you, THE BUILDERS, *but* WHICH BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER *stone*. <sup>12</sup> "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

**Galatians 1:6-9 (NASB95)**

<sup>6</sup> I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a **different gospel**; <sup>7</sup> which is *really* not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and **want to distort the gospel of Christ.** <sup>8</sup> But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! <sup>9</sup> As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!

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**1 Corinthians 15:13-20 (NASB95)**

<sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; <sup>14</sup> and **if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.** <sup>15</sup> **Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God,** because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; <sup>17</sup> and **if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.** <sup>18</sup> **Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.** <sup>19</sup> If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.

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**1 Corinthians 11:23-32 (NASB95)**

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; <sup>24</sup> and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way *He took* the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me." <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

<sup>27</sup> Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly. <sup>30</sup> For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep. <sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup> But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

