

# THE LIFE *and* TIMES of JESUS CHRIST

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## “Christ and His Mission”

The Work for Which God sent forth Jesus Christ to Perform on Earth

THE THEME OF THIS SERIES:

Colossians 2:9

“For in Christ all the fullness of the Godhead dwells  
in bodily form”

TOPICAL SUBJECT REFERENCED UNDER:

Incarnation, Mission, Work

*As we come to the 4th topic of the Life and Times series  
we now introduce the doctrine of;*

## “Christ and His Mission”

*we have already considered Christ in several aspects of His person and  
ministry both temporarily and eternally...*

Christ in Eternity

Christ and His first coming

Christ the word made flesh

When we talk about Christ and His Mission  
it's important to define what is meant  
by His "Mission"

the term "Mission" assumes  
*that there is a task or job to be performed.*

and A Mission implies  
*that there is something to be gained or a reward to be had  
by completing the Mission in Question*

Regarding Any

## **MISSION**

- **The Level of Commitment must be Weighed against the Risks Involved**
  - **Does the Mission Success provide any Valuable Rewards?**

Jesus Gave an Example

**Luke 14:28-31**

"For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it-- 29 "lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, 30 "saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' 31 "Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?"

## **In The Middle of the Atlantic Ocean, - In a Series of Clandestine Meetings**

*Between President FDR and Winston Churchill The Involvement of the United States of America was requested with hopes to Liberate Europe from Germany.*

**As The President Considered The Cost...**

*Roosevelt asked - - "And what's in it for America"  
Churchill's response was simple, "A Free Europe and a Free World"*

## **A Mission Must Be Defined**

Christianity is the Message of a Mission of Whom God ordained by which Christ Liberated the whole of Mankind Through His Own Efforts, freeing a captive world from the Tyrannical stronghold of sin and evil...

## **a Defining Passage**

Daniel 9:24

"Seventy sevens are determined for your people and for your holy city,  
#1 - to finish the transgression, #2 - to make an end of sins, #3 - to make reconciliation  
for iniquity, #4 - to bring in everlasting righteousness,  
# 5 - to seal up vision and prophecy, and #6 - to anoint the Most Holy.

**#1**

**to finish the transgression**

*the Messiah's introduction of Himself to Israel*

**#2**

**to make an end of sins**

*Messiah's perfect life, removing sin's dominion and power*

**#3**

**to make reconciliation for iniquity**

*the death of Messiah which shall be Israel's basis of forgiveness*

#4

**to bring in everlasting righteousness**  
*the Messiah's establishment of the Millennial Kingdom*

#5

**to seal up vision and prophecy**  
*the Messiah orchestration and fulfillment of all prophecies*

#6

**to anoint the Most Holy.**  
*the Messiah's deliverance of the universe to the Father*

*3 of these 6 Jesus Has Already Completed*

## Christ and His Mission

### 1.) The Purpose of His Mission

an Invitation  
to Consider the Biblical Record

**The "Purpose" of His Mission is Both Observable and Needed**

#### a.) His Purpose was to Fulfill all that was Written

##### **Luke 7:20-22**

When the men had come to Him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, 'Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?'" 21 And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight. 22 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them.

### **Luke 24:25-27**

Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 "Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.....

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

32 And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

## **Jesus Honored The Bible – Submitting to the Bible**

### **b.) His Purpose was to Ransom Israel**

#### **Matthew 15:22-25**

And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." 23 But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." 24 But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

### **c.) His Purpose was to Liberate the Gentile Nations**

## **Personally,**

I am 25% Irish, 25% German, and 50% Portuguese

(i am as gentile as i can be – yet He has invited me to be His child)

#### **Isaiah 11:10**

"And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the people; for the Gentiles shall seek Him..."

## **“at the Joppa Stand”**

### **Peter’s Joppa Revelation**

#### **Acts 11:18**

When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, "Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life."

**Matthew 13:44**

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a **man** (the Lord) found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

**Matthew 13:45-46**

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a **merchant** (the Lord) seeking beautiful pearls, 46 who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

## Christ and His Mission

### 2.) The Scope of His Mission

## Scope!

### “The Far Reaching Hand of God”

**Matthew 9:36**

But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with **compassion** for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.



**Compassion** grk4697 splanchnizomai (splanekh-nid'-zom-ahee);  
to have the bowels ache, yearn, break with passion

a.) The Scope of His Mission provided Temporal Liberation

*The Gospel Brings Peace to the Souls of Men*

b.) The Scope of His Mission was to provide Physical Relief

*The Kingdom of God is a Kingdom  
of Temporal Ministry,*

*....Bestowing Mercy & Showing Grace*

### Mark 2:2-12

2 Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. 3 Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. 4 And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." 6 And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, 7 "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8 But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? 9 "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? 10 "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"-- He said to the paralytic, 11 "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go your way to your house 12 Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

Even Creation is Waiting for Us to get with it...

### Romans 8:19-20

For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it

c.) The Scope of His Mission was to Provide Eternal Freedom

### John 3:14-15

14 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

## This Eternal Life is Called "Salvation"

### Acts 4:12

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

1 John 5:20

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

John 1:12-13

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

Do You Have Jesus Christ This Morning ?

## Christ and His Mission

### 3.) The Execution of His Mission

## We See Jesus Determined

**Luke 9:51**

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.

### a.) Jesus Performed all that was Necessary

Matthew 5:17-18

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18 "For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

2 Corinthians 5:19

that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their



2 Corinthians 5:18

Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ

## b.) Jesus Directed all that was Important

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "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."

# The Call to Join Him

In The Musical Play

## Les Miserable

Matthew 9:36-38

36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. **37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 "Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."**

## c.) Jesus Imparted all that was Needed

John 16:5-11

"But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' 6 "But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 "of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 "of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 "of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

Acts 1:4-5

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."

## "Ye Shall Receive Power"

Acts 1:8

"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."

## He has ordered us to join Him a Defining Passage

Daniel 9:24

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**Luke 4:18b-19**

He has anointed Me to

#1 - preach the gospel to the poor; #2 - he has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, #3 - to proclaim liberty to the captives #4 - and recovery of sight to the blind, #5 - to set at liberty those who are oppressed; #6 - To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

**John 10:10b**

"...I have come that you may have life,  
and that you may have it more abundantly."

# *The End*