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The Purpose of His Coming

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THE PURPOSE OF HIS COMING

(in MATTHEW)

In the gospel according to Matthew, the reader is informed that **Jesus came** into the world in order to **save the human race from its sins**. Jesus exerted the power of forgiveness on earth. The angels called him Jesus. The prophet Isaiah called him Emmanuel – God with us. He came **to save that which was lost, to minister**, and **to give his life a ransom for many**. He did not come **to call** the righteous, but **sinners to repentance**. Jesus **invites** all who labor and are heavy laden **to come to him and find rest**.

Matthew records that Jesus went about all the cities and villages of the region teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom to the poor. He had compassion on them. He states that Jesus took **upon himself our infirmity and bore our sickness**. He repeatedly affirmed, “The whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.” It is for this reason that the master exercised divine power on their behalf. He came **to heal the sick and cast out devils**. He gave sight to the blind, made the lame to walk, cleansed the leper, made the deaf to hear and raised the dead. Those taken with different diseases, torments, lunacy and palsy were all healed. The multitudes sought to touch the hem of his garment in order to be made perfectly whole. With his word, Jesus cast out devils by the Spirit of God and demonstrated evidence of the coming kingdom. Those who saw him wondered and glorified the God of Israel. His fame spread.

Jesus came **to preach and teach**. His words were divine seed dispersed and sown into the human heart. When he spoke in their places of worship, those who heard him marveled at his wisdom.

Jesus came **to prepare believers for service**. He was not satisfied to be an exclusive channel of blessing and power, but also empowered others to continue his work. He told his disciples, “the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers.” Jesus received all power in heaven and earth. He **sent forth his disciples** as sheep in the midst of wolves and exhorted them to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. Those who followed him were granted power against unclean spirits, to cast them out. He gave to his 12 apostles and then again to a group of 70 others the power to heal all manner of sickness and disease. Jesus chose **to work through his servants**. He instructed them to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, and cast out devils. He said, Give away the blessing! “Freely you have received, freely give.” When his disciples were not able to carry out the divine task of healing or that of casting out devils, he informed them that certain tasks required prayer and fasting.

Jesus came **to build a church**. He instructed his disciples that he would gather those who believe in order to bring into being a church against whom the gates of hell would not be able to prevail. He gave his servants the keys of the kingdom of heaven. He granted them authority so that whatever they bound on earth would be bound in heaven and whatever they loosed on earth would be loosed in heaven.

Jesus came **to die for the sins of the world**. He was aware of the cost his work would incur. He knew his divine mission would cost him his life. He repeatedly told his disciples that he would be betrayed and suffer at the hands of the elders, chief priests, scribes and Gentiles. They would mock, scourge, and crucify him. He informed them that the enemy would smite their shepherd and that, they, his flock, would be scattered. All this came to pass in fulfillment of what the prophets had written. After being laid in a borrowed tomb, a strange thing ensued, he was raised from the dead.

After his resurrection, **Jesus commissioned his disciples to teach the nations** to observe all things he had commanded. He assigned them **to baptize** in the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The disciples became fishers of men. Jesus promised that he would be with them until the end of the age. He declared that his sign would appear in heaven and that all the tribes of the earth would mourn. He told them that all would see him coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. He spoke of sending his angels with a great sound of a trumpet in order to gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. He now sits upon the throne of his glory. Those who plotted his death will see him both sitting on the right hand of power and coming in the clouds of heaven.

THE PURPOSE OF HIS COMING

(in MARK)

In the gospel according to Mark, the reader is informed that **Jesus came to preach and teach the gospel of the kingdom of God**. He taught them in parables and expounded all things to his disciples. Those who heard him were astonished at his doctrine. He taught them as one that had authority and not as the scribes. His religious opponents often asked, "Where has this man these things?" Jesus did not come as a physician to those who were well; but came **to heal the sick**. He did not come to call the self-righteous; but came **to call sinners to repentance**. He was quick to forgive sins. He came **to minister and give his life a ransom for many**.

He came **to cast out devils**. As the master preached in the Jewish synagogues, he was often met by evil spirits. Mark writes that they fell before him and often cried out, saying, "Thou art the Son of God." Jesus would rebuke and charge that they not make him known. The spirits feared him and declared, "What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment us." Jesus never asked a demon to comply, he always commanded them to obey - "Hold your peace! Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit!" Those who observed him questioned among themselves. "What thing is this? What new doctrine is this? With authority he commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."

Jesus had **power over nature**. During a storm at sea, he rebuked the wind and spoke to the sea, "Peace, be still!" The wind ceased and there was a great calm. The witnesses feared exceedingly and said one to another, "What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" When Jesus walked on water and performed the creative miracles of feeding the multitudes, those who witnessed his power were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure and wondered.

Mark writes that the Master was often moved to compassion. He records that Jesus came **to heal the sick**. He stretched forth his hand and exercised his power on behalf of the multitude. When he brought back from the dead a 12 year old girl, witnesses were greatly astonished. When the multitudes became aware of the healing powers of Jesus, they carried the sick in beds and brought them to Jesus. Whatever village, city or area he entered, they laid their sick in the streets and begged him that they might touch the border of his garment. As many as touched Jesus were made whole. Many marveled at all the great things performed by him. Mark informs the reader that the multitudes were beyond measure astonished, saying, "He hath done all things well; he makes both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak." Jesus often saw their faith and was moved to grant healing. The multitudes were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw it on this fashion. What wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?" As you might imagine, his fame spread. He would rise early in the morning and depart into solitary places to pray.

The master was not satisfied to do all the work himself. He **prepared his disciples to go forth**. He sent 12 men to preach. He gave them power to heal the sick and cast out devils. He sent forth others who had received the benefit of his deliverance. Go home to your friends, he said, and tell them all about the great things the Lord has done for you and that he has had compassion on you. When his disciples were not able to deliver those oppressed by spirits, he informed them that certain kinds of spirit would not come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

According to Mark, Jesus also **came to die**. The Master was aware concerning the cost of his mission. He often informed his disciples about his death, burial and resurrection in Jerusalem. He told them that he would suffer many things and would be condemned to death. He predicted that he would be rejected by the elders, chief

priests, scribes and the Gentiles. He spoke of how he would be mocked, scourged, buffeted, and spit upon. He warned them that the Shepherd would be smitten and that they, his disciples, would be scattered. He told them that he would be killed and after three days would rise again.

Jesus came **to do Father' will**. As a man, Jesus prayed. Three times, he asked Father if there might be a way to accomplish his work without the cruel death of crucifixion. While he prayed for a possible alternative, he repeatedly declared, "Father, not my will, but thine be done." He was obedient to death. Needless to say, death could not hold him. Father raised him from the dead. Jesus ascended and now sits at Father's right hand until all his enemies become his footstool.

Jesus came **to prepare his disciples to carry out his work**. After accomplishing his work of redemption, he granted his disciples the privilege of becoming co-workers. He sent them forth 2 by 2 and gave them power over unclean spirits. They cast out many devils and anointed the sick with oil in order to heal them. **Jesus commissioned all those who believed** and said, "**Go** into all the world and **preach the gospel to every creature**. He that believes in me and is **baptized** will be saved; but those who refuse to believe will be damned." His disciples became **fishers of men**.

Jesus **provided divine resources** to those who obeyed his commission. He taught the believers that certain signs would follow them. In his name, they would wield the power to **cast out devils, speak with new tongues, take up serpents; and if they drank any deadly thing, it would not hurt them**. They would be able to **lay hands on the sick** and **healing would flow** through them as it surged through the master. His servants went forth and Jesus worked through them confirming their words with signs following.

Jesus was received into heaven. Before leaving this world, he declared that all would see him sitting at the right hand of God and coming in the clouds of heaven with great power and glory. He told his disciples that he would return in the glory of his Father and with the holy angels. Before the end arrives, the gospel will first be published among all nations. He foretold all those things related to the end of the age. He will send his angels and will gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of heaven and earth. That day and hour knows no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. On a designated day, he will drink of the fruit of the vine in the kingdom of God.

THE PURPOSE OF HIS COMING

(in LUKE)

In the gospel according to Luke, the reader is made aware that Jesus cast out devils with the finger of God demonstrated that the kingdom had come. He bound the strong man, the devil, and spoiled his house. **Jesus came to seek and save that which was lost.** When the multitudes saw him perform miracles or heal the sick, they glorified and gave praise to God. When he taught them, they were attentive. Jesus declared that when one sinner repented, there was joy in the presence of the angels of God in heaven. He came **to serve others.**

While Jesus ate his last Passover meal, he understood that his divine mission would cost him his life. Repeatedly, he informed his disciples that he would be rejected by his generation and be reckoned among transgressors. The chief priests and rulers of the people delivered him to be condemned and crucified. He told them that he would be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and then would be raised on the third day. The prophets foretold that he would suffer and enter into his glory.

Jesus came to **do the will of Father.** Before these things happened, Jesus prayed to his Father requesting that the cup of suffering would be remove from him. After his prayer, Jesus declared that it was not his own will that he sought, but Father's. Though he was declared innocent of any wrong-doing by Pilate and Herod, he was nevertheless mocked, spitefully entreated, spit upon, scourged and then put to death, however; the story does not end here; Jesus conquered death. Three days after his burial, he rose and then ascended into heaven to take his place at the right hand of Father. At an appointed time, he will drink of the fruit of the vine with those who believe.

Jesus **came to teach**. After his resurrection, he taught his disciples. Beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he opened and expounded the scriptures to them showing all those things concerning himself. He opened their eyes. He revealed that all things concerning himself had been fulfilled as written in the Law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms. Before ascending into heaven, he promised to clothe them with power from on high so they could carry out the divine task. **Jesus commissioned his disciples to deliver good news to the world.**

Those who confessed Jesus before men; he will confess before the angels of God. Those who deny Jesus before men; he will deny before the angels of God. Jesus is going to return in an unknown hour. All will see him coming in a cloud with power and great glory. He now sits at the right hand of God's power until his enemies are made his footstool.

THE PURPOSE OF HIS COMING

(in THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES)

According to the book of Acts, on the one hand, Jesus was delivered to death by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God. On the other hand, sinful men took Jesus and by wicked hands delivered him to be crucified and slain. Luke teaches that Men only did what God's hand and counsel predetermined.

Father gave us assurance when he raised His Son from the dead. He loosed him from the pains of death because it was not possible that Jesus should be held down by its grip. Father raised him to sit on the throne of David and now sits by the right hand of God exalted. Jesus will remain there until all his enemies are made a footstool.

It was Father who sent the crucified one into the world and made him both Lord and Christ. Through faith in Jesus' name many **received healing and were made strong**. Faith in his name **brought perfect soundness** to those who embraced him. His presence **brought forth times of refreshing**.

The heaven will retain Jesus until the times of restitution of all things which God spoke by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. Moses declared that God would raise up a prophet like unto himself. All were commanded to hear and obey him. Moses stated, "Every soul that refuses to hear Jesus will be destroyed from among the people." All the prophets from Samuel to the present have likewise foretold of these things. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob has glorified Jesus. The prophets all gave witness to him. They testified that he would be ordained of God to be the Judge of the quick and the dead. Through his name, those who believe will receive remission of sins.

The disciples openly declared and alleged that Christ had to suffer and rise again. They mightily convinced the Jews by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ. They preached that Christ should show light unto the people, and to the Gentiles. They alleged that the Jews had denied Jesus in the presence of Pilate when he was determined to let him go. The religious leaders of his time slew and hanged him on a tree, nevertheless, Father raised him up and sent him **to bless us by turning us away from our iniquity.**

It was Father who stretched forth His hand to heal the sick and bring about signs and wonders done by the name of the holy child Jesus. It was Father who exalted him with his right hand to be a Prince and a Savior in order **to give repentance and forgiveness of sins.** The prophets spoke of the coming of the Just One who would be betrayed and murdered.

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power. Jesus went about **doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil** for God was with him. God promised Israel to raise up for them Jesus the Savior. Jesus of Nazareth was a man approved of God by miracles, wonders and signs, which God performed through him. The **disciples preached peace and the forgiveness of sins by him.** God appointed a day in which he would judge the world in righteousness by Jesus whom He ordained.

According to Luke, **the disciples** of Jesus **carried out his divine commission.** Jesus worked through them. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, **they healed the sick, cast out devils and raised the dead.** With great power, they **gave witness of the resurrection** of the Lord Jesus and great grace was upon them all. By the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people. The sick were laid on the streets in beds and couches that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow and make them whole. Multitudes came out of the cities around Jerusalem

bringing sick folks and them which were vexed with unclean spirits; they were all healed. The people with one accord gave heed unto their words, hearing and seeing the miracles which were done. They saw unclean spirits cry out with a loud voice and come out of many that were possessed.

God also worked special miracles by the hands of Paul. From his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons and their diseases departed and evil spirits went out of them. They **gave testimony unto the word of his grace** and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands. The word of God grew and multiplied. Many were added to the church daily such as should be saved. The hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. The multitudes experienced great joy.

Daily in the temple, and in every house, the disciples ceased not **to teach and preach Jesus Christ**. They taught in the name of Jesus, filled Jerusalem with their doctrine and alleged that the religious leaders were responsible for spilling the blood of Jesus. They taught that Jesus was the only name under heaven which could deliver salvation. They spoke words of life. The multitudes were filled with wonder and amazement at what they witnessed.

The leaders of the church refused to leave the word of God to serve tables. They sought out men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, who were appointed over issues related to the distribution of food. The leaders **gave themselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word**.

Those who served tables also participated in divine work. Stephen, full of faith and power, not only served tables, but also did great wonders and miracles among the people. Being full of the Holy Spirit, he looked up steadfastly into heaven and saw the

glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of Father. Stephen was martyred for his faith.

When the disciples were scattered abroad due to persecution, they went everywhere **preaching the word**. After believing the message concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, the multitudes were **baptized**. The apostles **prayed and laid hands on the new believers that they might receive the Holy Spirit**.

The disciples confounded the Jews proving that Jesus was the Son of God and the very Christ. They testified and **called men to repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ**. They declared to all, “Arise, be baptized, wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” They persuaded their hearers concerning Jesus out of the Law of Moses and the prophets. They **opened blind eyes**, turned men **from darkness to light** and transferred them **from the power of Satan unto God**. They **offered forgiveness of sins, admonished them turn to God** and exhorted them to **do works meet for repentance**.

The disciples **strengthened believers** persuading them to continue in the grace of God. They **confirmed the souls** of the disciples, **exhorted them to continue in the faith** and that they through much tribulation would enter into the kingdom of God. They **taught and preached the Word** of the Lord and declared all things that God had done with them. The churches were established in the faith and increased in number daily. Fear fell on them all and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

The Word of God grew mightily and prevailed. They did not draw back from **declaring all the counsel of God**. They commended the believers to God and to the Word of his grace which built them up and gave them an inheritance among all them which were sanctified. God made His will known to them. He chose them to see the Just

One and hear the voice of his mouth. They witnessed and often **reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come.**

THE PURPOSE OF HIS COMING

(in THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN)

Jesus walked out of eternity past and stepped into time. He is from above and above all. In him is life. He is the light of men and is hailed as the light of the world. He shines in darkness and illumines everyone that comes into being. **He came to dispense power that we might become “members of his royal family.”** He dwells among us and is full of grace and truth. Of his fullness we have received: blessing upon blessing. He is both in us and in the bosom of Father. He has declared and brought Father out into the open. He came to glorify his Father and finish His work. Father loved Jesus before He established the foundations of the earth. He sanctified him. The Master was never alone. All things that belong to Father belong to the Son. Father bore witness of him.

Jesus taught his disciples many things about his mission. He declared that he had come in Father’s name to **teach Father’s doctrine, do Father’s will** and **finish Father’s work**. I do nothing of myself, Jesus said. “I do the works which Father has given me to finish and what I see him do.” I, said Jesus, have power to lay down my life and power to take it up again. “No man takes my life from me, but I lay it down of myself.” While on the earth, Jesus prayed that Father would glorify him with the glory which he had before the world began. The Master knew that Father had given all things into his hands and that he would return to Him.

As the **Lamb of God, Jesus takes away the sin of the world.**

As the **bread of God, he fills our hunger.**

As the **gift of God, he quenches our thirst.**

As the **good shepherd, he gives his life** for the sheep.

As the **door of the sheep, he gives us entry into his pastures where salvation is found.**

As **life and resurrection, he gives us death conquering eternal life.**

As the **true vine**, Jesus **bears fruit in and through us**. Without him, we can do nothing.

If we believe on him, we will never thirst. If we eat of him, we will never die. He declared, "He who believes in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." Jesus informed his disciples that he had come **that we might have abundant life**.

Father sent and taught the Master all things. Jesus spoke only what he heard and was commanded by Father. He came down from heaven. As he walked on the earth, the angels of God ascended and descended upon him. When he worked miracles, he manifested his glory and many believed. When he was crucified, he drew all men to himself. Before ascending, Jesus petitioned Father and requested that He give us another Comforter that he might abide with us forever. Before Jesus died, he cried out, "IT IS FINISHED", signifying that his redemptive work had been accomplished. When he completed his task of redemption, he departed from this world and returned to his Father.

Moved by love, Father gave us His only begotten Son. Those who believe in him will not perish, but **have everlasting life**. Those who believe in him will escape condemnation. Father loves Jesus and has shown him all things that He does. Father has granted him power to raise the dead and have life in himself. Father has given him power over all flesh that Jesus should give eternal life to as many as Father has given. Father has given Jesus authority to execute all judgment.

Jesus speaks the words of God and has **come to set us free**. Both Father and Son promise to make their abode in us when we believe. Jesus prays for and intercedes on our behalf. He baptizes us with the Holy Spirit. Father sent the Comforter in the name of Jesus. The Comforter has come to teach us all things and bring what Jesus has spoken to our remembrance. The Comforter glorifies the Son. He receives of Jesus and reveals it to his disciples.

Jesus declared, I know my sheep and they follow me. I give unto them eternal life and they will never perish neither will any man pluck them out of my hand. He told his disciples, "He that believes on me has everlasting life and will escape the wrath of God." When Jesus returns, he will tell us all things. He who hears the words of Jesus and believes on Him that sent him will pass from death unto life.

The hour is coming in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice and live. We must labor for that meat which endures unto everlasting life. What is the work of God? His work is to believe in Jesus. If we come to Jesus, he will not cast us out. What is Father's will? Father's will is that of all who have believed in Jesus, none should be lost, but instead that they be raised up again at the last day. Jesus declared, "This is the will of him that sent me: that everyone who sees the Son, and believes on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day."

Jesus declared, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. If you believe on me, as the scripture says, out of your belly will flow rivers of living water. I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also. The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwells in me, he does the works."

Jesus said, "He that believes on me, **the works that I do shall he do also**; and greater works than these shall he do because I go unto my Father. Jesus said, I have given you an example that you should do as I have done to you. You are clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me." Jesus declared to his disciples, "**As Father sent me into the world, even so I send you.**" Before ascending into heaven, Jesus breathed on them, and said, "Receive ye the Holy Spirit."

THE PURPOSE OF HIS COMING

(in 1-2-3 JOHN)

According to John, our fellowship is with both Father and his Son Jesus Christ. Father sent his only begotten Son **to be the Savior of the world** and that we might live through him. Father has given record of him.

Jesus was manifested **to take away our sins** and in him is no sin. He was sent **to be a propitiation for both our sins and the sins of the whole world**. It is his blood that cleanses us from all sin. If we sin, states John, we have an advocate with Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. When we confess our sins, he is faithful and just **to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness**. Our sins are forgiven us for his name's sake.

When Jesus appears, we will be like him for we will see him as he is. Jesus was manifested **that he might destroy the works of the devil**. He laid down his life for us and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. This is the record that God has given to us: eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Jesus has promises us eternal life. The Son of God is come and has **given us understanding that we may know him** that is true. We are in Him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

THE PURPOSE OF HIS COMING

(in REVELATION)

Jesus Christ, faithful witness, first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth loves us. He was slain from the foundation of the world. He **washed us from our sins** and **redeemed us unto God** in and by his blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation. Unto his God and Father, he **made us kings and priests** and we will reign with him on the earth.

Jesus walks in the midst of his churches. He will come quickly and remove the candlestick (church) out of its place, except it repent. To those who overcome, he will **give to eat of the tree of life** which is in the midst of the paradise of God. He will **give overcomers a crown of life** if they remain faithful unto death. He will **clothe them in white raiment** and will not blot out their name out of the book of life, but will **confess their names before Father and his angels**. He **searches the reins and heart** and will **give unto every one according to their works**. If we keep the word of his patience, he also will **keep us from the hour of temptation** which will come upon all the world to try them that dwell upon it.

He stands at the door, and knocks. If you hear his voice and open the door, he will **come in and sup with you**. When he returns, he will come with the clouds and every eye will see him. Those who pierced him and all the peoples of the earth will wail because of him. He will **rule the nations** with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers even as he received of Father.

He is the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne. He will **feed and lead us unto living fountains of waters** and God will wipe away all tears from our eyes. His power has **cast down the accuser of our brethren** which accused us before God day and night.

The Lamb will overcome them who make war against him. He has on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. They that are with him are called chosen, and faithful.

The holy city, New Jerusalem, will come down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. The marriage of the Lamb is coming and his wife will make herself ready. Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. Those who are thirsty will freely drink from the fountain of the water of life. Jesus comes quickly and his reward is with him. He will give everyone according to his work.

THE PURPOSE OF HIS COMING

(in THE EPISTLES OF PAUL)

According to the apostle Paul, God **sent forth his Son and made him sin for us** that we might **be made the righteousness of God** in him. He sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts and **quicken**ed us together with him. Father raised up those of us who have believed and made us sit together with Christ. He has **revealed his kindness** toward us through Christ Jesus and created all things by him. Father desires to make known His love and establish us in every good word and work. Christ will reign until God has put all enemies under his feet.

Paul writes that Jesus was rich, but for our sake **became poor** that we through his poverty might **be made rich**. Jesus loves us and has **given himself for us an offering** and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor. We are **now heirs of God** through Christ. We have now become **partakers of God's promise** in Christ. He **gives us light**. It is Father's desire that all things be gathered together in His Son. We have been **blessed with every spiritual blessing** in our union with him. By him has come the resurrection of the dead. Through his death and resurrection, we are **made alive** and now live for him. His life will be made manifest in our mortal body. We have **redemption** through his blood and have received the **forgiveness of sins**. Jesus has given himself a ransom for all that he might **redeem us from all iniquity** and **purify** unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

According to Paul, we were brought to Jesus by the law that we might be **justified by faith**. His strength is made perfect in our weakness. In order to **fill all things**, Jesus gave to the church apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. He desires to **perfect the saints** so they can do the work of ministry and edify the body of Christ. Jesus will use these gifts until the church comes to the unity of the faith, until

it comes to the full knowledge of the Son, until it becomes a perfect man, and until it arrives at the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. He is going to **sanctify and cleanse** his church with the washing of water by the Word. He will **present to himself a glorious church** not having spot or wrinkle; it will be holy and without blemish. Our righteousness is through the faith of Christ. He will **change our vile body** like unto his glorious body. **Peace has come** to us through the blood of his cross. He has **reconciled us to God**. Through his death, he will **present us holy, unblameable and unproveable** in his sight. Of the Lord we will **receive the reward of the inheritance**.

Jesus **gave himself for our sins** and **delivered us from this present evil world**. He was sent by God to **redeem us from the curse of the law** that we might **receive the adoption of sons**. He was **made a curse for us**. He **delivered us from the wrath to come**. When he returns, he will **punish the wicked** with everlasting destruction from the presence of God and from the glory of his power. When he is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, he will **take vengeance** on those who do not know God or obey His gospel.

THE PURPOSE OF HIS COMING

(in 1&2 PETER)

According to Peter, we have been **redeemed** with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and spot. Christ suffered for us leaving us an example that we should follow in his steps. He **bare our sins** in his own body on the tree that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. **By his stripes we have been healed.** Christ has once suffered for sins that he might **bring us to God.** When the chief Shepherd appears, we shall **receive a crown of glory** that fades not away. We have **received great and precious promises** that we might be **partakers of the divine nature** and **escape the corruption** that is in the world. He did not sin, nor was guile found in his mouth.

THE PURPOSE OF HIS COMING

(in JAMES)

There are no references to the purpose of the coming of Jesus Christ. The epistle is primarily didactic.

THE PURPOSE OF HIS COMING

(in JUDE)

According to Jude, Jesus will return with ten thousands of his saints in order to do the following:

- To **execute judgement** upon all
- To **convince all** that are ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

CONCLUSION OF FINDINGS

Summary

As we read through the pages of the New Testament, one of the most striking ideas that becomes evident regarding the purpose for the coming of Christ is the fact that he has come **to make his abode in us**. He will not only **restores all things in us** and **reconcile us to God**, but will indwell and dine with us. Scripture informs us that he has come **to fill all things**. His coming has both energized and brought us perfect soundness. When he moves into his new abode (us), he **brings with him all his fullness**. When present in us, he begins a work that alters our eternal destiny. When Jesus manifested his glory, he manifested the glory of Father. He came to declare and bring Father into the open. He is determined **to fully reveal, express, define, and explain Father to us**.

Jesus has come **to glorify and redeem us unto God** in and by his own blood. He has come **to unveil Father's kindness toward us**. Scripture indicates that Jesus made us rich by making himself poor. Father made him both Lord and Christ. In fact, Father will one day gather together all things unto him. Jesus is the light of the world. He **illuminates everyone that comes into existence**. One day, he will rule the nations and confess our name before Father and his angels. He will give us to eat of the tree of life found in the midst of his paradise, clothe us with white raiment, place an unfading crown of glory upon our head and keep us from the hour of temptation.

Father has sent His Son into this world. He is present **to minister and serve the human race**. He has come **to seek and save the lost**, as well as **to call sinners to repent**.

As the Savior of the world, he has come **to undo and destroy the works of the devil**. Since the fall, the human race has lived under the guilt of sin. Since Moses, we have lived under the penalty of sin due to our law breaking and lack of law keeping. The curse of the law hangs over our head. We have fallen short of God's glory. We have lost God's glory, God's presence and God's inheritance. We have broken God's law and have incurred a sentence of eternal death, but the story does not end here.

Jesus has come **to be our advocate before Father**. He has come **to restore us to our pre-fall condition**. Our sin-debt has been cancelled. He has given himself an offering and sacrifice to God. He is the lamb without blemish and spot. His sacrifice has **acquired for us the forgiveness of sins**. With his precious blood, he has **redeem us from the curse of the law**. He has come to be a curse for us. He has **taken upon himself the penalty that was to be executed upon us**. He has **died in our place** (propitiation) as well as in the place of the whole world. He has blessed us by **redeeming us and turning us away from our iniquity**. It is Jesus who has **cast down the accuser of our brethren** and **delivered us from condemnation and the wrath** to come. It is Jesus who has **rescued us from the present evil age** and **aids us to escape the corruption of the world**. He has **saved the**

human race from the penalty of its sins and has **restored to us God's presence, God's glory and God's inheritance.**

As the **Savior of the world**, he has **come to undo and destroy the works of the devil**. He **bound the strong man** (the devil) and **spoiled** his house. He has **come into the world to heal**. He bore our sickness and by his stripes, he has brought healing. When he walked the earth, he healed the sick, cleansed the leper and raised the dead. He opened deaf ears, made the blind to see and the lame to walk. He has come to restore us physically.

As the **Savior of the world**, he has **come to undo and destroy the works of the devil**. Everywhere and in every place, he **cast out devils** and **healed all who were oppressed** by him. He has come **to restore us spiritually**.

As the one who will bring about the restitution of all things, Jesus has **come to bring abundance**. This is evident when we review some of the benefits we have acquired as a result of his work. Jesus **intercedes on our behalf before Father - He is praying for us**. He has come to **baptize us with the Holy Spirit**. He **comes bearing gifts, grants us every spiritual blessing** in Christ and provides us with **cleansing through his Word**.

When he walked the earth, he **clothe his disciples with power** from on high. He **filled their hunger, quenched their thirst** and **bore fruit in and through them**. What Jesus did for them, he desires to do among us.

He is at work to help us **arrive at the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ**. He has **made us heirs of God**. Because of his coming we can now **be justified by faith**. He has **granted us a Life that is eternal in nature and includes death-conquering qualities**. He has brought light to us and has **made us partakers of the divine nature**.

Because of his coming, we are now **partakers of God's great and precious promises**. We can **enjoy peace** through the blood of his cross. He is **perfecting us to do the work of ministry**. He **feeds and leads us unto living fountains of water**. He has **granted us power to become members of his royal family** and **gives us the adoption of sons**. We will reign with him on the earth.

He will **reveal all things to us as he opens and expounds the Scripture** to us. He will **present us holy, unblameable and unreprouvable**. He **will sanctify and purify us** unto himself. **Rivers of living water will flow through us**. We have **been set free**.

Jesus is our model. He is **here to build his church**. He will present it glorious without spot or wrinkle and will prepare it as a bride for himself. He came as a **fisher of men** and has prepared us to do the same. He come as King and High priests. He has now made us kings and priests unto God. When he came, he was a co-worker with Father. He has now **prepared us to be his co-workers**. Father sent him forth and now **he sends us forth as well**.

Jesus was slain from the foundation of the world. He fulfilled all that is written of him. When he died, he **drew all men to himself**. He is the ladder upon which angels ascend and descend. When he came, he **preached gospel of the kingdom** to the poor. He **carried out the work of redemption** and gave himself a ransom for all. Upon completing his task, **he was made the righteousness of God**.

Jesus suffered, die, was buried and raised for us. He will change our vile body like unto his glorious body

Jesus came to **teach and sow divine seed into the human heart**. He taught Father's doctrine of the kingdom of God. He taught only what he received from and what Father commanded.

When he returns, he will execute all judgement and convince all the ungodly of their wicked ways. He will take vengeance on those who do not know him and do not obey His gospel. He will punish the wicked with everlasting destruction and give every one according to their works. He searches the reins and heart.

Jesus came into the world **to prepare a people that would carry out his mission**. He sent them forth as sheep in the midst of wolves. He empowered them to do divine work and commissioned them to heal the sick, cast out devils and raise the dead. Before ascending into heaven, he commanded his disciples to deliver good news to every creature. He

commanded them to baptize and teach. Jesus revealed his plan to **continue his work through his servants**. He gave them the keys of the kingdom. Empowered by the Master, they went about casting out devils and healing the sick by laying hands on them. They usher men out of death and into life.

Jesus initially sent individuals to do his work, but his assignment is primarily to the church as a corporate entity. He prepared the church to do greater works than he had done himself. It was through the church that Jesus continues his work on the earth. It serves as a corporate witness to the resurrection of Jesus. After receiving the promised Holy Spirit, the church was empowered to carry out the following tasks. It became a channel of Father's words and works. It preaches the gospel concerning the kingdom to every nation, teaches all that Jesus commanded and declares the whole counsel of God to those who believe. It calls all to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and to repentance toward God. It offers the gift of the forgiveness of sins and admonishes all to turn and seek the face of God. It offers the sinner a fresh beginning.

Like Christ, the church serves its community. It heals the sick and cast out devils. It performs great signs, wonders and miracles. It gives sight to the blind, transfers the lost from the power of Satan to God and turns the repentant from darkness to the light.

The church commends the believer to God, confirms souls, strengthens saints, exhorts the elect to continue in the faith and urges all to do works meet for repentance. It teaches that God provides those who believe with an inheritance. It reasons concerning righteousness, temperance and judgment to come.

Again, Jesus has been sent by Father to do His Will, speak His words, and become His channel of life, blessing and power. Now, Jesus calls us to do the same. God has promised to make available all the resources of heaven so we can carry out His great commission. Charge!

OTHER BOOKS AND QUICK READS

BOOKS

The Narratives of Christ (Gospel)
Is God Speaking? (Minor Prophets)
God's Life-Changing Curriculum (An Agent of Change)
Worship (In the New Testament)

QUICK-READS

The Authority of the Believer
Transforming Power
Redeemed from the Curse (Entitled to the Blessing)
Emotional Intelligence (Models: A Brief Review)
Why He Came
The Kingdom (13 Parables)
Divine Transition
Divine Expectation
Unclaimed Wealth
Times of Refreshing
Unlocking God's Diary
The House of James
The Will of God (In James)
The Pure Gospel (Galatians)
Paul's Vision of God (Ephesians)
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