

October 11, 2010

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

October 17, 2010

a.m. "*Die in the Lord*"

Scripture: Revelation 14:13-16

p.m. "*Trust in the Lord*"

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5

Uniqueness Of Jesus Christ's Life

Don Hatch

The greatest proof of Jesus Christ being the Son of God is His bodily resurrection (Rom 1:1-5). His deity is the basis of Christian faith. As God, He founded a church with a passionate message of hope. It is essential that believers understand thoroughly the nature of Christ and His church. The Bible portrays Jesus, His words and deeds accurately. No other book can claim such accuracy. Christians do not have disputed faith, but rather they have evidences which are overwhelming and sound. The beliefs held by the first Christians are the same as those of the 21st century Christian. There is no disputation of the relevancy of the Bible, Jesus' life and what made a Christian a Christian.

Unlike other men, Jesus Christ, according to the scriptures had a preexistence. He lived as God and became "God with us" (Jn 1:1-17; Mat 1:18-20). He came down from heaven (Jn 6:38). He is a part of divinity [Godhead Rom 1:18-20]. He lived in eternity with the Father and Holy Spirit. He had glory with the Father before he became Incarnate (Jn 17:5, 24). He is the express image of God (Heb 1:1-7). Christ was present in creation (Gen 1:1-3; Col 1:16). Everything on the earth was created by Him and for Him. Historically, in His pre-incarnate state, He directed the affairs of man. No man has seen the Father, but they have seen Jesus Christ, the Son of God, God with us (Jn 1:18). The Son came to manifest divinity unto mankind. Jesus' office in the godhead is to communicate and execute the work of God. *Theophany* is a study of the preexistence of Christ, His undertakings to make the Father's and His will known to mankind. John the Baptizer, the harbinger of the Messiah, said Jesus came after him but was before him (Jn 1:15, 20). The terms Lord (Jehovah) and God (Elohim) both refer to Jesus Christ (Isa 40:3). Jesus' coming was proclaimed (Lk 24:44-48; Acts 3:22-26). Jesus said, "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad" (Jn 8:31-58).

Incredibly Jesus emphatically taught a pre-incarnation existence. A study of the meaning of "word" uniquely emphasizes that it came to Abraham and stressed a personalized "word" from God Himself, which was the "Living Word" (Gen 15:1; Jn 1:1). On this occasion God said "*I am* the shield and great reward" constituting how great Jesus was when He used the term "*I am*" in His teaching. John identifies Him as the "Alpha and Omega" (Rev 1:8). Before the foundations

of the worlds were laid Jesus was (Eph 1:3-15; Col 1:9-23). The plan for Jesus was made before the foundation of the world (1 Pet 1:20). He was in the mind of God, the "lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Rev 13:8). Promised throughout the Old Testament, God Himself was to enter into the human family in order to suffer, die and be raised to redeem the lost world, reconciling all things to God (2 Cor 5:18-20). The announcement of "One coming" was considered a first declaration of the good news (Gen 3:15; Gal 3:1-8; 15:1-20). Clearly inspiration, though veiled, taught a supernatural entrance of God Himself in human life as the Incarnate. God, the Son, was to become Immanuel (Isa 7:14). A specific reference is to a woman bearing Jesus Christ. The word Immanuel means "God with us". He was to be a child (Isa 9:6) and have an earthly place of birth (Mic 5:2). Human children were to die in the time of His early earthly life (Jer 31:22; Mat 2:16-19). Jesus was all God and man (Phil 2:1-11). God, the Father, sent His only begotten Son into the world (1 Jn 4:9). In the fullness of time Jesus was born of woman and under the law (Gal 4:1-4). He had come from the Father and said He was going back to the Father (Jn 16:28).

The importance of the Incarnation is incalculable. Satan, who introduced sin into the world via Eve, has always sought to prevent mankind from returning to fellowship with God. Jesus came as the Incarnate to bring to naught the works of Satan (Heb 2:14-18). Jesus was the one man who was not in bondage to Satan (Heb 2:14-18). He alone was capable of setting man free. Jesus was found in the fashion of man (Phil 2:8). He was tempted in all points as mankind, yet without sin (Heb 4:15). He was holy, harmless and separated from sin (Heb 7:26). The doctrine of "Adamic Sin" or "original sin" is stained with false teachings. A son cannot inherit the sins of his father, nor the father the sins of his son (Ezek 18:19, 20). The doctrine of Mary being "*immaculately conceived*" or *free from the Adamic sin* was invented to circumvent the sin of Adam being passed from Mary to Jesus. This contradicts clear Bible teachings. Mary did not inherit the sin of Adam, nor did she live sinless. She like all of mankind sinned (Rom 3:23; 6:23). The teaching of "Immaculate Conception" and Mary being a "mediatrix", included in the process of salvation, cannot biblically stand. There is only one Mediator, Jesus Christ, and He gave His life to redeem mankind (1 Tim 2:1-7). There was never an Old Testament teaching concerning someone other than Jesus Christ being mankind's Savior. To be the Savior Jesus had to experience totally a human life, from conception to death. The only way this was accomplished was Jesus being born of a virgin and living sinlessly (2 Cor 5:18-20).

Jesus' life rises above any known religious teaching. His life, death, burial, bodily resurrection, ascension to the right hand of the Father fulfills the Bible's pledge to mankind for salvation. In none other is there salvation; for neither is there any other name under heaven that is given among men, wherein we must be saved (Acts 4:12).

The church of Christ is great. It stands apart from all worldly associations. It is divinely directed and worthy of intense consideration. Those who have been redeemed are indebted to God, the Father for freely justifying by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. God set forth Jesus to be a propitiation, through faith in His blood (Rom 3:21-30). Loyalty to the church, as the bride of Jesus, is second nature to the redeemed (2 Cor 11:1, 2). No other association should hold greater affection or devotion.

The Founder of the church did all things necessary for salvation. God, the Father, blesses the redeemed with every spiritual blessing in Christ (Eph 1:3-15). He foreordained, from the foundation of the world, that all the redeemed should be holy and without blemish before Him in love. Praise arises from the redeemed because of forgiveness of trespasses. As heirs the redeemed do that which is according to the purpose of God. The redeemed never cease to praise God for the inheritance and deliverance from the power of darkness (Col 1:9-23). Those who were alienated from God, because of sin, now are reconciled through Christ (2 Cor 5:18-20; Eph 2:11-23). The founding of the church of Christ was for spiritual blessings upon mankind. Jesus emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, made in the likeness of man, He humbled Himself, being obedient even unto death on the cross, in order that the church of Christ might be established (Phil 2:1-11).

The price paid for the church of Christ was the blood of Jesus Christ (Acts 20:28). God blessed mankind with mercy and grace (Eph 2:1-11). The inheritance of a Christian is incorruptible and undefiled and does not fade away because it is reserved in heaven for them (1 Pet 1:3-12). The precious blood of Jesus, as a lamb without blemish, cleanses us from all sin (1 Jn 1:7). As the spiritual body of Christ, the church is strengthened to the end that she might be grounded and rooted in love. Being strong to apprehend with all the saints the breadth, length, height and depth of the love of Christ, filled with all the fulness of God (Eph 3:14-19). She sees the ability of God to bless abundantly, above all we ask or think, according to the power that works in her, so that the church might be the glory and praise raised to the name of God for all generations (Eph 3:20, 21).

The church of Christ has a divine calling. Being begotten unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ she has all things which pertain unto life and godliness (1 Pet 1:3-18; 2 Pet 1:1-11). She gives diligence to establish and consistently maintain the ancient order. Her mission is to proclaim, in purity, the sound doctrine (Tit 1:9; 2:1). The world lies at her door awaiting the saving message. Her task is to “preach the word, be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, instruct in that which is righteous with long suffering and meekness” (1 Tim 3:15-17; 4:1-8). Her manner of life will display the sincerity with which she counts her calling. Making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of Christ and instructing them to continue steadfastly in the Apostles’ teachings is her mission (Acts 2:42).

Ultimately the kingdom, church of Christ will be delivered to God the Father (1 Cor 15:24). We prepare while upon the earth to meet our God.

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FAMILY CARE: A Message from Our Shepherds

Belt Line Rd. church of Christ is doing a wonderful work in supporting several different areas of the world with capable missionaries. Our prayers and support goes to help the spread of the gospel throughout Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia as well as America. God blesses us for helping evangelize the world. At present, we support ten missionaries and several missionary activities. We also have a hard working group of Christians who help prepare and distribute God’s Word to the world. Every Sunday afternoon, several people are enjoying the fellowship and satisfaction of doing God’s will in spreading the Word. They collate and staple thousands

of tracts every year and never complain. They know that they are doing a greater work than most people realize. The elders are very happy that the "Mission Printing" workers are so dedicated and independent in getting a tough job done without fanfare. Through the years, this group has shown great determination and flexibility in staying together and continuing to grow. They are always looking for additional help. This week an ocean container of 30,000 pounds of religious literature was shipped to our brethren in Ghana to be distributed throughout West Africa. If you would like to be a part of this great ministry, please see me. Keep up the good work everyone, and God be praised.

"And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation, but as it is written: 'To whom He was not announced, they shall see; And those who have not heard shall understand'" (Romans 15:20-21).

There is something for you to do at Belt Line. God wants us all to be busy doing good and glorifying His name. Give me a call if you need some help in deciding what to do. All the elders are interested in you and your spiritual growth. May God continue to bless this congregation with wonderful Christian workers.

~ Richard Renfro

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GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

Sunday, October 17, 2010

Front foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

Back foyer: Ilene Ashworth, Carol Swinney

Sunday, October 24, 2010

Front foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Back foyer: JC & Dessie Ross

Family News:

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet **Sunday** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium.

SINGING SESSION

The singing class will meet **today** in room #116 at 5:15 p.m.

MENS' GATHERING/DEVOTIONAL

The **Monday morning** devotional will meet at 6:00 a.m. in the Annex.

LADIES

Ladies' class will meet **Tuesday, October 19th** at 9:30 a.m.

Also, please meet next Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in room #116 to discuss details about our 10th Annual Ladies' Day.

BEAR PROGRAM

Ladies, the signup sheet from the front foyer has been misplaced; if you signed this particular sheet, please sign it again as a new sheet has been put out. We apologize for any inconvenience.

NEW ARRIVALS

New issues of the Gospel Minutes are available in the front foyer.

39'ers

The 39'ers will meet in the Annex next Monday, October 18th at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish & a friend & enjoy the fellowship.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

The Handley Church of Christ is hosting their annual meeting **October 17-20** with Don Walker of Austin. See a flyer for this meeting on the bulletin board in the back foyer.

CHRIST'S HAVEN

The Christ's Haven van will be picking up groceries on November 2nd; if you would like to participate, please take a bag with a list of items needed attached from the front & back foyers, fill them, & bring them back to the building by Sunday, October 31st.

TAPES ARE AVAILABLE

In the study of the Minor Prophets with Brother Hatch, the theme of "Practical Lessons of Permanent Value" is being studied. Lessons have been taped & are available. If interested, please complete a tape order form. The book of Amos is complete; Obadiah will be next.

WITH SYMPATHY

Marcella Porter's brother-in-law passed away early last week.

NEWS OF THE SICK

- **Billie Beverly** was able to be in worship yesterday.
- **Fauna Garrett** received a shot in her back for pain; she now also suffers with Parkinson's.
- **Billie Gilliam** was also able to be in worship yesterday.
- **Roberta Price's nephew** is in the hospital.
- **Frances Tipton** continues to suffer with a great deal of pain.
- **Myrtle Wade** is in Baylor/Irving, room #409.
- **Joy Webb** is in Baylor/Irving, room #428 for tests.
- **Faye West** also made worship yesterday.

CONTINUOUS PRAYER CONCERNS:

Evelyn Armstrong, Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Don & Judy Hancock, Jean Kelly, Jack & Frances LaFerney, Garldean Latham, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Thomas West, Brad Anderson (Bill Paschall's friend), Gail Hieronymus (Mike Garrison's daughter), Johnny Williams (Bobbie's son).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Be sure and mark your calendar -

- October 17: Mission Printing in the Jr. Auditorium at 4:00 p.m.
- October 17: Singing class in room #116 at 5:15 p.m.
- October 19: Ladies' Bible Class at 9:30 a.m.

LORD'S TABLE/MORNING

Front Table

- Mike Batot
- James Gilliam
- Denzil Myers
- Stan Selby
- Henry Seidmeyer
- Thomas Rathbun
- Jerry Baker
- Dorris Walker

Rear Table

- JC Ross
- Robert Taylor
- Max Melton
- Keith Vaughn
- Derrol Allen
- Bill Paschall
- Roy Martin
- Bobby England

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

- Richard Renfro
- Bill Matthews
- Glen Kelly

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Dean Webb
- Revelation 14:13-16

A.M. SONG LEADER

- Darrell Allen

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

- John Mayer
- Mike Batot

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Nathan Allen
- Proverbs 3:5

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

- Darrell Allen

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

- Marvin Brown
- Glen Kelly

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Darrell Allen

FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	76	78	84	125
A.M. Worship	146	145	148	210
P.M. Worship	82	71	78	112
Wed. Class	77	70	78	110
Ladies Bible Class	23	24	29	30
Contribution	\$5980	\$4321	\$5266	\$5433

MISSIONS

- Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Malaysia
- Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
- Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
- Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
- Glen & Kuintattersall – Australia
- Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko - Russia
- Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
- Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX
- Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
- Bitragunta Church of Christ, Bitragunta, India
- Dan Keele – Bear Valley School of Preaching
- Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
- Ted Lingren - Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
- Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
- Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo Nation
- Dennis & Beth Johnson - Chennai Teacher Training School – India