

The Christ of Christianity (Part Two)

As we have seen, the Bible is clear that Jesus Christ is entirely God and entirely man. This speaks to who He is. This week we will attempt to understand what He did : what His purpose and mission was in coming to earth. The Bible teaches that Man is incapable of fully understanding Gods ways (Isaiah 55:8-9). There is a separation between God and man because God is holy and man is sinful. This week we will discover how God perfectly bridged this separation between us through Jesus Christ.

What did Jesus do?

A. What Jesus said His purpose was

1. To save sinners (Luke 19:10, 1 Timothy 1:15)
2. To call sinners to repentance (Luke 5:31, 32)
3. To give His life a ransom for many (Mark 10:45, 1 Timothy 2:6)
4. For this purpose I came to this hour...(John 12:27)
 - The purpose: To glorify God and redeem mankind
 - The hour: The hour of His crucifixion
5. To do the will of Him who sent me and accomplish His Work (John 4:34)
6. That they may have life and have it to the full (John 10:10)

B. By way of illustration: "The Bridge to Life" (Isaiah 59:2)

C. What He accomplished

1. He redeemed the world (1 Peter 1:18-19)
2. He died and was raised for us (1 Corinthians 15:3-7, 12-19)
3. He made us rich spiritually (2 Corinthians 8:9)
4. He predestined us, adopted us, bestowed grace on us, redeemed us, forgave us, gave inheritance...(Ephesians 1:5-13)
5. He justified and reconciled us to His father (Romans 5:6-9)
6. He provided us an example to follow (1 Peter 2:21-24)

What will you do? (John 3:36)

Accept = Life

Reject = Death