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“Holding forth the word of life” Phil. 2:16

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THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD

“And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name” (John 20:30, 31).

Truly Jesus is the Christ, the anointed one of God. He is God’s Christ. Jesus is presented in the gospel of John as the all-sufficient Saviour to those who believe in Him. He is the Son of God.

Let us notice Jesus as the Son of God and what He did as He is revealed in the gospel of John. John 1:1 presents Jesus as being in the beginning with God. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God” (John 1:1). Oh how this verse reveals to us that Jesus is God. He is the living Word. Then we see Jesus as “the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...” (John 1:14). Jesus had to come and dwell among us in order to be our Saviour. He took a human body without sin at His birth.

John presents Jesus as “the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” in John 1:29. There were many lambs offered in the Old Testament, but these pointed forward to this time in John 1:29 when

Jesus is revealed as God’s Lamb to pay for our sins. Jesus as the Lamb of God died and shed His precious blood to redeem us from the penalty of sin. He was buried, but He arose from the dead on the third day. He took away all of our sins as they were laid on Him there on the cross.

The book of John teaches us that “grace and truth came by Jesus Christ” (John 1:17). Therefore we can know God’s grace to us as Christ is revealed in the Bible. “For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich” (2 Cor. 8:9). God’s grace is the rich one (Christ) becoming poor that we who were poor might be rich. He is not speaking of material riches, but rather spiritual riches.

In John 4, the Samaritan woman met Jesus and said, “Come see a man, which told me all things that ever I did; is not this the Christ?” (John 4:29). Jesus, the Christ, came to save sinners, even sinners like this wicked woman.

John presents Jesus as the bread of life. “And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst” (John 6:35). As the bread which came down from Heaven,

Jesus satisfies the spiritual hunger of everyone who believes in Him.

Jesus is also the “Light of the world” in John. “Then spake Jesus again unto them saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life” (John 8:12). John said that He “was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world” (John 1:9).

Jesus is “the good Shepherd”: in John 10. “I am the good Shepherd: the good Shepherd giveth his life for the sheep” (John 10:11). He is the resurrection and the life in John 11:25, and He is the way to Heaven in John 14:6.

There are many other revelations of Jesus as “the Christ, the Son of God” in the gospel of John. We can see in these wonderful verses who Jesus is and also see that He came to save those who believe in His death, burial and resurrection. He gives us eternal, everlasting life when we believe in Him. Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God? Have you come to believe in Him?

- Gladwin Carpenter

REJOICE IN THE LORD! SEEING CHRIST IN PHILIPPIANS

“Rejoice in the Lord and again I say rejoice” (Phil. 4:3) (Continued from April)

Fifth, Paul rejoices because Christ is the perfect example of humility and service. He who was enthroned in heaven on an equal basis with the Father, voluntarily laid aside that glory and came to this world to be born in Bethlehem’s manger as one of us and live a life in complete obedience of the will of the Father. This meant that he must humble himself and be obedient, even to the death of the cross. There he died the just for the unjust. He had no sin, but He became sin for us that He might redeem us from the curse of the law. He was despised and rejected of men and yet he willingly and voluntarily stood in our place to become the propitiation (a satisfaction) to the Father for our sins. Because of His obedience, the Father has accepted His sacrifice, has highly exalted Him to His right hand and given Him a name above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of the Father (Phil. 2:6-11). Moreover, if we expect to be exalted, it will be after we first humble ourselves under God’s mighty hand and are willing to do His will and not our own. Jesus said, “Whosoever will be great among you shall be your minister and whosoever of you that will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all” (Mark 10:44). We can rejoice in Christ because He is our great example of lowly service and the assurance that our service

will not go unnoticed.

Sixth, Paul could rejoice because of the exalted position of the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul said that “God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name” (Philippians 2:9) and decreed that in all things he is to have the preeminence (Colossians 1:18). The Father has seated him at his own right hand, and the Scripture says that we are fully accepted in him. He is our representative, our forerunner and has entered into the presence of the Father for us. He has the place of honor, power, and of authority and we shall see His glory (John 17:24) and in the millennium we shall reign with Him and share His glory. Even now, at the right hand of the Father, He ever lives to make intercession for us that our faith fail not, that no charge can be lodged against us, and to providentially direct the steps of our paths all the way home to glory. He is the preeminent one above all others.

Seventh, I can rejoice in Christ because He is the object of our fellowship. Paul says in Philippians 3:7-14 that his highest desire is to know Him and the fellowship of His sufferings. The Christian faith is not just about knowing about someone, but actually having a living relationship with someone, the Lord Jesus Christ. This relationship is possible because Christ’s righteousness has been credited to our account, and we stand accepted in

Him (3:9). It is a relationship which continues from the time we are saved to the time we depart this life, until we see Him face to face in our own bodies after the resurrection and then the best is yet to be. The Psalmist declares “In thy presence is fullness of joy, at thy right hand are pleasures ever more” (Psalms 16:11). Until then, we can grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior and be changed to be more like Him day by day.

Eighth, I can rejoice in Christ because I have the assurance of heaven and glory with Him. One day, He will come for us and change our weak, sin-cursed bodies and make them like unto His glorious body (Phil. 3:20-21). We will have a body which is not subject to disease, decay or death, or the limitations of this life (1 Cor. 15:42-49). John tells us “we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:2). We may not know exactly what all that means but the Psalmist says “I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness” (Psalms 17:15). My spiritual citizenship is in heaven and I have the assurance of heaven and glory with Him.

Ninth, I can rejoice in Christ because He is my strength as a believer in Him (Phil 4:13). Paul writes “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me” (Phil. 4:13). Paul says whatever our circumstances, whatever our challenges, we can handle them by

Christ, who gives us the strength, the wisdom, and the grace to do the things that he would have us to do. Paul says, whether we are living humbly or triumphantly, Christ's grace is sufficient for our every need. What joy it brings our hearts as we keep our eyes on Him "who loved us and gave himself for us." He who saved us by His grace and shed His blood for us will not desert us in our time of need.

Tenth, I can rejoice in Christ because He is the channel of divine supplies for our every need. Paul

wrote, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:19). In the context, Paul notes that as we supply for the needs of his workers and his church, he will supply our needs both materially and spiritually. This is not a carnal promise for greed or carelessness. We leave it to Him to determine our need and we gratefully thank Him for what he provides. He supplies according to His riches so we can rest assured there will never be a lack of supply.

Let us then not be complainers or

mummers about our lives or our circumstances, but let us rejoice in the Lord. He is all the believer needs. Let us reply like John Newton of old, but for "grace" let us say "Christ."

"Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'Tis Christ hath brought me safe thus far, and Christ will lead me home."

Rejoice in the Lord! And again I say rejoice!

- Larry Windham

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOUR

An Almighty Saviour to liberate us (Psa. 106:21); A Bruised Saviour to redeem us (Acts 5:30, 31); A comely Saviour to adorn us (2 Peter 1:1); A Divine Saviour to bless us (Titus 3:4); An eternal Saviour to secure us (Jude 25). A Faithful Saviour to keep us (Phil. 3:20); A Great Saviour to deliver us (Isa. 19:20); A Holy Saviour to sanctify us (Isa 43:3); An Indwelling Saviour to rule us (Isa. 43:11); A Joyous Sav-

our to gladden us (Zeph. 3:17); A Kind Saviour to crown us (Titus 3:6); A Living Saviour to be with us (1 Tim. 4:10); A Mighty Saviour to enable us (2 Pet. 3:18); A Near Saviour to guard us (Ex. 14:30); An Overcoming Saviour to defend us (Isa. 63:9); A Providing Saviour to enrich us (John 4:42); A Quickening Saviour to change us (Eph. 5:23); A Righteous Saviour to clear us (Isa 45:21); A Strong Saviour to

uphold us (Matt. 14:31); A Tried Saviour to befriend us (Heb. 2:10); An Unlimited Saviour to save us (Heb. 7:25); A Virtuous Saviour to purify us (Matt. 1:21); A Wise Saviour to teach us (James 1:21); A Matchless Saviour - no other like Him (Acts 4:12); A Yearning Saviour to sympathize with us (2 Tim. 1:9); A Great Saviour to save us (1 Tim. 1:15).

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THE LAMB OF GOD

A Lamb, THE Lamb, YOUR Lamb (Exodus 12:3, 4, 5).

There's a Lamb for a PERSON (Genesis 4:4);

There's a lamb for a FAMILY (Exodus 12:3);

There's a lamb for a NATION (John 11:50);

There's a lamb for the WORLD (John 1:29);

There's a lamb for the UNIVERSE (Rev. 5:13).

The WORK of the Lamb (John 1:29);

The WALK of the Lamb (John 1:36);

The WORTH of the Lamb (Rev. 5:12);

The WITNESS of the Lamb (Rev. 5:6);

The WORSHIP of the Lamb (Rev. 5:14);

The WEDDING of the Lamb (Rev. 19:7-9);

The WORLD-DOMINION of the Lamb (Rev. 1:7);

The WRATH of the Lamb (Rev. 6:16).

The same stroke that slew the Lamb, rent the veil from top to bottom.

- Arthur E. Smith

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The schedule is as follows:

- 9:50 a.m. - Welcome
- 10:00 - Kenny Hodges
- 10:45 - Jack Maroon
- 11:20 - Butch Simmons
- 12:00 - Lunch (at Church)
- 1:00 - Business
- 2:00 - (Nap) Clark
- 2:45 - Adjourn

Bro. Kenny Hodges, Pastor,
and the church invite you to
this time of Worship and Bible
study.

“Study to shew thyself
approved unto God, a work-
man that needeth not to be
ashamed, rightly dividing the
word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15).

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