

Jesus, God Made Flesh and Blood

All Christians look on Jesus Christ as their redeemer, but Jesus is far more than this.

John 1:1-3 [NIV] *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. **Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.**”*

Jesus Christ is the Creator God.

Colossians 1:15-17 [NIV] *“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; **all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**”*

Jesus Christ is the One who sustains everything that He created.

Jesus holds everything together. He is the adhesive quality of the universe.

This supremacy of Jesus Christ includes all the spirit creation.

John 1:14 [NIV] *“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, **full of grace and truth.**”*

Remember that everything that God does is by grace, for no human, no creature, no being deserves anything from God, Jesus Christ is that grace.

Salvation is by undeserved and unearned grace.

All creation is by grace, physical and spiritual.

This boundless grace must operate wherever that which is **not** God appeals to that which **is** God.

Even when we are unconverted and the enemies of God, we receive bountiful grace from God.

The **life** we have is the result of God's grace.

The **mind** we have is the result of God's grace.

The **memory** we have is the result of God's grace.

All that we are or have is out of grace.

Jesus Christ the Eternal Word, who became flesh and dwelt among us, opened up the channel through which God moves to provide all the benefits He gives to saints and sinners.

What about all the years of our future existence?

Have we earned them?

Is it the result of our being good or bad?

No!

Our present and future existence is totally dependent on God's grace.

When we, as faithful Christians, present Jesus Christ to other human beings, we should remember that they are already receiving benefits of grace, and we are only presenting Jesus Christ to them in His new office, that of Redeemer.

When we say to an unbelieving human being, *“Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ,”* we are actually saying to them, *“Believe on the One who gave you life and sustains that life.”*

“Believe on the One who pities you and spares you and keeps you.”

“Believe on the One out of whom you came!”

The truth is God has never done anything apart from Jesus Christ.

John 1:17 [NIV] *“For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”*

The idea that the Old Testament is a book of law and the New Testament a book of grace is based on a completely false theory.

There is certainly as much about grace, mercy and love in the Old Testament as there is in the New.

Was it the keeping of the law that forgave King David when he committed his great sins?

No, it was grace being displayed.

The only contrast between the Old Testament and Moses and the New Testament and Jesus is what could be accomplished.

Moses was not the channel through which God dispenses His grace.

All Moses could do is command righteousness.

In contrast only Jesus Christ produces righteousness in us.

All Moses could do was to forbid us to sin.

In contrast Jesus Christ came to save us from sin.

It was the grace of God in Jesus Christ that saved the whole human race when our first parents Adam and Eve sinned.

Genesis 3:21 [NIV] *“The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.”*

A shedding of blood to cover their sin was looking forward to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ their Saviour.

It was the grace of God in Jesus Christ yet to be born but existing in pre-incarnation glory that:-

Forgave Abraham when he lied;

Saved eight persons when the earth flooded in the days of Noah;

Forgave Israel their rebellious sin time and time again.

Every part of the creation has to yield to Jesus Christ and His authority.

This was displayed in the many miracles, healings and exorcising of demons.

Everything that Jesus Christ did was a meaningful display of God's love, compassion and glory.

It was the very person and character of Jesus Christ that was glorious.

It is **not** so much what Jesus does but what He is in His person and character that is glorious.

Jesus Christ is **perfect love** in a loveless world.

Jesus Christ is **perfect purity** in an impure world.

Jesus Christ is **perfect meekness** in a harsh and quarrelsome world.

Jesus Christ is **perfect humility** in a world where every person is seeking their own benefit.

Jesus Christ has **boundless mercy** in a hard and cruel world.

Jesus Christ is **complete selfless goodness** in a world full of selfishness.

This is the glory the disciples saw when Jesus walked on this earth as the Son of Man.

John 17:20-23 [NIV] *“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. **I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.**”*

This is the glory that all Christians receive and must reflect in their lives, so that all may come to know the love that God has for them.

It could have been very easy for God to have loved all humanity and never told them.

John 1:18 [NIV] *“No-one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.”*

The eternal Son of God, Jesus Christ, came to the earth to tell us of God's love and mercy towards all human beings, His grace.

Jesus Christ came to tell and show all humanity that God loves us and that He constantly cares for us.

Jesus Christ came to tell all humanity that God has a gracious plan for them all and that He is working out that plan through Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:9 [NIV] *“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, **not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.**”*

This is the end goal of God's gracious plan for all humanity.

This is why Jesus Christ the Son of God became flesh, the Son of Man, and made His dwelling among us.

All we have to do is to believe in this gracious plan and accept our need for a Saviour, who is Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit will then work in and through us to make us acceptable to God the Father so we can receive the gift of eternal life.

Without the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ the eternal Son of God, this goal God the Father has for all humanity would be impossible, for He, Jesus Christ, is the grace of God.