

December 1, 2019

## Who Jesus Is

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## Services

### Sunday

Bible Study	9:30 am
A.M. Worship	10:20 am
P.M. Worship	2:00 pm

### Wednesday

Bible Class	7:00 pm
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**Elders:** Mike Gerber, Travis Hall

**Deacons:** John Frost, Dave Goff,  
Roger Sholders

*Visitors are welcome*

*We offer Bible classes for all ages*

*We also offer in-home Bible studies*

We have Bible lessons on the radio  
(92.9 FM) Sundays from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

When studying God's Word, it is interesting to note the different roles, names, and titles Scripture applies to Jesus. Each of these teaches significant truths about who Jesus is.

First and foremost, Scripture proves that Jesus is the Son of God (**John 20:30-31**).

This infers that Jesus is deity. The Word (God the Son) has existed from eternity, and took part in creating the world (**John 1:1-3**). He selflessly humbled Himself by descending to earth (**Phil. 2:5-8**). When "**The Word became flesh**" (**John 1:14**), He walked the earth as fully God and fully man. This is alluded to in the name Immanuel, "**which is, being interpreted, 'God with us'**" (**Matt. 1:23**).

By coming to earth and living perfectly as a man, the Son of God became our Savior.

Though mankind can identify many problems faced, the greatest problem we all face is sin. Sin earns us eternal death in hell (**Rom. 6:23**). Our Savior made it possible to be saved from sin (**Matt. 1:21**) and its consequences (**Rom. 5:9**).

Saving us from sin is connected to Jesus' role as our Redeemer. After sinning even one time, a person becomes enslaved to sin. The debt that is owed to be released from that bondage is too high for any of us to pay. Our Redeemer paid the debt we cannot pay through His death on the cross, thus allowing us to be released from bondage (**1 Pet. 1:18-19**).

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When our Redeemer's blood was shed, it was "***precious blood, as of a lamb without blemish or spot, the blood of Christ***" (1 Pet. 1:19). This ties in with Jesus' role as the Lamb of God. By living perfectly as a man, Jesus was "qualified" to be offered as God's sacrifice for sin.

The significance of Jesus being "***the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world***" (John 1:29) is better understood when considering the animal sacrifices that were a part of the law of Moses. A title of Jesus that is likewise better understood in light of things written in the Old Testament is that of Messiah, or Christ (cf. John 1:41).

This term, meaning "Anointed," alludes to Christ's rule, and also to His fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy (Luke 24:44).

A specific prophecy that was fulfilled in Christ applies to His role as a prophet Himself. Jesus is the prophet like Moses who is deliverer and lawgiver for spiritual Israel, just as Moses was for physical Israel (Deut. 18:15-19; Acts 3:22-23).

As our lawgiver, Jesus must be listened to and heeded (Matt. 17:5). The Father "***gave Him to be the head over all things to the church, which is His body***" (Eph. 1:22-23). As the head of the church, Jesus is the One with authority to establish doctrine for the church.

Jesus' authority is further shown by His role as our good shepherd. (John 10:11).

Sheep need leadership, and Jesus provides this to us through His Word and His example. He has sacrificed for the well-being of His sheep by willfully laying down His life for us.

Jesus' help provided to the faithful is further emphasized in His role as our great high priest (Heb. 4:14). Because Jesus is fully deity, yet also became fully man, He is perfectly suited to be intercessor (Heb. 7:25) and mediator (1 Tim. 2:5) for the faithful, both of which tie in with who He is as the great high priest.

Jesus is the chief cornerstone (Eph. 2:20). He is the author and finisher of our faith (Heb. 12:2). He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David (Rev. 5:5). He is Lord of lords and King of kings (Rev. 17:14). He is the bread of life (John 6:35), the light of the world (John 8:12), the door to the sheepfold (John 10:9), the resurrection and the life (John 11:25), the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6), and the true vine (John 15:1).

Much more could be said of Jesus, but these examples illustrate His greatness and how we should respond to Him.

On Judgment Day, His role as judge of all will be seen by all (2 Cor. 5:10).

Those who faithfully obey Him will be prepared for that Day, and thus receive the salvation that the Son of God and Savior of the world has made possible through the wonderful things He has done (Heb. 5:9).

## God's Plan for Saving Man

God's Grace	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian's Work	James 2:24
Christian's Hope	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance	Revelation 2:10

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## Words to Consider

***“We exhort you, brothers: Admonish the disorderly; encourage the faint-hearted; support the weak; be patient toward all. See that no one returns evil for evil to anyone, but always follow after that which is good for one another and for all. Always rejoice. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you. Don't quench the Spirit. Don't despise prophecies. Test all things, and hold firmly that which is good. Abstain from every form of evil.”***

**– 1 Thessalonians 5:14-22**

## Prayer List

Holly G  
Sandy S  
Betty P  
Mabel H  
Cheryl S  
Norma C  
Dody G  
Joe B  
Allen S (Cancer)  
Raymond & Maxine  
Randy & Kim S  
Ken & Chris F  
Brandon O's Grandmother (Lung Cancer)  
Jeff D  
Betty H (Cancer)  
June's Niece, Debbie  
Roger H (Heart Surgery)

## Daily Bible Reading

December 1 – Ezekiel 27-29; 1 Peter 3  
December 2 – Ezekiel 30-32; 1 Peter 4  
December 3 – Ezekiel 33-34; 1 Peter 5  
December 4 – Ezekiel 35-36; 2 Peter 1  
December 5 – Ezekiel 37-39; 2 Peter 2  
December 6 – Ezekiel 40-41; 2 Peter 3  
December 7 – Ezekiel 42-44; 1 John 1

***“For the Word of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us who are saved it is the power of God.”***

**– 1 Corinthians 1:18**

### **Prayer Leaders**

Sunday, December 1, 2019

Bible Study: Michael

Worship: Carlyle

Evening: John

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Harold

### **Clean Building**

Paula

### **Prepare Communion**

Paula

### **Upcoming Reminders**

**Dec. 28: Ladies' Bible Class @ 9:30 a.m.**

*Study: The Genealogy (Ruth 4:13-22)*

### **Assignments**

Sunday, December 8, 2019

Reading: Mike

Announcements: Darrell

Table: Travis

Serve: Steve

Dave

Dan H

Harold

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

Invitation: Jeff

### **Anniversaries**

December 6 – Steve & Misty

### **Birthdays**

December 3 – Rowena

December 13 – Donna

December 21 – Linda

December 21 – Christie

December 22 – Jailyn

December 22 – Lauren

December 23 – Joe