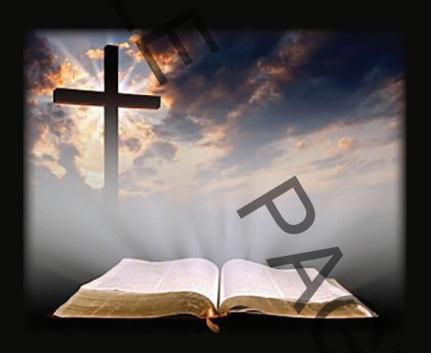
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What does the Bible say about Jesus Christ?



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"Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ." (Colossians 3:22-24)

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#### Who Is Jesus Christ?

"When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 16:13-17)

With so many different ideas about "Who is Jesus Christ," people need to know the truth. Man's eternal destiny rests on the answer to that question. Jesus Himself warned of believing in false Christs.

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." (Matthew 24:24)

Even in New Testament times, there were false Christs. The Apostle John wrote,

"Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time." (1 John 2:18).

The word "antichrist" means "against Christ" or "instead of Christ." The antichrist denies the true Christ and proclaims a substitute. There are also "pseudochristos," meaning a "false Christ," who are imposters. Many claim to follow the Lord Jesus but do not follow or accept what the New Testament teaches about Him. Jesus said,

"And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many." (Matthew 24:11)

Many believe in the teachings and traditions of false teachers and follow them, rather than God's word. Jesus said,

"And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46).

Doing the things Jesus says means to believe and obey His word, the Bible.

Indeed, God has not left us in the dark or even confused as to the answer to the "Who is Jesus Christ?" God has plainly shown His desire and plan to offer man salvation. The Lord desires men to know Him as their Savior because on this vital question rests a person's eternal destiny. Although, men have taught confusing ideas concerning who is Jesus, the Bible is clear. Anyone can know assuredly who Jesus is and how a person can have his or her sins forgiven and become a child of God.

#### WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

It is God Himself who explains who the real Christ is: His Son. The New Testament in Acts 4:12 proclaims,

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

The New Testament reveals that Jesus claimed to be the Messiah, our Creator, and Savior of the world. Only He can give man heaven, eternal life, and forgiveness of sins. Without accepting Jesus Christ, a man is eternally condemned.

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3:36)

Man is God's creation, and God's word, the Bible, declares that a person must accept the truth of who Jesus truly is and by faith accept Him as their Savior. If a man rejects Him, he will be forever lost. To this vital question, "What then does the Bible say?"

The Bible calls Jesus the "Christ" 58 times in the New Testament. hundred and fifty-eight times, He is called "Jesus Christ." "Christ" is the Greek word for the Hebrew word "Messiah."(John 1:41) (The Greek word is Χριστος or Christos and means anointed, i.e., the Messiah, an epithet of Jesus: — Christ.)

In Genesis 3:15, after Adam and Eve sinned, God gave the first Messianic prophecy, which is the first mention of Him sending a Savior to undo the work of Satan. God promised, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

Note that God referred to Eve's "seed." The reference to "seed" means her offspring. Clearly, God was saying that He would send One (the Messiah - Jesus) who would render a death blow to Satan's head, and undo the results of sin that Satan brought into the world. God also said that Satan would bruise the heel of the seed of the woman, meaning he would oppose and hinder the work of the Messiah. Throughout history, we can see that Satan has been "bruising" Jesus' heel by opposing Him. Although Satan has had a tremendous negative influence in the world, God's plan for man's redemption remains ongoing and unaltered.

How do we know this is correct and that the "seed" is referring to the coming Messiah?

First, what is the meaning of this prophecy? It is clearly about overcoming the work of Satan in tempting Eve and bringing sin into the world. God was giving Adam, Eve.