

"The Christ I Know"

Text: 2 Timothy 1:12

"For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: **for I know whom I have believed**, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

Introduction:

- Paul knew the difference in knowing about Christ and knowing Him personally.
- The facts of the Bible relate to us that Christ died, was buried, arose, ascended and is alive today.
 - Therefore, it is essential to everyone to know Him personally.
- Once we come to know Him we are invited to get to know more about Him.
- Jesus gives a personally invitation to everyone to not only come to Him but to learn of Him in **Mt. 11:28-29**.
- **11:28: Come unto me**, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

11:29: Take my yoke upon you, and **learn of me**; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

I. THE CHRIST I KNOW DIED FOR ME

□ THE CHRIST I KNOW DIED FOR ME PERSONALLY

- He didn't send an angel or a substitute but gave himself personally to die for me.
- **Gal. 1:4** - "**Who gave himself for our sins**, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:"
- **Gal. 2:20** - "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and **gave himself for me.**"

□ THE CHRIST I KNOW DIED FOR ME PAINFULLY

- He suffered both physically and spiritually on the cross to appease His holy Father.
- **1 Pe. 3:18** - "**For Christ also hath once suffered for sins**, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:"
 - Jesus was totally forsaken by His Father
 - He was beaten and spat upon
 - He was totally humiliated
 - A crown of thorns was pressed down upon His head causing great streams of blood to fall down His face.
 - His hands, feet, and side were pierced.
- Christ suffered hell for us.

□ **THE CHRIST I KNOW DIED FOR ME PERPETUALLY**

- The finished work of Calvary has continued to reach across the ages to save every sinner who will believe.
- **1 Cor. 1:18** - "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; **but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.**"
- **Romans 1:16** - "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: **for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;** to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

II. THE CHRIST I KNOW SET ME FREE

□ **THE CHRIST I KNOW SET ME FREE FROM SATAN**

- Only Christ can set the captive free.
- The Bible tells us in **Mt. 20:28** concerning Christ, "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and **to give his life a ransom for many.**"
- In **Acts 26:18**, the Word of God tells us why Christ sent Paul to preach to the Gentiles - "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and **from the power of Satan unto God**, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."
- The Bible tells us that Satan is in the blinding business -

- **2 Cor. 4:3-4** - "v.3 - But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: v.4 - **In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not**, let the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."
- **THE CHRIST I KNOW SET ME FREE FROM SIN**
 - No longer does the believer have to be a servant of sin.
 - **Rom. 6:18** - "**Being then made free from sin**, ye became the servants of righteousness."
- **THE CHRIST I KNOW SET ME FROM SELF**
 - When Jesus is made Lord of our life we are truly liberated from our worst enemy, **S E L F**.
 - Christians always blaming either the world or the devil for their problems but notice who James says is our number 1 enemy.
 - **James 4:1** - "From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, **even of your lusts** that war in your members?"
 - Our number one enemy is **S E L F**.
 - Paul the Apostle realized that he was his own worse enemy when He said - "**For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing:**"
 - "**O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?**"

- Self is what holds you back from serving God.
- If you serve God than can't serve self.
- John the Baptist realized this when he said referring to Jesus,
"He must increase, but I must decrease"

III. THE CHRIST I KNOW HEARS MY PLEA

□ THE CHRIST I KNOW HEARS MY PLEA INVITATIONALLY

- We are invited to come to Him boldly with our burdens.
- Not is in a prideful sense but with confidence knowing that He will hear us.
- **Hebrews 4:16**, reminds of this fact - **"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

□ THE CHRIST I KNOW HEARS MY PLEA INSTANTLY

- We do not have to make an appointment or be put on a waiting list to get an audience with our Lord.
- We do not have leave a message on an answering machine and hope that Christ will return are call.
- In **Isa 65:24** the Word of God says, **"And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."**

□ THE CHRIST I KNOW HEARS MY PLEA INTERCESSIONALLY

- Christ stands at the Father's right hand to plead my case as I confess my sins.

- **1 John 2:1** - "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, **we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.**"
- **1 Timothy 2:5** - "For there is one God, and **one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;**"

IV. THE CHRIST I KNOW IS COMING FOR ME

□ THE CHRIST I KNOW IS COMING FOR ME SURELY

- Just as sure He came the first time according to prophecy so shall He come again.
- Jesus reminds of this fact in **John 14:3**, "And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again**, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

□ THE CHRIST I KNOW IS COMING FOR ME SUPERNATURALLY

- As he ascended into the clouds so shall He return.
- The scriptures bear witness to this fact -
 - **Acts 1:11** - "Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, **shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.**"
 - **1 Thess. 4:16-17- 4:16**: For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

4:17: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them **in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air:** and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

□ **THE CHRIST I KNOW IS COMING FOR ME SUDDENLY**

- There will be no time for people to get their house in order for Christ will come in the twinkling of an eye.
 - **1 Cor. 15:52** - "In a moment, **in the twinkling of an eye,** at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."
- Christ coming will as a thief in the night
 - **1 Thess. 5:2** - "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as **a thief in the night.**"
 - **"Even So, Come, Lord Jesus"**

CONCLUSION:

- We have seen this morning -
 - **The Christ I know died for me**
 - **Personally**
 - **Painfully**
 - **Perpetually**
 - **The Christ I Know Set Me Free From**
 - **Satan**
 - **Sin**
 - **Self**
 - **The Christ I Know Hears My Plea**
 - **Invitationally**
 - **Instantly**
 - **Intercessionally**
 - **The Christ I Know Is Coming For Me**
 - **Surely**
 - **Supernaturally**
 - **Suddenly**
- My friend do you know Christ as the Apostle Paul knew him
 - Remember, Paul said - "I know whom I have believed"
 - If you don't then you need to come and learn of Him.
- My friend if you have never believed on Christ to saved from your sins.
- He invites you to come and be saved today.