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A LOOK AT CHRIST AS OUR SAVIOR, SANCTIFIER, HEALER & COMING KING



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# **Jesus Only**

Jesus only is our message, Jesus all our theme shall be.

We will lift up Jesus ever, Jesus only will we see.

Jesus only is our Savior, All our guilt He bore away.

All our righteousness He gives us, All our strength from day to day.

Jesus only is our Sanctifier, Cleansing us from self and sin.

And with all His Spirit's fullness, Filling all our hearts within.

Jesus only is our Healer, All our sicknesses He bears

And His risen life and fullness, All His members still may share.

Jesus only is our power, He the gift of Pentecost.

Jesus, breathe Thy power upon us, Fill us with the Holy Ghost.

And for Jesus we are waiting, Listening for the Advent call;

But 'twill still be Jesus only, Jesus ever, all in all.

Jesus only, Jesus ever, Jesus all in all we sing;

Savior, Sanctifier and Healer, Glorious Lord and Coming King.

A hymn by A. B. Simpson

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# The Alliance's Fourfold Gospel

Jesus Christ—the Savior, Sanctifier, Healer and Coming King—is what we in The Christian and Missionary Alliance denomination have come to call the Fourfold Gospel.

The Fourfold Gospel is the way the Alliance summarizes their core values about the work and person of Jesus Christ. It is a way of clarifying and organizing the truths we believe regarding Jesus. These distinctives influence the way we practice our faith as a part of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

#### Jesus—Our Savior

Jesus' death on the cross fulfilled Old Testament law, which required blood atonement for sin. By His death and resurrection, we are redeemed from eternal separation from God, justified,<sup>1</sup> made righteous, and accepted in His Name.

"There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."

#### Acts 4:12

#### Jesus—Our Sanctifier

At the point we are born again, we become members of God's family and are filled with Holy Spirit. We are set apart from sin and made holy through the work of Jesus. In addition, Christ's ongoing sanctifying work in our lives frees us to live an abundant, Spirit-filled life.

<sup>12</sup> But our High Priest [Jesus] offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. <sup>13</sup> There he waits until his enemies are humbled and made a footstool under his feet. <sup>14</sup> For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy.

Hebrews 10:12-14

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Declared and made right in the sight of God.

#### Jesus—Our Healer

A great portion of Christ's time was dedicated to healing the sick. He healed a variety of ailments including blindness, paralysis, physical limitations, leprosy, and many other illnesses. Christ's work of restoration didn't end with His ascension, but continues to this day. Stories of miraculous healing echo across the Christian community, proving that Christ's healing work is not finished. Christ was our healer when He walked among us, continues to be our healer now, and will remain our healer until He returns.

<sup>4</sup> Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! <sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.

Isaiah 53:4-5

#### **Jesus—Our Coming King**

Jesus will return. His coming will be a visible and personal appearance. When He returns, all of creation will be redeemed and restored<sup>2</sup> and God will live among His people. Knowing that countless millions still have not heard the Gospel, The Alliance is committed to doing its part to complete Christ's Great Commission before His imminent<sup>3</sup> return.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>9</sup> After saying this, [Jesus] was taken up into a cloud while [the apostles] were watching, and they could no longer see him. <sup>10</sup> As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. <sup>11</sup> "Men of Galilee," they said, "why are you standing here staring

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Romans 8:20-21

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> About to happen at any moment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Matthew 24:14

into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!"

Acts 1:9-11

# JESUS OUR SAVIOR Lesson 1

#### INTRODUCTION

Because sin separates all of us from having a relationship with God, we are all in need of a Savior.<sup>5</sup> The first promise of a Savior is given in **Genesis 3:15** and the promise continues to be seen throughout the Old Testament in Abraham's sacrifice, the passover lamb, Moses lifting up the serpent in the wilderness, and in countless prophecies.<sup>6</sup> In the New Testament, Jesus is revealed as author and finisher of our salvation.<sup>7</sup> He is the promised Messiah, who came to save us all.

 In two or three sentences describe your experience with Jesus as Savior.

#### MEMORY VERSE

"There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."

Acts 4:12

#### **DIG DEEPER**

Why did Jesus have to die and what did His death accomplish? Fortunately, we are not left to wonder about these questions. In many different places the New Testament supplies us with answers. One of those passages is **Romans 3:21–26** which is full of deep theological

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Romans 3:23

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Genesis 22; Exodus 12; Numbers 21; John 3:14; Isaiah 9, 53

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Hebrews 12

concepts. As a result, some readers can struggle to grasp the magnitude of what is happening. However, in the opinion of many Bible scholars, it is one of the most important passages in the Bible. It tells us why Jesus had to die, and it explains what happened on the cross.

#### **READ** Romans 3:21–26

- <sup>21</sup> But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago.
- <sup>22</sup> We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.
- <sup>23</sup> For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. <sup>24</sup> Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. <sup>25</sup> For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past,
- <sup>26</sup> for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.
  - 1. Briefly answer the question: "Why did Jesus have to die?"

2.	How would you explain salvation to a non-believer using this passage?
3.	What else do you learn about Jesus as Savior from <b>John 14:6</b> and <b>Acts 4:12</b> below?
	<sup>6</sup> Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.
	<sup>12</sup> There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."
	Why is this exclusivity important to our faith?

4. Read **Ephesians 2:8–9** below. How does knowing that there is nothing you can do to earn salvation impact you?

<sup>8</sup> God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

#### **APPLICATION**

Because Jesus is my Savior:

- My sins have been forgiven. (Colossians 1:14)
- I have peace with God. (Romans 5:1)
- I have been declared righteous. (Romans 5:19)
- I am a new person. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- I have eternal life. (John 3:16)
- I have been adopted by God. (Ephesians 1:5)
- His Holy Spirit lives in me. (Galatians 4:6)
- Jesus is my advocate. (1 John 2:1)
- Nothing can separate me from God's love. (Romans 8:35)
- Death has no more power over me. (1 Corinthians 15:54–57)
- I have an inheritance that can never perish. (1 Peter 1:3-5)
- 5. Which of the above truths resonate with you the most, and why?

6. Which is the easiest to accept and live out and which is the most challenging? Why?
7. What can we do as a collective body of believers to help others know Jesus as Savior and experience these truths?



# JESUS OUR SANCTIFIER<sup>8</sup> Lesson 2

#### INTRODUCTION

Sanctification is the ongoing work of God in partnership with each believer to move us toward holy and righteous living that conforms to the image of Christ. It is a supernatural work initiated at salvation, then matured in one's spiritual journey via the cooperation of Holy Spirit and our faith and obedience. Scripturally, believers are described as 'being set apart' as they continuously shape and mold their beliefs, behaviors, and desires to God's ultimate will. The journey of sanctification looks different in each believer's life as they walk with Holy Spirit. The evidence of the journey can be seen in how they reflect the image of Jesus.

 What would you say is the evidence that a person is filled with Holy Spirit?<sup>9</sup>

 Sanctification is not only God's work in us but also our obedience to Him.<sup>10</sup> What are things we can do to continue to practice obedience? What might that look like in your life?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Sanctification is the process of being made holy. This word can be applied to anything that is "set apart" for divine work or devoted to divine power.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See also Galatians 5; Colossians 3; 1 Thessalonians 4 & 5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Obedience is God's invitation to us to experience freedom by giving up our own will for His. "In simple terms it means hearing the Word of God and acting on it. It implies aligning our will to God's will."

#### MEMORY VERSE

<sup>12</sup> But our High Priest [Jesus] offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. <sup>13</sup> There he waits until his enemies are humbled and made a footstool under his feet. <sup>14</sup> For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy.

Hebrews 10:12-14

#### **DIG DEEPER**

The Scriptures make it very clear that believers are both sanctified (past tense) and are being sanctified (present tense). Theologians identify this as both the positional and progressive nature of sanctification. At the moment of salvation a believer is set apart for God's possession and declared holy by faith in Christ's work. Yet it is also true that all believers are in a process of gradual purification from sin and progressive spiritual growth in holy living. The positional emphasizes a believer's new identity while the progressive focuses on the formative work Holy Spirit does in us throughout our spiritual journey. Romans 6:6–14 functions as an example for sanctification in that it often switches from positional to progressive realities about our spiritual life. Believers are dead to sin, alive in God, and set free from the powers of sin but also must not let sin reign over them or yield to its power. Ultimately, a believer has a responsibility to completely and continually submit oneself to God in order that he or she may be used as an instrument for His glory.

#### **READ** Romans 6:6–14

As you read, underline concepts or phrases that refer to *positional* sanctification and circle those that refer to *progressive* sanctification.

<sup>6</sup> We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. <sup>7</sup> For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. <sup>8</sup> And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him.

<sup>9</sup> We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. <sup>10</sup> When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. <sup>11</sup> So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

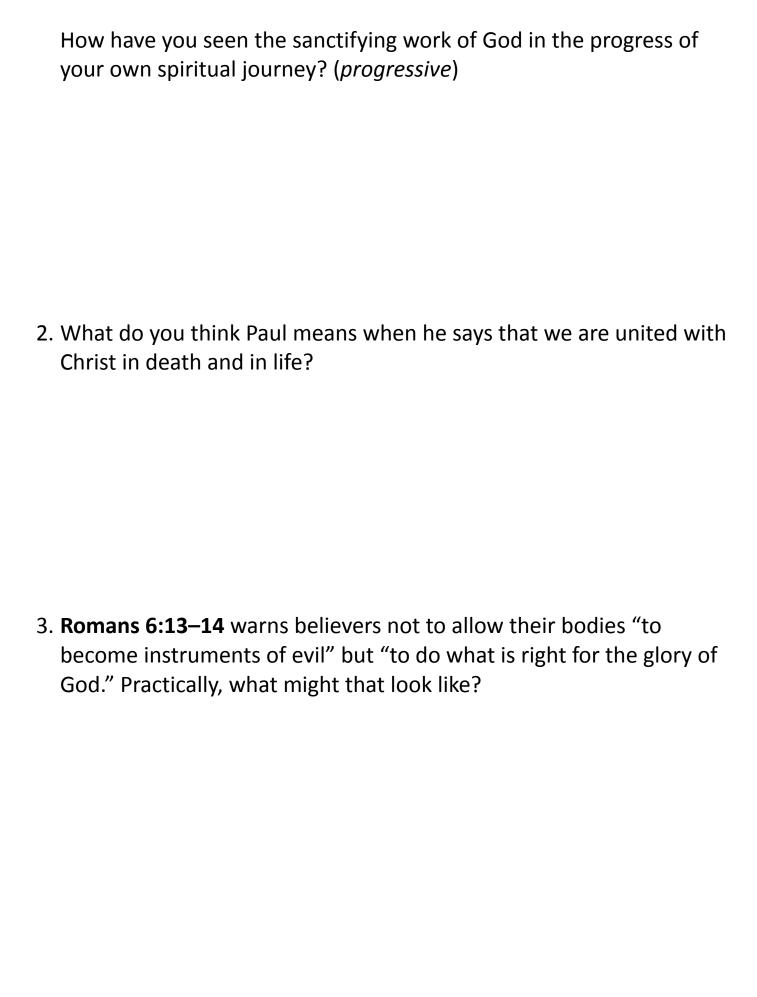
<sup>12</sup> Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. 13 Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God.

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1. How would you describe your life before Christ and your life after?

How did you experience Christ's sanctification at the moment of your salvation? (positional)



4. What else can we learn about sanctification from **1 Thessalonians 5:23** and **2 Corinthians 3:18** below?

"23 Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again."

"18 So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image."

### **APPLICATION**

#### Sanctification is:

- Being set apart for God's purposes. (Leviticus 20:7-8)
- The work of Holy Spirit within us. (1 Peter 1:1-2)
- To reflect the image of Christ. (2 Corinthians 3:18)
- Both positional and progressive in nature. (Hebrews 10:14)
- A gradual work shaping our beliefs, behavior, and desires to God's will. (Romans 12:1-2)
- The formation of the whole person—mind, body, and soul. (1
  Thessalonians 5:23)
- Cultivated in spiritual practices in the context of community.
   (Colossians 3:1-17)

5. Personally, how do you see each person of the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) in the process of your sanctification?
6. What are the practices, places and/or seasons of life where you see Holy Spirit doing His sanctifying work in you?



# **JESUS OUR HEALER** Lesson 3

#### INTRODUCTION

God is a healing God who delights in meeting the physical as well as the spiritual needs of His people. Physical healing was a vital part of Jesus' ministry on earth. It validated His identity as Messiah and served as a way to draw people to Him. We find no record in the Gospels of Jesus turning away anyone who came to Him for healing, nor do we find that any disease was too difficult for Him to heal. We find healing in Christ's work on the cross.11 Yet, we continue to need physical and spiritual healing while we live in this broken world.

• Where do you see evidence of Jesus, our Healer, in the world today?

#### MEMORY VERSE

<sup>4</sup> Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! <sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. Isaiah 53:4-5

<sup>11</sup> Isaiah 53:4-6

#### **DIG DEEPER**

Isaiah 53:4-5 prophesied Jesus' identity as Healer. And Matthew 8:17 declared that Jesus has fulfilled that prophecy. Not only did Jesus heal while He was on Earth, but He still heals miraculously today. 12 Jesus' work on the cross was holistic —just as we can accept and receive spiritual healing through faith in Christ, we can accept and receive physical healing as well. When Jesus ascended into Heaven, He gave believers His Holy Spirit and the power to do even greater things than He did (John 14:12). Our role in His healing work is because of Christ's power in us—not our own strength, nor how much faith we can muster, nor how well we pray.

#### READ Matthew 8:14–17

<sup>14</sup> When Jesus arrived at Peter's house, Peter's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a high fever. <sup>15</sup> But when Jesus touched her hand, the fever left her. Then she got up and prepared a meal for him.

<sup>16</sup> That evening many demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. He cast out the evil spirits with a simple command, and he healed all the sick. <sup>17</sup> This fulfilled the word of the Lord through the prophet Isaiah, who said,

"He took our sicknesses and removed our diseases."

1. **Matthew 8:17** references the prophecy in **Isaiah 53**. What is the significance of this prophetic reference and how does it impact the way you understand Jesus as Healer?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Matthew 4:23–24; Matthew 9:35; Mark 5:34; Luke 13:11–13; Mark 1:29–34; Luke 5:17–26; John 9:5–11; Luke 8:49–56; Hebrews 13:8

<sup>13</sup> Isaiah 53:4-5; 1 Peter 2:24; Psalm 103:2-4; Romans 8:3-4

**Matthew 8** describes two other accounts of Jesus' healing ministry. Read the first account in **Matthew 8:1–4** below:

<sup>1</sup>Large crowds followed Jesus as he came down the mountainside. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly, a man with leprosy approached him and knelt before him. "Lord," the man said, "if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean."

<sup>3</sup> Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be healed!" And instantly the leprosy disappeared. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Don't tell anyone about this. Instead, go to the priest and let him examine you. Take along the offering required in the law of Moses for those who have been healed of leprosy. This will be a public testimony that you have been cleansed."

2. In Jesus' culture, people with leprosy were seen as outcast and spiritually "unclean." Touching one would have gone against Jewish Law, but, in this account of healing, Jesus touched a man with leprosy in order to heal him. 14 What does this say about Jesus' commitment to heal?

3. How does this give insight into Jesus' desire to heal us today?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Life Application Bible Commentary Matthew, 147-148

#### Now read Matthew 8:5–16.

<sup>⁵</sup> When Jesus returned to Capernaum, a Roman officer came and pleaded with him, <sup>⁶</sup> "Lord, my young servant lies in bed, paralyzed and in terrible pain."

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "I will come and heal him."

<sup>8</sup> But the officer said, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup> I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, 'Go,' and they go, or 'Come,' and they come. And if I say to my slaves, 'Do this,' they do it."

<sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to those who were following him, he said, "I tell you the truth, I haven't seen faith like this in all Israel! <sup>11</sup> And I tell you this, that many Gentiles will come from all over the world—from east and west—and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the feast in the Kingdom of Heaven. <sup>12</sup> But many Israelites—those for whom the Kingdom was prepared—will be thrown into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus said to the Roman officer, "Go back home. Because you believed, it has happened." And the young servant was healed that same hour.

4. While faith doesn't guarantee healing, it does/can play a role in healing. <sup>15</sup> In this account of healing, Jesus didn't even need to be with the servant to heal them because the centurion's faith in Jesus' ability was so great. Does this account inspire faith in Jesus' healing abilities for you? Why or why not?

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 15}$  The lack of healing does not necessarily mean there is a lack of faith.

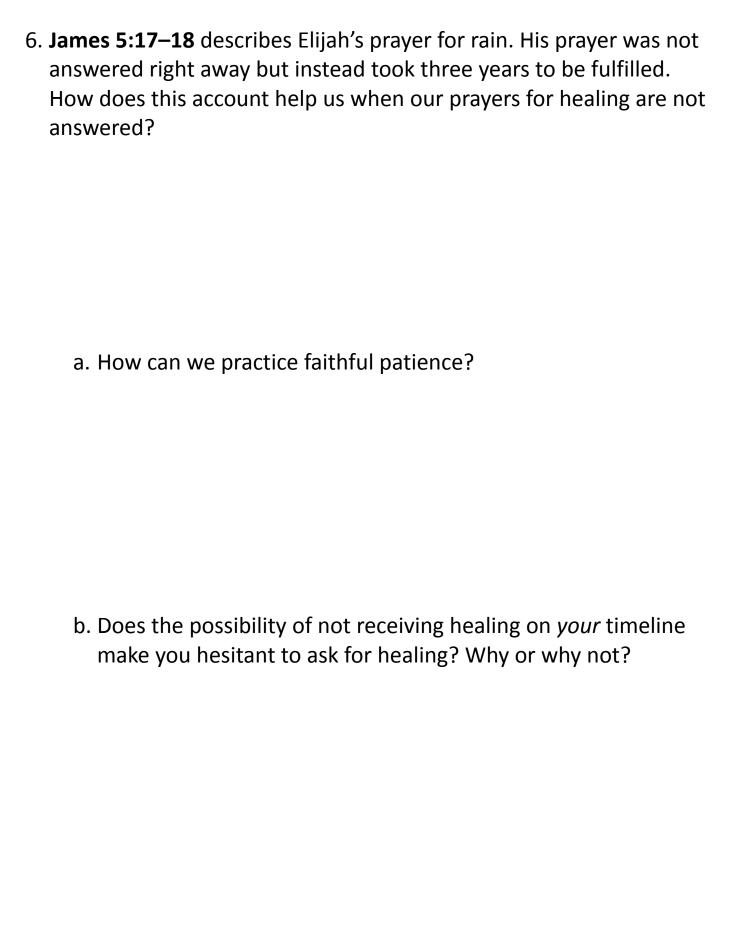
#### Now read James 5:14-18.

<sup>14</sup> Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven.

<sup>16</sup> Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! <sup>18</sup> Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops.

5. **James 5:14–15** tells us to ask Jesus for healing and instructs us to go to others for support and prayer. What does this say about our part in receiving healing?

What is our role in the healing of others?



#### **APPLICATION**

As the Great Physician:

- Jesus healed sickness, blindness, physical disability, and even death.
   (Luke 17:11–19, John 9:1–11, Luke 5:18–25, Mark 5:37–43)
- Jesus went against social norms in order to heal. (Matthew 8:1–4)
- Jesus asks us to go to Him for healing. (James 5:15)
- Jesus asks us to include others in our healing. (James 5:14)
- Jesus is with us in our suffering. (2 Corinthians 1:3–5)
- Jesus heals on His timeframe. (James 5:17–18)
- Jesus' healing can look different than the way we envision it. (John 11)
- 7. Which aspect of Jesus' healing identity, listed above, resonates the most with you?

8. Healing can be a controversial topic. Having studied this aspect of Jesus' identity, how has your view of healing changed?

9. Are you more likely to call upon Jesus for healing than you were before exploring this topic?



# JESUS OUR COMING KING Lesson 4

#### INTRODUCTION

We are actively awaiting the return of Christ. **Acts 1:11** states that Christ will return in the same way He was taken into heaven, visibly and personally, and everyone will see Him.<sup>16</sup> When He returns, all of creation will be redeemed, restored,<sup>17</sup> and liberated from the curse.<sup>18</sup> There will be a new heaven and a new earth. God will make His home among us, His people. We will be with the Lord forever.<sup>19</sup>

 How would you respond to the following comment: "It has been two thousand years and Jesus Christ has not returned. The Bible is wrong. He's not coming back!"?

• The Bible teaches that when Christ returns, the curse imposed on all of Creation by the fall will be removed.

"Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay." <sup>20</sup> What do you think or imagine this will be like? See also **Revelation 21–22** as you answer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Revelation 1:7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Revelation 21:5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Romans 8:20-21

<sup>19</sup> Revelation 21:1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Romans 8:20–21

#### MEMORY VERSE

<sup>9</sup> After saying this, [Jesus] was taken up into a cloud while [the apostles] were watching, and they could no longer see him. <sup>10</sup> As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. <sup>11</sup> "Men of Galilee," they said, "why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!"

Acts 1:9-11

#### **DIG DEEPER**

The promise of our Returning King allows us to live out each day with hope, according to His calling on our lives.<sup>21</sup> As part of this calling, we have been given the mission of reconciliation, we work hard to persuade others of the truth of Jesus Christ.<sup>22</sup> Therefore, we are invited into the mission of sharing the Gospel as we look forward to Jesus' return.

**READ 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18** & **5:9–11** and answer the following questions:

<sup>13</sup> And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.

<sup>15</sup> We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. <sup>17</sup> Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> So encourage each other with these words.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Titus 2:11-14

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

<sup>9</sup> For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us. <sup>10</sup> Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever. <sup>11</sup> So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

1. Paul says in **1 Thessalonians 4:13** and in **5:11** that he is writing about this subject in order to give "hope" and "encouragement" to the early Christians. How does the truth and promise of the second coming of Christ work in our lives to give us hope and encouragement?

2. How can you share that hope and encouragement with others?

#### Read 2 Corinthians 5:18–20 and Matthew 24:14 below.

<sup>18</sup> And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. <sup>19</sup> For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come

back to God!" <sup>21</sup> For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

<sup>24</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

3. What does our belief about Christ's second coming have to do with our commitment to make disciples in our neighborhoods and the nations? (See also **Matthew 28:18–20**)

4. **Matthew 24:14** and **28:18–20** have been important in shaping the mission and priorities of The Christian and Missionary Alliance. In what ways would our lives change if we were to focus more intentionally on our role in the second coming of Christ?

a. How could this impact you personally?

b. How could it impact the Church and how we live?
APPLICATION
Jesus' return:
<ul><li>Is imminent. (Revelation 22:20)</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Will be visible and personal. (Acts 1:8; Revelation 1:7)</li> </ul>
Will restore all of creation. (Romans 8:20-21)
<ul> <li>Means He defeats evil forever. (1 Corinthians 15:24-26; Colossians 2:14-15; Revelation 20:9-10)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Will usher in the New Heaven and the New Earth. (Revelation 21-22)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Allows God to make His home among His people. (Revelation 21:3-4)</li> </ul>
5. What are you most looking forward to about Jesus' second coming?
6. What questions do you have for Jesus in regards to His return?



# **Not I, But Christ**

Not I, but Christ, be honored, loved, exalted; Not I, but Christ, be seen, be known, be heard; Not I, but Christ, in every look and action; Not I, but Christ, in every thought and word. Oh, to be saved from myself, dear Lord, Oh, to be lost in Thee; Oh, that it may be no more I, But Christ that lives in me. Not I, but Christ, to gently soothe in sorrow; Not I, but Christ, to wipe the falling tear; Not I, but Christ, to lift the weary burden! Not I, but Christ, to hush away all fear. Not I, but Christ, in lowly, silent labor; Not I, but Christ, in humble, earnest toil; Christ, only Christ! no show, no ostentation! Christ, none but Christ, the gatherer of the spoil. Christ, only Christ, ere long will fill my vision; Glory excelling, soon, full soon, I'll see--Christ, only Christ, my every wish fulfilling--Christ, only Christ, my All in all to be. A hymn by A.B. Simpson