

# “WHY IS JESUS SO IMPORTANT?”

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- “Who is the real Jesus?”
- Pastor has been teaching for over 35 years, but this teaching today is the most important thing he could share . . . nothing else really matters compared to this!
- There are many vague paths of spirituality today causing many to become confused.
- So many develop their own ‘brew’ of spirituality . . . their own ‘way’ to God . . . marginalizing Jesus, making Him a ‘good man’, but not GOD!
- There needs to be a ‘calling back’ of Christians to who Jesus really is!
- Many years ago, A. W. Tozer said the problem we have today even as Christians with our relationship with Jesus Christ is He has no authority among those who call Him their God.
- There is no way to the Father except through Jesus. Do you see the lovely Jesus . . . do you ‘get it’ . . . and do you see Him for who He really is?
- Many are buying into a smooth, easy, grace-filled brand of a philosophy of God. It’s tragic! It’s sending people to hell, and keeping them from knowing who Jesus is.
- *The Apostles’ Creed*, by George Philip, Pages 27-28

*“The heart of the Christian faith is not a set of doctrinal propositions, however accurate the theology may be. Far less is the heart of the Christian faith found in a set of prescriptions for behavior, however strict or liberal these prescriptions may be. The heart of the Christian faith is a person, who, in the words of the Apostles’ Creed is Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord.*

*That is the identification and the description of the person who in His life, death and resurrection is the substance of the whole Christian gospel. A Christian is someone who has come in personal faith to Jesus Christ for salvation, and in obedience has yielded to Him for discipleship. To be a Christian is to believe the truth about Jesus Christ the Son of God and then to confess Him, in the sense of committing one’s self to Him in a life of faith and obedience.*

*Becoming a Christian is not a case of satisfying yourself as to the answers to a whole catalogue of intellectual or philosophical questions. There are people whose arguments are brought to an end, whose questions are all answered, who still do not become Christians. It is a case of a vital transaction: a transaction whereby you accept as your own what Jesus Christ the Son of God has done for you, and which you could never do for yourself, namely all that is signified in the word ‘salvation’. Let it be stated plainly: strive as earnestly as we may; work and slave for our fellow men, for religious institution and for the world; be the most kind, most gentle, loving soul that ever walked the face of the earth; **nothing** that we can do can accomplish salvation. It has to be done for us. In this great transaction by which we become Christians, we come to Jesus Christ and accept as a free gift what He has done for us. Since that is the essence of this almighty transaction in which and by which we are saved, it becomes vitally important to know just who this Jesus Christ is and what He has done.”*

- So many of us have grown up with creeds and doctrines, leaving us empty.
- It’s not just believing Jesus is a good man, but believing the truth of Jesus, confessing Him, then living a life of faith and obedience.
- When you understand He’s a person, and you can cast all your cares on Him, then you don’t have to have all your questions answered.
- Pastor’s brother told him a story. When in college, he was sitting at the back of a class where the professor was teaching ‘logic’. The professor asked, “How many of you have seen God? Raise your hand.” “How many of you have touched God? Raise your hand.” “How many of you have heard God? Raise your hand.” Nobody raised their hands in response to any of the questions. So he said, “If we have not seen God, heard God, or touched God, let’s assume there is no God.” Pastor’s brother raised his hand and asked the professor if he could ask the class a question. “Has anybody ever seen the professor’s brain? Has anybody ever touched the professor’s brain? Has anybody heard his brain?” Nobody raised their hands.

Pastor's brother continued, "Then if none of us have seen, touched or heard the professor's brain, let us assume and conclude the professor has no brain."

- Intellectuals can give a debate over purpose of life, etc., but they are missing the most important thing . . . we never will be able to answer all our questions.
- The 'answer' is simple . . . **God made you . . . you didn't make Him!**
- A fish living in water, jerked out of water, finds there is a lot more to life than just water. Someday we will be jerked out of this earth and see there is more to life than just on earth.
- There is a link missing in Darwin's theory. "What's behind that? What was before that? . . . And that? . . . And so on?" Always a missing link!
- There is much intellectual dishonesty in the scientific world. Don't be duped. Grab a hold of Jesus. He will help you get from 'here to there'!
- Do you ever just break down and cry over the things of God . . . Jesus . . . His beauty? He is everything . . . **HE IS EVERYTHING!** There's nothing else! You came out of Him! In Him is the beginning, and the end! He is the first! He's the last! Everything starts and ends in Him! He sustains everything! Everything exists in Him!
- Hebrews 1:3 says, ". . . He upholds all things by the word of His power."
- If Jesus would withhold His breath, all would disintegrate! The very life of Jesus holds it all together in you! He's the Alpha and the Omega! The King of Kings! Lord of Lords! Ezekiel's wheel in the middle of the wheel; Isaiah's Lord, high and lifted up and His train filling the temple; He was Daniel's good night sleep in the lion's den; He was the three Hebrew children's fourth man in the fiery furnace; He was Moses' burning bush; He was Abraham's vision of the starry heavens; He was Joseph's dream; He was David's staff!
- When you get to heaven, you will receive crowns with jewels. How you live will determine this. Many get saved (and are eternally secure), but walk away and live like they want. How much you 'surrender' your life to Jesus, and how 'important' He is to you will make a difference! Many will make it to heaven and have no crown.
- We will cast our crowns at His feet and worship Him . . . the One who made us kings and priests before God!
- In studying several books on the book of Revelation, they teach when we see Jesus and His glory, it will be like our very breath is knocked out of us, and we will cry out, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!" And not just do this one time, but again and again, like our breath is taken away, we will cry, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!" and will lay our crowns at His feet and worship Him.
- What a tragedy to live this life and not have a crown to lie at the feet of Jesus!
- In heaven, we will be working, loving, and reigning with each other, but we will be constantly laying our crowns at Jesus feet and worshipping Him.
- We will be there for eternity!
- Pastor's appeal to you is open your eyes, see what life is all about . . . it's about Jesus Christ, Son of God, who made you and sustains you!
- In Philippians 3:7-10, Paul speaks about he hasn't even begun on the road to knowing more of Jesus, and he having caught glimpses of the glory of Him made everything else seem like rubbish, paling in comparison to Him.
- If you see Jesus like He really is everything will come into its proper order.
- Pray: "Lord, help me. Dear God, I've been so far away from you, so distant compared to what there is to know in you. God, I want what Pastor is talking about today. I hate the lethargy and complacency I see in my life sometimes. Help me to want this Lord, to break out of the restraints of this carnal man and to see the glory of Christ. Dear God, I invite you today to come by your Holy Spirit and open my eyes Help me see Jesus, high and lifted up! I want to see Him like Isaiah saw Him, like Ezekiel saw Him, like Paul saw Him, like Timothy saw Him. I want to see Jesus! I want to know You more, Lord Jesus! Please help me. I open up heart to You and I invite You to break all the ground up in my heart and to pour the fresh reign of Your presence in my life. In Jesus Christ's name.