

# He Came to Live in His Brethren

## Colossians 1:24-29

Isaiah 57:14-21; John 14:15-26

### He Came to . . .

- To do the will of the Father. (Hebrews 10:7)
- To fulfill the promises of the Father. (Gen 3:15; 12:3; 18:18; 22:18; 26:4; 28:14)
- To fulfill all the prophecies of His first advent. Over 300 of them!
- To fulfill all that was written concerning Him in Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms. (Luke 24:44-46)
- To LIVE and DIE for God's special people. (John 10:14-15, 18)
- To rise and ascend into Heaven to make intercession for His people. (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25)



### The Mystery (1 Timothy 3:16; 1 Peter 1:10-11, 12)

- ★ The mystery is from birth to life to death to resurrection to ascension.

### The Fulfillment (Luke 2:1-14)

#### His Perfect Life

- (Hebrews 10:7) He came to live the life planned for Him by the Father. (Psalm 40:6-8)
- (Luke 2:49) He came to do the Father's business.
- (John 4:34) He came to do and finish the work the Father gave Him to do.
- (John 6:38-40) He came to do the Father's will - raise up every soul that the Father gave Him.
- (John 19:30; 17:2-4) He finished the work God sent Him the first time to complete.

#### His Promise Not to Leave Us Alone (John 14:16-26)

- (John 14:16; 15:26) *Another* Helper/Comforter - (v. 18) "I will come to you."  
     ➤ "Helper/Comforter" - One who comes along side.
- (John 15:26) This Helper/Comforter will testify of Me.
- (John 16:13) This Helper/Comforter is the Spirit of Truth (John 14:6 - "I AM the Truth") will guide you into all truth.
- (John 16:14-15) This Helper/Comforter will glorify ME, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you.

- (Acts 23:11) An example of the Spirit of Christ being with His servant.

## His Death for His Brethren as Their Kinsman-Redeemer

### His Resurrection

- The beginning of **THE** RESURRECTION.

### His Accomplishments of His First Advent

- Eternal Redemption for His people. (Hebrews 9:12)
- Reconciliation with God. (1 Peter 3:18; Romans 5:10)
- Making access for us to God. (Ephesians 2:18)
- Fulfillment of God's first promise (Genesis 3:15; Hebrews 2:14 1 John 3:8)
- Fulfillment of the Everlasting Covenant (Hebrews 8:10-12)

### His Ascension (Acts 1:9-11; Daniel 7:13-14; Psalm 8:4-5)

- Promise given by Angels - He will come again as He ascended!

### He Fulfilled His Promise - Pentecost

- (Acts 2:1-13) In answer to Christ's prayer, God sent His Holy Spirit, on His Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)! And the Church was born!
- At rebirth, God sends His Spirit, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Christ into His sons and daughters:
  - ① To cause them to obey Him. (Ezekiel 36:26-27)
  - ② To lead them. (Romans 8:14)
  - ③ To seal them. (Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; 5:5)
  - ④ Conforms them to the image of Christ. (2 Corinthians 3:18)
- (Romans 8:9) If the Spirit of Christ is not in you you are not His.

### Christ's Ministry Today (Hebrews 7:25)

- Intercession for all that He died for. (Romans 8:34; 5:10)
- NOT for the world - ONLY for His brethren, God's special people. (John 17:9)
- **His birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension, and His intercession are ALL necessary for our salvation. Without ALL no one is saved. BY ALL God's special people are saved to the uttermost. ALL this and more is the Glorious Gospel of God!**

### Christ: Our Hope of Glory (Colossians 1:27)

- Christ IS OUR hope.
- Christ, our hope, is our **ANCHOR** in heaven in the Most Holy Place. (Hebrews 6:18-20)

- This is a REAL HOPE that we “eagerly wait for *with perseverance*. (Romans 8:25 with Hebrews 6:11-12)
- (1 Peter 1:3) This is a real **living** hope by the “**abundant mercy**” of God when HE “begotten us **again** to a living hope *through* the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the death.
- (Philippians 1:6) This HOPE is that God “who begun a good work in you HE will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.”
- (1 John 3:2-3) **EVERYONE** who has this hope of glory purifies themselves just as He is pure - they are DISCIPLES!

## He Came to Live in Us (Colossians 1:24-29)

- (Colossians 1:27) Christ in us - the hope of glory.
- (Galatians 2:20) “It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.”
- He came to BE with us and not leave us. (Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5; Isaiah 43:1-2; **1 Samuel 12:22**) JUST AS HE PROMISED!

## Definition of “Glory”

- ① Manifestation of God’s **PRESENCE** in all of His attributes and infinite perfections, including His splendor, holiness, judgment, excellence, brightness, majesty, etc.. Consider Exodus 33:18-19 with Isaiah 2:10-11.
  - Ezekiel 1:26-28; Isaiah 6:1-4; Revelation 1:9-18; Matthew 17:1-8.
- ② In the NT, the glory of God is revealed in Christ (John 1:1, 14). Through His “signs” He revealed His glory (John 2:11). In the Man, Jesus, the glory of God is veiled, approachable, and knowable. BUT He promised to return “with power and **great glory**” (Matthew 24:30)
- ③ “The heavens declare His glory” (Psalm 19:1-4)
- ④ (Psalm 73:24) Asaph writes, “You will guide me with Your counsel, and afterwards receive me to glory.” “Glory” here speaks of all that God has prepared for His special people.
- ⑤ The GLORY of God is something the more one meditates on it the more “glorious” it becomes. Humans words cannot describe it. See 2 Cor 12:4

## What Is this “Hope of Glory”?

- This is our promised inheritance as God’s special people:
- ★ What is this inheritance?
  - ① Our resurrection. (John 11:25; Romans 6:5; Revelation 20:6)
  - ② A city built by God. (Hebrews 11:13-16; Revelation 21)
  - ③ A city with many “mansions”. (John 14:1-6; 1 Thess 4:16-18; 1 Cor 5:1-5)
  - ④ A feast/banquet. (Luke 12:37; Revelation 19:7-9; Matthew 22:1-14; Luke 14:15-24; 15:11-32; 25:1-3)
  - ⑤ A place where there is no more pain/death/sin. (Revelation 21:3-5)
  - ⑥ A place on God’s throne to reign with Christ. (Revelation 3:21; 2 Timothy

- 2:12; Luke 19:11-27; 1 Corinthians 6:3)
- ⑦ Crown of glory. (1 Peter 5:4; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; 2 Tim 4:8; James 1:12; Revelation 2:10; 3:11; 4:4, 9-11)
  - ⑧ New glorious bodies. (1 Corinthians 15:42-44; Philippians 3:20-21)
  - ⑨ GOD HIMSELF! (Psalm 73:25-26; Lam 3:24; Psalm 16:11)
  - ★ “Eye has not seen . . .” (1 Corinthians 2:9; Isaiah 64:4); “the weight of glory” (2 Cor 4:16-17; Romans 8:18)
  - ★ The guarantee of this inheritance is the “Spirit of Christ” in us! (Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; 5:5; Rom 8:9)
  - ★ This inheritance (“glory”) is “kept for us” in heaven. (1 Peter 1:3-4).
  - (1 John 3:2-3) **EVERYONE** who has this hope purifies himself just as He is pure. (2 Corinthians 7:1; 1 John 2:28-29)

## How Do I Know that Christ Lives in Me?

- The primary reason why God gives His Spirit to His special people is to “cause you to walk in His statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.” (Ezekiel 36:26-27)
- (John 14:21, 23-24) Making His home in us - those who obey His commandments. (John 15:10; 1 John 3:24; 4:12 with 5:3)
- (Romans 8:1-9) Those who live according to the Spirit and set their minds on the things of the Spirit. (See Romans 8:13)
- (1 John 2:6) Those who live as He lived - doing the will of God.
- (John 8:31) Those who **abide** in His Word.
- (1 John 1:6-7) Those who walk in the light (Psalm 119:105) as He is in the light.
- (1 John 4:12 with 5:3) This is the love of God that we keep His commandments.
- (Luke 13:1-5) Those who continually repent of their sins. Those who turn **from** living their lives by their own lusts and desires **to** “living on every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Luke 4:4) that are recorded in the **written** Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Proverbs 28:13)
- (Hebrews 13:21) Doing those things that are **well** pleasing in the sight of God. (Philippians 2:12-13; Romans 8:6-8)
- ★ **ANSWER:** Doing the will/commandments/precepts is the **ONLY** sure evidence that the Holy Spirit is in us. (Matthew 7:21; 12:50; 1 John 2:17)

## Are We Ready for His Second Advent?

- (Hebrews 9:28) - Those who are **EAGERLY** waiting for Christ’s return.
- (Philippians 3:20-21) - Those who are **EAGERLY** waiting for the Lord Jesus, who will transform our bodies into glorious bodies.
- (Romans 8:23-25) - Those who **GROAN** and **WAIT** with **PERSEVERANCE**.
- (Titus 2:13-14) Those who are **LOOKING** for the blessed **HOPE** and **GLORIOUS** appearing of our **GREAT GOD** and **SAVIOR** Jesus Christ.
- (Luke 12:35-37, 43) Are you busy **DOING** what God commands?