

I. Introduction.

II. The person Who came: Christ Jesus.

- A. He is a divine person - the eternal Son of God. Jo. 1:1-3 17:5 16:28 Co. 2:9 Mt. 2:11
- B. He was sent by God the Father. John 8:42 3:16
- C. He took on our human nature as He came into our world. John 1:14 Heb. 2:14,17
Philippians 2:6-7 Mt. 1:23

III. Why He came: He came to save.

- A. Many misunderstand the purpose of His coming. Acts 1:6 Jo. 18:36 Mt. 1:21
Lu. 19:10
- B. The means by which sinners are saved is through His atoning death. I Pe. 3:18
John 1:29 Mark 10:45 Rom. 3:23-26 Heb. 2:17 7:27 9:14,28 10:12,14 II Co. 5:21
- C. From what does Jesus save us? Rom. 6:1ff

IV. Whom He came to save: sinners. Rom. 5:8,10 Col. 1:21

- A. This truth offers great hope for great sinners – forgiveness. I Jo. 1:9 Ps. 32:1ff
 - 1. How could Paul call himself the chief of sinners? v. 13 Ga. 1:13 Acts 9:1ff 22:1ff
 - 2. Do you see yourself as the chief of sinners who desperately needs mercy? v. 8-10
Ro. 3:10ff,23 Eph. 2:1ff I John 1:8-10 Mt. 9:13 Luke 18:9-14
 - 3. There is no-one so sinful that he is beyond the reach of God’s grace. v. 13-14,16
- B. This truth also offers hope for change. Rom. 6:1ff II Co. 5:17 Gal. 5:16ff
- C. Sinners receive this salvation by faith alone. v. 16 Acts 16:30-31 Eph. 2:8-9 Jo. 3:16

V. Some other practical implications of this great truth.

- A. This truth also helps us to be content and thankful, even in our trials.
- B. This truth will also transform your relationships with others. Eph. 4:32 I Pe. 4:8
Mt. 7:1ff 18:21ff Phil. 2:5ff Mark 10:45
- C. Respond to God’s grace by serving Him. v. 12
- D. Give praise to God for sending His Son into the World to save us. v. 17

VI. Conclusion.

Discussion questions

1. What does this verse say about Who Jesus is?
2. How do some people misunderstand the reason why Jesus came?
3. In what sense(s) did Jesus come to save His people from sin?
4. What must one believe about himself before he can be saved?
5. What must one do to be saved?
6. How could Paul call himself “the chief of sinners”?
What is the significance that Paul uses the present tense “am” instead of “was”?
7. How will our understanding of ourselves as saved sinners affect how we face life’s trials?
8. How will our view of ourselves as chief of sinners affect our relationships?
9. What should our response be to such a great salvation? v. 17