

## "Can I Know That Jesus Is Real?"

Hebrews 1: 1 – 4: 13

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The Revelation Of Christ's Supremacy Has Every Tangible Proof That What God Has Said Is True, (vs. 3b – 4)

**Message Emphasis:** There is a very real danger of seeing salvation as something mystical. The message of Jesus Christ has very tangible proof; the transformation of one's soul.

### 3b.1) Christ Is Declared As Truth Calling Sinners To Repentance

**"[Having Been Received (Aor.Act.Part)] To Be Declared (Pres.Pas.Inf) At First By The Lord" - 1)** "For God so loved the world, **2)** that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. **3)** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**4)** Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God." (John 3:16-18, ESV)

#### 1) Christ Received The Message Because Of The Father's Great Love "Having Been Received"

*How deep the Father's love for us How vast beyond all measure That He would give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure*

#### 2) Christ Declared The Message To Save Those Who Believe "To Be Declared" - "Truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life." (Jh 5:24)

#### 3) Christ Did Not Come In Condemnation But In Salvation "By The Lord" - "In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." (1 John 4:9-10, ESV)

#### 4) Christ Offers The Means Of Belief That Saves From Eternal Judgment

*Come, ye weary, heavy laden, Bruised and broken by the fall; If you tarry till you're better, You will never come at all: Not the righteous, Not the righteous, Not the righteous, Sinners Jesus came to call.*

### 3b.2) Christ Is Received As Truth Transforming The Life Of Those Who Believe

**"Attested By Those Who Heard (Aor.Act.Part)" - 1)** "I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. **2)** But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. **3)** The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life." (1 Timothy 1:12-16, ESV)

#### 1) Christ Is The ONLY Source Of Life; Our Strength Is Corrupt - "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me." (2 Corinthians 12:9, ESV)

#### 2) Christ Is The ONLY Source Of Grace; Our Faithfulness Is Corrupt - "Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart." (2 Corinthians 4:1, ESV)

#### 3) Christ Is The ONLY Source Of Salvation; Our Righteousness Is Corrupt - "For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out." (Romans 7:18, ESV)

*Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary; They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me: Forgive him, O forgive, they cry, Nor let that ransomed sinner die!*

### 4.3) Christ Is Validated As Truth Displayed In The Real Change Of Your Heart

**"While God Bore Witness (Pres.Act.Part)" - 1)** "... God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. **2)** They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses... **3)** And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead... everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." (Acts 10:38-43)

#### 1) ONLY Christ Can Change Your Heart

#### 2) ONLY Christ Can Save You From Your Sin

#### 3) ONLY Christ Can Change Your Heart

*Thy body slain, sweet Jesus, Thine - And bathed in its own blood - While the firm mark of wrath divine, His Soul in anguish stood. Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in, When Christ, the mighty Maker died, For man the creature's sin.*

**\*\*\* The Question Is Not What Must I Do? Rather, What Must I Do To Be Saved? \*\*\***

**Message Directive:** Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul and receive the tangible proof of Christ's work in your own life. **"Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! (Isaiah 45:22, ESV)**

**"... he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved." (Ephesians 1:4-6, ESV)**

- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Earthly Realm, (vs. 2: 5 - 18)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Mosaic Law (vs. 3: 1 - 4: 13)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Mosaic Temple (vs. 4: 14 - 6: 12)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Abrahamic Identity, (vs. 6: 13 - 7: 10)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Aaronic Priesthood, (vs. 7: 11 - 28)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Old Covenant, (vs. 8: 1 - 10: 39)**
  
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Has Been Demonstrated As Reliable, (vs. 11: 1 - 40)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Will Persevere Through Extreme Difficulty, (vs. 12: 1 - 29)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Changes The Entire Perspective Of The Believer, (vs. 13: 1 - 25)**