

## CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

### JESUS CHRIST: “I CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN”

#### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

**In the Gospel of John 6, seven times, Jesus said He “Came Down From Heaven”:**

- “For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world” (John 6:33).
- “For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me” (John 6:38).
- “The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?” (John 6:41-42).
- “This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world” (John 6:50-51).
- “This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever” (John 6:58).

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

**A.** As you celebrate Christmas, keep in mind that Christ coming from Heaven to Earth is the focus of Christmas.

#### **B. OUR GREATEST NEED**

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator;  
If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist;  
If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist;  
If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer;  
But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a **Saviour**.

**C.** “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace” (Isa 9:6).

**D.** “AH! Dearest Jesus, Holy Child, Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled; Within my heart, that it may be, A quiet chamber kept for Thee.” – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**In this lesson, we will review six reasons why Jesus Came Down from Heaven:**

**I. “To Seek and to Save that which was Lost”** (Luke 19:10)

- “For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that

believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God” (John 3:17-18).

- A. Jesus did not Come to Condemn (Judge), but to bring Salvation to all who will receive Him.
- B. The Person who trust in Jesus as Savior **is not condemned**, but the person who does not trust in Him **is condemned already**.
- C. Each person must decide whether to accept or reject Jesus as Savior. All mankind is divided into two classes: Either Believers or Unbelievers.

## II. **To Fulfill Prophecy**

### A. **Jesus would be born of a virgin**

- **Prophecy:** “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel” (Isa 7:14).
- **Fulfillment:** “Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us” (Matt 1:22-23).

### B. **Jesus would be born in Bethlehem**

- **Prophecy:** “But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting (Micah 5:2).
- **Fulfillment:** “Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem” (Matt 2:1).

### C. **Christ’s Birth was Pure, Miraculous and Supernatural**

1. **He was born of a virgin** – born apart from the normal process of procreation – **No Earthly Father** (Matt 1:16).
2. **He was conceived supernaturally** – by the power of the Holy Ghost (Matt 1:10; Luke 1:35).
3. **He was born sinless** – and was sinless throughout His earthly life (2 Cor 5:21; 1 John 3:5).

## III. **To Do The Will of His Father** (John 6:38)

A. **Jesus is referring to His obedience to God the Father.** As part of the Trinity, Jesus is the Son of God. As such, His will and the will of God the Father are always in alignment. And yet, as a fully human man, Christ also experienced the temptations and emotions of a physical person (Heb 4:15).

Part of His sinless example to us is His willingness to obey God, no matter the personal cost (Phil 2:8). Jesus is also pointing out that the ministry He has been given comes from God and should be recognized as such.

**B.** In John 6:39, Jesus stated that He would not lose even one person that the Father had given Him. Thus anyone who makes a sincere commitment to believe in Jesus as Savior is secure in God's promise of eternal life. Christians will not lose their Salvation – A Great Promise!

- I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me  
I am so glad that Jesus loves me, Jesus loves even me – Philip P. Bliss
- A lady once asked John Wesley if he knew that he would die at midnight the next day, how would he spend the intervening time. He replied, “Why, madam, just as I intend to spend it now. I would preach this evening at Gloucester, and again at five tomorrow morning; after that I would ride to Tewkesbury, preach in the afternoon, and meet the societies in the evening. I would then go to Martin's house ... talk and pray with the family as usual, retire myself to my room at 10 o'clock, commend myself to my Heavenly Father, lie down to rest, and wake up in glory.” – (Today in the Word, March 1989)
- Once while Francis of Assisi was hoeing his garden, he was asked, “What would you do if you suddenly learned that you were to die at sunset today?” He replied, “I would finish hoeing my garden.” – (Moody Monthly, April 1990)
- **Christians** are you doing the Will of God?
  - Have you willingly yielded yourself to the control of God? Have you given up the right to run your own life and put yourself at God's disposal? If so, then you are in His control (Rom 12:1-2).
  - “For this is **the will of God**, even your sanctification, that ye abstain from fornication” (or any other sin) – 1 Thess 4:3. It is God's will that we be Holy.

#### **IV. To Die for Our Sins**

Christ rose from the dead, thus enabling us to pass “from death unto life” (John 5:24).

**A. Believers pass from Eternal Condemnation in Hell unto Eternal Life in Heaven.**

**B. Jesus makes eternal life available to all who turn in “repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ” (Acts 20:21).**

**C.** Do you possess eternal life and have the assurance that you have “passed from death unto life” (John 5:24). The person who has trusted Christ has passed from a State of Spiritual Death into a State of Spiritual Life and is no longer separated from God.

#### **V. To Be a Divider** (Matt 10:34-35)

Jesus sent a **sword** which means the **Gospel** – it is the means of dividing and separating God's children from the people of the world and from their principles and practices, and one relation from another; also of divisions, discords, and persecutions arising from it: not that it was the intent of Christ, in coming into the world, to encourage such things but through the malice and wickedness of men, such things are the “consequences of Christ coming to earth.”

“Jesus is the Prince of Peace” (Isa 9:6). People against you are really against God and His Word.

## **VI. To Be the Savior of the World**

**Savior, deliverer, preserver, the author of Salvation “which is Christ the Lord.”**

### **A. Jesus is Our Sin-Bearer**

1. “For he shall save his people from their sins” (Matt 1:21)
2. Jesus is “the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29).
3. Jesus came “to take away our sins and in him is no sin” (1 John 3:5).
4. “For he hath made him to be sin for us” (2 Cor 5:21).
5. “Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree” (1 Pet 2:24).

### **B. Jesus is the Only Name “Whereby We Must be Saved” (Acts 4:12)**

- “Through his name **whosoever** believeth in him shall receive remission of sins” (Acts 10:43).
- “For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus (1 Tim 2:5).

### **C. Jesus Gives Eternal Life (John 14:6; John 5:40)**

Jesus came to give us eternal life. This was our greatest need because sin resulted in death upon the whole human race, spiritual death, which is separation from God.

- “Wherefore, as by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned” (Rom 5:12).
- “And you hath he quickened (made alive), who were dead in trespasses and sins” (Eph 2:1). Before Salvation, a person is dead as far as love for God or fellowship with God (No relationship with God).
- “And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life” (1 John 5:11-12).
- God loves us and sent His One and Only Son into the world that we might have eternal life. The Good News of the Gospel is found in John 3:16.

## **CONCLUSION:**

**A. Celebrate the True Meaning of Christmas** – the birth of the Savior – “And she shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins” (Matt 1:21).

**B.** Jesus, the Savior of the world, died for our sin and conquered death, giving the hope of Salvation to all who turn from their sin and believe on Him. One day, He will return as the resurrected, glorified, Sovereign Lord and Judge.

**C. What will it be like for you when Jesus returns?**

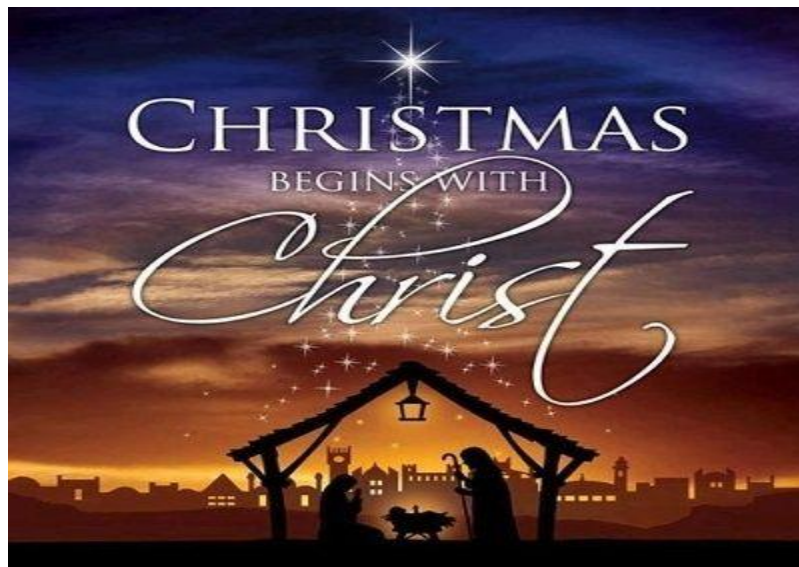
- Will you be safe and secure because you have been saved by His **Amazing Grace**?
- If you are an unbeliever – turn from your sin and place your trust in the shed blood of Jesus Christ for the remission (forgiveness) of your sins. “And ye will not come to me, that ye might have live” (John 5:40) – **COME TO JESUS!!**
- And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more” (Heb 10:17).

**D.** “The very purpose of Christ’s coming into the world was that He might offer up His life as a sacrifice for the sins of men. He came to die. This is the heart of Christmas” – Billy Graham

**E. Romans Road to Salvation (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)**

**MEMORY VERSE:**

**“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel” (Isa 7:14).**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

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**“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8)**