

GOD PROMISED A DELIVERER

Genesis 3:14-15

Introduction: Christians recognize and worship as Savior and Lord, the One who proclaimed Himself to be the "promised one, the deliverer, the Jewish "messiah," named Jesus.

Jesus was born a Jew. He practiced the Jewish religion during his earthly life. His disciples were Jews and His primary ministry was to the Jewish people. The writers of the New Testament were Jews with the possible exception of one, called Luke.

Most Christians just don't understand Jesus as He was to the Jewish people of His day and therefore miss much of the richness of His teachings. Christians use the word "messiah" without really understanding where the word came from and what it is supposed to mean.

I. THE WORD "MESSIAH" DEFINED

1. "Messiah" comes from the word "mashah" which involved a ceremonial application of oil to certain things named by God, such as the tabernacle, altar, sin offering, etc. Most often "mashah" was used for the ceremonial induction into leadership positions where the pouring of oil upon the head was done.
 - In Greek, the word for "messiah" is "Xristos" or "Christ."
2. "Mashah" was used in anointing a person or object meant to be separated for God's service.
 - It was God who authorized the anointing.
 - Divine enablement accompanied the anointing by the coming of the Holy Spirit.
 - It was associated with the coming of the promised one, the deliverer, believed to be Jesus.
 - A Spirit filled ruler was expected throughout the Old Testament, expected because of God's promise that a deliverer would one day be sent.

II. A DELIVERER WAS INDEED NEEDED

1. It is known that God created the universe, and of course all living things.
 - Had Adam and Eve obeyed God, they would have lived forever in the fellowship with God which they had enjoyed since their beginning.
 - Satan, however, tempted them and their disobedience brought disaster to all who followed them (us included).
 - God, therefore pronounced a curse on all three involved in the fall.
 - God cursed Satan and all his kind with destruction one day by a "head" (lethal) wound by a descendant of Eve. Thus delivering one day, humanity from his control.
 - God further stated that Satan would bruise the "heel" (non-lethal) of the One who would destroy him.
 - Therefore a deep enmity between Satan and God was created and a constant battle has existed between the two ever since, with mankind in the middle.

2. **Romans 5:12-21:** "Imputed" is to designate, to assign, to pass on (by authority).
 - The sin of Adam was imputed to all humanity as if their own.
 - The righteousness of Jesus Christ is imputed to all who believe in Him as if His righteousness was the believer's very own.
 - The believer's sins are imputed to Jesus Christ, therefore answering the demands of justice for the believer's sins.

III. JUST WHAT IS SIN?

1. "Sin" is being fundamentally, basically disobedient to God.
 - It is "missing the mark" God set for mankind but hitting something else.
 - There is always a clear standard against which sin is committed. It is a positive rebellion against God, happening in many different ways.
 - **Romans 3:23; 1 Corinthians 8:12; Ephesians 4:26; Hebrews 3:17; John 1:10**
2. The consequences of sin is that God won't hear a sinful person's prayer. God will withhold blessings. It hides one from the face of God, it can bring death and it can cause a person to not go to Heaven. **Psalms 66:18; Jeremiah 5:25; Galatians 5:19-21; Romans 6:23; Isaiah 59:2**
3. What is the remedy for sin? God demands that sin be punished but He has also provided for the sinner's restoration to fellowship with Himself.
 - The promised one, the deliverer, the Messiah, Jesus Christ, has become the propitiation the appeaser, the satisfier, the one who pays in full what the sinner owes.
 - Jesus Christ has become the sinner's substitute and assumed his/her obligations to God and has settled the difference between God and the believer, therefore restoring the believer.
 - The work of Jesus on the Cross is the means whereby the barrier which sin erected between God and man is broken down. By giving up His sinless life, sacrificially, Jesus Christ annuls the power of sin to separate between God and the sinful believer.
 - **The Messiah, the deliverer, the promised one, the Christ, Jesus, does for the believer what he/she cannot do for him/herself and that is to change the state of being in sin to that of being righteous and having a right relationship with God.**

CONCLUSION:

1. Every human being is born a sinner, separated from God, disobedient to God.
2. Sin separates from God, but God wants a fellowship with sinful mankind whom He made and loves.
3. God has destroyed Satan's ruler-ship over mankind and has provided a way of restoration of fellowship between Himself and mankind.
4. The Messiah, the promised one, the deliverer, the Christ, Jesus, is God's means of destroying Satan and restoring mankind to Himself.
5. Every human being is a sinner and separated from God with no hope of doing anything to be reinstated to God by him/herself.
6. Jesus was sent, selected, by God, set apart by God, enabled by God, to be the promised one, the deliverer, the Messiah, the Christ.
- 7 Therefore, **"...whosoever believeth in Him shall have eternal life..."** Jesus is the answer to sin.