Lesson #

Christology-The Teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ

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\* In this lesson we will be referring to the teachings that Christ taught as the Jewish Messiah on this earth, mainly before His crucifixion. Were going to be very careful to delineate between Christ’s teaching to the (*nation of Israel and the Jewish apostles before the crucifixion*), and the (*revelations which He gave Paul for the body of Christ*), and the (*revelations which He gave tithe disciples after His resurrection*).While we are dealing with the Jewish content of the Jewish messages found in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, we must never put these in the pre-eminent place over the doctrinal truths of the rest of the New Testament. A saying goes, All the Bible was written *for* you, but all the Bible was not written *to* you. This is basically what we are trying to do. We want to be sure we know who the Lord was teaching at what period. One thing we want to keep in mind is that Jesus Christ, on this earth, was the *Jewish Messiah* sent to Israel.

“Now I say that J \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ was a m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ forth t \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_, to c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ made unto the fathers:” ***Romans 15:8***

The Lord makes this clear in ***Matthew 10*** when He tells the disciples who to go to.

“These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But g \_ rather to the l \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_

o \_ t \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ I \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Matthew 10:5,6***

Most of the teachings in the gospels are of a Jewish content, in a pre-crucifixion setting. But, don’t let this scare you. This does not mean that we cannot and should not learn from these passages.

“A \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ is given by inspiration of God, and i \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for

d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, for r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, for c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, for i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_in righteousness: That the man of God m \_ \_ b \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, throughly furnished unto a \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***2 Timothy 3:16,17***

\* Christ, in His Earthly Ministry gave *three long discourses*.

* The first was the *Sermon on the Mount* in ***Matthew 5*** through ***7***, which is the “constitution of the kingdom” when Christ returns. It does not have the plan of salvation anywhere in it.
* The second discourse was *the Olivet discourse* in ***Matthew 24*** and ***25***, which deals primarily with the Second Advent. It does not have the plan of salvation in it.
* The third, is the discourse in *the upper room* found in ***John 13*** through ***16***, along with the prayer in ***John 17***. This one has a lot of materiel in it on salvation.

\* The Sermon on the Mount does not have regeneration, no blood atonement, no new birth, nobody “in” Christ, and there is not a “Christian” present at all. We are not saying that the Sermon on the Mount should not be heeded. Of course, it should. But this Sermon was given to Old Testament Jews, under the law, before the crucifixion. No one today gets to Heaven by the Sermon on the Mount. It is said that Jesus touched on eighteen different subjects in the Sermon on the Mount.Here’s some of what was said about it from the people that heard Him.

“And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_

a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ h \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: For he taught them as one h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and not as the scribes.” ***Matthew 7:28***

The Lords words were with power.

“And all b \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and wondered at the g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ which

p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ of h \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?” ***Luke 4:22***

\* In some ways the Lords teachings were new and revolutionary and contrary to human reasoning at least as far as the Jew (who was under the law) could see. The main thing with Him is that He spoke with “authority” and “not as the scribes.” The scribes believed, like Pontius Pilate, in *relative truth*, so they were never *absolute* except in their prejudice *against* the truth.

\* Christ was exactly the opposite. When Christ talked, He said, “*This is the way it is. This is the way it is not*.” And then, when He came to cases of dealing with poor lost sinners and their sins, He was very lenient with them.

\* Jesus’ teaching about ***Old Testament salvation***, to the Jews under the law, we can clearly see.



* He revealed Himself as the *living water* to the woman of Samaria. ***John 4***
* He revealed Himself as the *true bread of life*. ***John 6***
* Jesus taught that He had power to forgive sins of the penitent. ***Luke 7***
* In the discourse on the good shepherd, Jesus revealed that He was the *only door* to salvation and that no man could be saved except through Him. ***John 10***
* Jesus gave an invitation to those who labored and were heavy laden to come to Him for salvation and rest. ***Matthew 11:28***
* He expanded the wonderful salvation invitation to include the wanderers in the highways and the byways. ***Luke 14:21***
* The best loved of all salvation stories is the story of the prodigal son. ***Luke15***

\* As we said before, since these discourses are primarily before the cross, we are going to have to be careful with our walk through these teachings the Lord taught. Remember, we want the truth! Doctrine! What does God’s word teach? We should not be scared to learn the truth. We want to understand, and when the Holy Ghost gives us understanding, we will believe. Amen.

\* For example, the prodigal is said to be a son who is *dead* and *lost.* There is *no such thing* as a *lost* or *dead* son of God *after the resurrection*. You see, we have to be careful. In the pre-crucifixion discourses where the Lord Jesus Christ speaks prophetically, (as in ***John 3***, “Except a man be born again,”) you may have application to New Testament salvation *after* the Holy Ghost has come to regenerate individuals, but the Holy Ghost is not yet given until Christ is glorified (***Acts 1*** and ***2***). *The New Birth is a thing entirely unknown to anybody before Calvary.* As we carefully study our Bibles, we find that there is *no new birth* from *Adam* to *Christ*. These are truths that we *must learn*, because there are all sorts of false teachings out there about “predestination” and “election” and a lot of other boloney that we don’t want to get mixed up with. We will stick to the Lords teachings from His book. Don’t worry, you can understand these things and when we are done you will understand, and it will make perfect sense.

\* Now, Abraham is in heaven with the Lord, but Abraham was *not in Christ,* and is *not in Christ now*. Isaac and Jacob were *not in Christ*, and are not *in Christ now*. Moses was not *inChrist*, *nor* was David, *nor* was Joshua. “Chosen in Christ” was only a reference to a New Testament Christian who was in Christ, and he didn’t get in Christ until he received Christ. So, in dealing with these matters, we should be very careful to ***notice the difference*** between ***illustrations of salvation*** (stories of salvation found before the crucifixion) and the ***doctrines of salvation*** which are found in Romans and Galatians.

\* Jesus taught on ***Daily living*.**

* We are taught not to swear. ***Matthew 5:33***
* We are taught to turn the other cheek and to love our enemies. ***Matthew 5:40-42***

******A little bit later the Lord Jesus Christ said that if you didn’t have a sword, sell what you have and buy one. ***Luke 22:36***. Do you see how we have to “***rightly divide”*** the word of truth?

\* Jesus taught us about ***giving***.

* He taught us to give in secret. ***Matthew 6***
* He teaches us that our giving is an eternal investment. ***Matthew 6:19-21***

\* Jesus taught us a great deal about ***prayer***.

* He taught that we should pray in secret. ***Matthew 6:5-13***
* He taught our prayer should be continuous. ***Luke11:1-13***
* He taught our prayer was unlimited in scope and power. ***John 14:13-14***

\* Jesus taught us about ***fellowship with the Father***.

* Jesus taught that if we want to keep in fellowship with the Lord, we must forgive others. ***Matthew 6:14, 15***

\* Jesus taught about ***our affections*** and where they should be.

* He taught against setting our affections on the necessities of life. He taught that the daily needs of food, shelter, and clothing would be provided by the Lord if we paid attention to Gods righteousness. ***Matthew 6:25-34***

\* Jesus taught us about ***confession***.

* He taught us that it was necessary to confess Him as Lord openly. ***Matthew 10:32, 33***

\* Jesus ***instructed new converts***.

* The Lord taught new converts to go home and witness to their relatives. ***Mark 5:19***

\* The Lord Jesus’ teaching was with ***assurance of salvation*** to the saved. ***John 3:16, 18, 36; 5:24*** There is no case in the New Testament where a man who believes on Jesus Christ isn’t taught to have assurance that God is going to take care of it and get him home to heaven, one way or another.

\* Jesus taught ***in the upper room***.

* Much of the Lords teaching in the upper room was speaking of the ministry of the indwelling Holy Ghost who comes to guide and conduct (and energize and strengthen) the believer after Pentecost. ***John14:16-26***

\* Jesus did not teach or promise His believers and disciples ***an easy life***.

* He mentioned persecution freely. However, at the same time He promised help and grace for every trial. ***John 16:1-7***; ***Luke 12:11, 12***

“These things I have s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_, that i \_ m \_ ye might h \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_. In the world y \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ have t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: but b \_ of g \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_; I h \_ \_ \_

o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the world.” ***John 16:33***

\* The Lord taught about how ***men will hate His followers***.

* The Lord Jesus said that the time will come when men think they do God service if they kill you. ***John 16:2***Is that going on today? You better believe it is. Jesus was right in His teachings.

“Remember the w \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ I s \_ \_ \_ unto you, The servant is not greater than his Lord. If they h \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_, they will a \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. ***John 15:20***

\* Jesus also had a great deal to say and teach about ***Pharisees***, ***false teachers*** and ***false prophets***, which of course you hear very little about today. The Lord never cared about big buildings and being careful about adjusting His words to keep His income. He was very loud and firm in His speaking out against false teachers and hypocrites. In ***Matthew 23*** He said, “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites,” seven times. ***Matthew 23:13, 14, 15, 23, 25, 27, 29*** He did not hesitate to tell the hot shots of His day they were “blind guides” and “fools.”

“Ye are of y \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_, and the lusts of y \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. ***John 8:44***

\* Jesus taught and warned ***against false doctrines***.

“Then J \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ unto them, T \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ and b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of t \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.” ***Matthew 16:6***

* He taught the Pharisees loved long robes and liked to be called “father.” Remind you of anyone? ***Matthew 23:4-9***
* He said the Sadducees denied the resurrection and denied angels were spirit beings. To watch out.
* He said and taught His disciples to watch out for these two false teachers, because they were out to convert them and make them “twofold the child of hell.” ***Matthew 23:15***

\* Jesus warned and taught to beware of false prophets that were “***ravening wolves***” in sheep’s clothing. ***Matthew 7:15***

\* Jesus taught and gave a clear warning to beware of **the scribes** who are in charge of preserving the Scriptures and passing the Scriptures on down, and who would translate and revise the Bible to suit themselves. ***Luke 20:45-47***

Do you know of any Scripture that is being perverted and twisted today? Watch out!

\* Jesus would not have wasted His breath to speak about these things and teach them if they were not important for us to take heed to, and real dangers to us and our faith. We are not to take them lightly and with a flippant attitude, but seriously. We are responsible to get into the Scriptures and to know the truth. ***John 5:39***

“These were m \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_ \_ than those in Thessalonica, i \_ t \_ \_ \_ they r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the

 w \_ \_ \_ with a \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of m \_ \_ \_, and s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ daily,

w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ those t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ s \_.” ***Acts 17:11***

\* Jesus taught a great deal ***on the topic of hell.***

* Jesus spoke of hell and punishment seventy times in the Gospels. Jesus’ ministry lasted three and a half years. Jesus preached and taught seventy times in three and a half years on hell and destruction. That comes out to 20 times a year. That is nearly half of His preaching and teaching.

“Then s \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ s \_ \_ also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me,ye cursed,

****i \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_, prepared for the devil and his angels:” ***Matthew 25:41***

\* Jesus Christ is the one who coined the words “***hell fire***.” ***Matthew 5:22***; ***18:9***; ***Mark 9:47***

**\*** Jesus Christ the Lord gave a solemn warning to avoid at all cost going to hell. ***Mark 9:40-48***

“Where their worm d \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_, and the f \_ \_ \_ is n \_ \_ q \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Mark 9:48***

\* Jesus taught on ***heaven and being eternally with the Father*** even though He did not directly mention New Jerusalem, the home of the saved.

* Jesus told the thief dying by His side not to worry, that today he would be with Him “***in paradise.” Luke 23:43***
* Jesus came to die and bring many sons home to heaven.

“Father, \_ w \_ \_ \_ that they also, whom thou hast given me, b \_ w \_ \_ \_ m \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ I

a \_; that they may b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.” ***John 17:24***

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.In m \_

F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I g \_

 t \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a p \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ y \_ \_. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I w \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, t \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_

m \_ \_ b \_ also.” ***John 15:1-3***

\* Jesus talked and taught ***about fruit bearing***.

* In Jesus’ upper room discourse He spoke about bearing fruit. He said that it glorified the Father for us to bear much fruit. ***John 15:1-7***
* Jesus taught that the fruit would bring forth differently, but it would bear, and to go and bear fruit. ***Matthew 13***
* The Lord taught that it was by the fruit you know people and things.

“Wherefore b \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ye shall k \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_.” ***Matthew 7:20***

\* We conclude and sum up the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ in two words. ***Love and condemnation.***

* Jesus summed up the whole law by two things. Love God and love your fellow man. ***Matthew 22:37-39*** Love is the supreme mark of the Christian.

“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye h \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ to a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***John 13:35***

* Not only did the Lord teach *love* but also *condemnation of sin.*

“L \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” ***1 John 2:15***

\* The teachings of Christ, on the earth deal primarily with the nation of Israel, but they point forth to great spiritual truths that become concrete after the resurrection. They are personified in the working ministry of the apostle Paul who wrote nearly half of the New Testament to the saved people, giving them the correct teaching for the Body of Christ, for the believer who has been “born again.”