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"Why Was It Necessary For Jesus to Come?"

Scripture: Luke 19:10

10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Summary: We've heard the military expression, "Search and destroy."

"Why was it necessary for Jesus to come?" is, "To save and destroy."

The danger I'm talking about is SIN and its consequences.

We are all in danger because, as The Apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Romans 3:23.

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

"All have sinned and fall short ..."

Lying, stealing, cursing, immorality, pride, selfishness, gossip, envy, on and on the list of sins goes. And what's the result?

Romans 6:23;

23 For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

"The wages of sin is death..."

That is not limited to physical death, but rather spiritual death and an eternal separation from God in hell.

That's the danger! And in the prophet Isaiah we read 53:6.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

“We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each has turned to our own way...”

And as long as we keep our ‘heads in the canoe’ we are oblivious to that danger, but that’s where that road eventually leads.

But that is no reason to despair. For our leader, Jesus Christ, has come looking for us! He has come to earth, clothed in human flesh, to rescue us. Jesus tells us this in Luke 19:10.

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”

That first Christmas was a pivotal point in human history. It was the first chapter in the earthly life of Jesus who would be our redeemer, our rescuer. He would live the perfect, sinless life we failed to live, that he might gain the reward of eternal life for all who believe. He would die, being crucified and taking the punishment due sinners upon himself, that believers would be set free from punishment.

Because of this Paul writes in Romans 8:1.

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus...”

Once we admit we have sinned, that we are sinners and are lost, we need to confess and turn to Christ asking Him to save us.

IT IS A PRAYER HE ALWAYS HEARS AND ANSWERS.

This is why He came and why Christmas is, as the angels sang.

“Good News of great joy, for all people. Today, in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.”

It’s only ‘good news’ if we recognize the danger it addresses.

A Savior, SAVES.

So why doesn’t everyone call on the name of Christ and be saved?

It’s certainly not difficult.

They don’t because of SIN.

Sin blinds them to the danger.

They are quite content to keep their heads in the canoe and keep on walking, convinced they are going the right way. Sin deafens them to the voice calling them.

But there is another reason. The Devil. Many people feel the devil is a basic illusion used to scare people. But Jesus speaks of him as a real and evil being, as do the disciples and the Christian church down through the ages. He and his demons are at work in this world to ruin the plan and purpose of God. They don't want people to believe in Christ and be set free from the kingdom of darkness.

Paul informs us of Satan in 2 Cor.4:4.

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

If our own sin keeps our heads in the canoe, the devil dances on top of the canoe pressing it down so we cannot lift it off and see.

This brings us to the second aspect of "WHY", "why Christ came."

In 1 John 3:8 we read in part;

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

"The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work."

Christ came to SAVE, but also to DESTROY.

It's really different sides of the same coin. When people are saved, they are rescued and the devil's work destroyed.

Listen to Paul writing to the Colossian believers, ch.1:10-14.

"And we pray this in order that,

10 you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,

12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you[a] to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

There it is, because of the work of Christ on behalf of all who believe, HE HAS QUALIFIED US, to share the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. He has done this by rescuing us from the dominion of darkness!

Jesus said in Mt. 16:18.

I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overcome it.”

At Christmas, that baby Jesus established a strategic position in enemy territory. His work was to build his church by saving us and destroying the works of the devil. His work continues through us, believers who have been recruited to GO! and make disciples.

In other words, GO, multiply the troops. It means spiritual warfare and the devil does not give ground easily. But neither can he withstand the power of the Christ who lives within us.

“Greater is He who is in us, then he who is in the world.” (1 John 4:4)

Jesus came to ‘Save and destroy’ and in doing that, HE QUALIFIES US FOR GLORY!

The qualification to get to heaven is PERFECTION.

A PERFECTLY SINLESS LIFE. ALL HAVE SINNED, therefore, all are disqualified. We can’t do anything ourselves to qualify. But Jesus does it for us. All we must do is believe. WE MUST TAKE OUR HEAD OUT OF THE

CANOE, TURN AND RESPOND TO CHRIST'S CALL. Have you called upon the Lord Jesus to save you?

This Christmas accepted God's great gift, His Son, Jesus Christ and know that, in Him, you are qualified for glory!

Through this series we've seen that in God's plan, we as BELIEVERS IN CHRIST, are important.

We have seen as Believers in Christ, we are LOVED by the Father as He loves Christ.

We have seen that as believers in Christ, we are UNDERSTOOD by Christ our brother.

And tonight, we have seen that because of Christ, believers have been QUALIFIED for glory!

THIS IS WHY, 'JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON.'

That is the true meaning of Christmas.