

Come to Christ

“So! What’s growing in your garden?” were the words of my three year old granddaughter, as we said “Amen” to the blessing at dinner the other day. She understood dinner to be a time for talking as well as eating. She did not feel we were accomplishing our purpose of dining together unless we were enjoying each others company and there was conversation involved. May we all be blessed with the wisdom of three year olds.

This story reminds us that we were created to enjoy the company of our creator. Many people go through life, eating at what could be called the Lord’s Table, in that they are breathing His air, eating the food He has provided for them, enjoying the body He has given them, and yet they seem to be dining alone. Jesus said, “behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me”. Many people go through life alone because they don’t hear Him knocking.

We invite you to partake in a short but meaningful conversation about, and with, God. Read carefully the following few lines. Put your cursor over the Bible references and read them. In them is contained the Gospel, the truth of God’s love for mankind; an explanation of how He has made it possible for sinful mankind to come to Him, to enjoy, through receiving, His gift of eternal life. If you are attentive to His voice, you will hear Him knocking by the time you are through.

There are three things we must know about God before we can understand Him and know what He expects from us. These things determine His principles and His purposes for mankind and all His creation. Everything He does, and all that He gives to us, are governed by these three things. They are (Jeremiah 9:23-24):

Lovingkindness:

The marriage of two of the best words the dictionary has to offer. Its demonstration will be its explanation. (1 John 4:8)

Judgment:

God judges in Righteousness. That means that God does not sin when He judges, but rather, He is keeping Himself from sinning by judging (Psalms 9:8). For God to tolerate sin without judging sin would be a sin, and God cannot sin. If we neglect the only means that He has provided for our way to escape this judgment, then we must receive it (Hebrews 2:3).

Righteousness:

That which is perfect and holy about God. It is the moral perfection, the complete and absolute absence of sin from His character and His nature, (Psalms 71:19) which He has expressed in His Law, throughout the Word of God (Psalms 19:7-11).

What do these things mean to me? Everything! Let’s take them one at a time, put ourselves next to them, and see how we measure up.

Concerning Righteousness — “I am not”:

How does mankind look next to Gods righteousness? Not so good. (Romans 3:10). There is great contrast between man who is lost in sin, and God who knows no sin. It is the difference between the darkest of nights and the clearest and brightest of days. We often make the mistake of comparing ourselves with one another, but there is no contrast there. We are all sinners, all needing the same salvation from God. We will never see ourselves as we really are if we cannot see ourselves contrasted with God’s holiness. (Romans 3:23) (2 Corinthians 10:12).

Concerning judgment — “I deserve, but do not want”:

Without Christ we are under the condemnation of sin (John 3:18) (John 3:36). Our awareness of this condemnation produces fear, as it should. If the thought of death terrifies you, there is good reason for it (Revelation 21:8) (Hebrews 9:27-28). This judgment is real, it is complete, and it is eternal.

Concerning lovingkindness — “This I need”:

It is this condemnation of sin that gave God His opportunity to express His lovingkindness to us (John 15:13).

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God. This means God was in Christ as He shed His blood and died to pay the penalty for our sins (2 Corinthians 5:19) (1 Timothy 3:16). This opportunity to show God's love is why Jesus came to earth. What He has done to overcome the barrier between God and man, by giving Himself as the payment for our sin, is not only proof that He loves us, but a complete unveiling of the nature and depth of that love (Jer 31:3).

These three things all came together on one day, in one point of time, as God revealed them to us, when Jesus was crucified for the sins of all mankind.

On that day, Jesus Christ received and satisfied the judgment of God.

His perfect life of obedience to His Father fulfilled the righteousness of God.

His giving of Himself for all mankind fully expressed the lovingkindness of God. (Romans 5:8)

Now God is looking—and waiting—for you to respond to His expression of love.

Jesus Christ is the only one that has and gives eternal life (John 14:6) (Acts 4:12). Because He paid for it lawfully He is the only one who has the lawful right to give it. Three days after He died Jesus rose from the dead and now He lives to receive all who will receive Him (Hebrews 7:25). Jesus lovingly extends His invitation to all who are under the condemnation of sin, no matter what they have done (Revelation 22:17) (Matthew 11:28-30).

Read this promise (Revelation 3:20). Jesus is knocking on the door to your heart and life. Knowing that He is willing to receive you, just as you are, would you be willing to receive Him? If so, you must call upon the Lord Jesus to be your Saviour (Romans 10:13). Tell Him you need Him and that you realize He is your only hope of eternal life. Open the door and receive Him by asking in prayer. If you would like help, we can help you with the words as long as you agree to supply the faith.

You may want to pray like this: Lord Jesus, thank you for loving me when I did not deserve it. Thank you for dying for me to pay for all my sins. I know that you have made eternal life possible for me by taking my judgment for me. Lord Jesus, I am now trusting you, and receiving you, as my Saviour. Please come in to me, and sup with me, like you promised you would, so that you will know me, and I will know you. Please give to me that eternal life for which you have completely paid, and only you have to offer. Thank you for saving me.

If this is what you want, tell Him. Do not be concerned about using these exact words in your prayer. Jesus wants to hear from you. Do not wait; there is no better time than now.

If you have asked the Lord Jesus to save you we would like to speak with you. What just happened to you Jesus calls being "born again" (John 3:3-7). Now that you are saved you have need of new friends and new activities. You will need to have some new goals in life (2 Corinthians 5:17). You need teaching, encouragement, and the companionship of others who are experiencing the same things you are. Jesus started His Church for this purpose. Please email or call us and let us know about your new life in Christ. Let us help you get acquainted with your new friends, and better acquainted with our Saviour.