BRINGING HEAVEN BACK TO EARTH

Isaiah 9.6, 7 // November 21, 2021

WHY DID JESUS COME?

God came to the earth to make a way to bring heaven back to the earth. He came to take upon the government of this world upon His shoulders and to increase and sustain eternal peace with no end.

Genesis 3.22-24

- 1. Why did God cast Adam and Eve out of Eden? If they were allowed to stay, they would've eaten from the tree of life and now would live forever as sinful.
- 2. Why Death? Death is indeed an enemy, however without it, we would be stuck with our sin and limitations, blind spots, and inability to be in the full presence of God. With Christ as our way to have our sin go upon *Him,* death, though an enemy, is even used by God to destroy *all* our sin without also destroying us.

Psalm 116.15 // Ecclesiastes 7.1

GOD'S DEFINITE PLAN "A"

Acts 2.22-24 // 1 Corinthians 15.51-55 // 2 Peter 1.3, 4

3. Why the Fall? The fall allows us as now redeemed and loved sinners to have a more full, complete, and therefore satisfying existence with God. But there is also another important reason.

Sin was necessary for us to encounter if we were to be able to enjoy God in an eternally secure way, because it is only through the progression of sin, redemption, and eventual imputation of Christ's righteousness that we can become incorruptible.

Pre-Fall: Uncorrupted Body but Corruptible Spirit **Post-Fall:** Corrupted Body and Corrupted Spirit

Reborn Man: Corrupted Body with Incorruptible Spirit of Christ

Glorified Man: Uncorrupted Body Now with Incorruptible Spirit of Christ

FIRST AND SECOND COMING

When the time is complete, Christ will bring about the "consummation of all things," when He will restore everything and renew all of creation.

The Christian Gospel does not give up on humanity or the earth, but rather looks to the day that both are redeemed and restored.

Acts 3.19-21 // Habakkuk 2.14 // Romans 8.18-21 Revelation 21.1-7, 22.1-5 // Revelation 2.7

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Philippians 3:13-14

Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to fill out a Connection Card so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the Connection Booth outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll join us next Sunday and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.ty

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our 6th - 8th graders begin each Sunday by worshiping with the adults and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our 9th-12th graders stay in the service with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the Memory Verse?

Read Isaiah 9.6, 7. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

The hope of our future gives us great perspective to endure hardship in this life. What part of life do you most have a hard time with right now, and what specific truth about heaven from the sermon helps you to face those challenges and discouragements best?

Your Life Mission

We live in a world with no hope. How does having our hope fixed upon our eternal future help us with our evangelism? What relationships in your life would you like prayer for, maybe even that you are a little fearful of when it comes to sharing the Gospel?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the P.R.A.Y. model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

• Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (Matthew 6.9, 10)

o Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.

Repent and Confess (Matthew 6.12)

o Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.

• Ask for Provision (Matthew 6.11-13)

o Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.

• Yield with Thanksgiving (Matthew 6.10)

o End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.





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