

FOUNDATION OF FAITH: JESUS CHRIST

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What is the major theme of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation? Who is the center figure in all of its writings? The apostle John sums it up best: "And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." {John 20:30,31}

The Scriptures are written to convince all of mankind of the fact that Jesus Christ was the Son of God. Belief of this fact is necessary to gain eternal life. "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." {John 8:24}

We believe in Him as : Savior; Son of God; Son of Man; fulfilling the roles of Prophet, Priest and King. Let us examine the evidence presented.

SAVIOR: Man was dead in his sins. Who was going to pay the terrible debt for sin? Christ, Hebrews 9:24-26. "For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body." {Ephesians 5:23}

SON OF GOD: He was more than a man, He was the Son of God. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God He was in the beginning with God All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made." {John 1:1-3} "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." {John 1:14}

SON OF MAN: God's Son was also fully man. God in the flesh. "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven." {John 3:13} "And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick." {Matthew 14:14} "And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry." {Matthew 4: 2}

PROPHET: He speaks on behalf of His Father. He must be heard, accepted and obeyed! "I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him." {Deuteronomy 18:18} "Has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;" {Hebrews 1:2} He is God's prophet!

PRIEST: He is our High Priest to make intercession for us. "Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens," {Hebrews 8: 1}

KING: He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords! "Which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords." {1Timothy 6:15}

The Hebrew writer begins his letter giving the “credentials” of Jesus Christ.” Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.” {Hebrews 1:3} Who has a better resume? Who could equal the qualifications that the Christ holds? Who would be in a better position to be the mediator between God and man? “For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.” {1 Timothy 2:5}

How sure is this foundation? Can you build on it with confidence? Will it stand the storms of life? Need we say anymore? Do you believe in Him? ***