

The Wednesday Word, July 1, 2020: Jesus Is (Part 1)

John Brown of Edinburgh once said, "It is because we think so little about Jesus, that we love Him so little and trust Him so little."

To help us remedy this, here are some things about the Jesus that we can think about.

Jesus is the exact representation of God (Hebrews 1:3).

No one can explain God like Jesus for He is God. He is God's self-declaration (John 1:18). So, you want to know God? That's commendable. But look no farther than Jesus. He is the *visible* image of the invisible God (see Colossians 1:15). In Him the fullness of the Godhead dwells in bodily form (Colossians 2:9).

Jesus is the Foundation (1 Corinthians 3:11). He is the foundation upon which we build our Christian life. "But surely" someone says, "the apostles and prophets are our foundation. Doesn't the Bible say that we are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets (Ephesians 2:20)? Yes, that's what it says ... but read Ephesians 2:20 carefully. Jesus is the foundation *of* the apostles and prophets. He is the One they built upon. Christ alone is our foundation. Paul laid the foundation in the churches and the foundation certainly wasn't Peter or Paul or any other apostles. Paul says, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:11).

Jesus is the first and the last (Revelation 1:17-18). He has no beginning and no end. He is Eternal (John 1:1; Isaiah 44:6). Think about this!

Jesus is the spotless Lamb of God (John 1:29). Only a sinless person could die on behalf of guilty sinners like you and me. Christ, the Passover lamb (1 Corinthians 5:7) had to be without blemish (Exodus 12:5; 1 Peter 1:19). Jesus was without defect, distortion or deformity both spiritually and physically.

Jesus is our peace (Ephesians 2:14). There are three types of peace. Peace with God, peace within ourselves and peace with one another. Jesus is all three.

Jesus is our hope (1 Timothy 1:1). He is the expectation of good things to come.

In times of trouble He is our Hope.

In times of danger, He is our hope.

When we think of eternity, He is our hope.

Jesus is our life (Colossians 3:4). According to this verse, Christ is our life.

He shall appear

And we shall appear with Him in glory.

The only reason we live is because He is our life. Justice looks at us and says, "Cut them down." But the Saviour steps in with His blood and says, "Spare and restore them."

Jesus is the living and true Way (John 14:6). There is no other way to the Father than by Jesus, the true way. He is also the Old Way to the Father. He was the way by which Adam, Abel, Enoch and the Patriarchs were all justified by faith. He is not only the Old Way. He is the New and living Way to God (see Hebrews 10:20).

Jesus is our Propitiation (1 John 4:10). Not everyone knows this word 'propitiation'. In brief, a propitiation is a wrath offering ... an offering which takes away the wrath of God. To complete a propitiation, three things were needed ... a Priest, an Altar and a fitting sacrifice. In Christ we have all three.

Jesus is our Refuge (Hebrews 6:18). A refuge is a place where people seek shelter in times of trouble. Believers are under continual attack from the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life (1 John 2:16). We need a refuge from guilt, temptation and danger. Jesus is the heaven approved and all-sufficient refuge for His people.

Jesus is our Song (Psalm 118:14). He is the song of every believer. He has freely taken our sins and cast them away. What a cause for rejoicing. Because of His doing, dying and rising again, He has become our song. He is the one in whom we have confidence. He is our song. May we hope and trust in no other. May we learn to sing to Him and make melody in our heart unto Him (Ephesians 5:19). He is our song.

And that's the Gospel Truth!