

The Wednesday Word, November 23, 2022: Jesus Leaves us Speechless

“And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knows;). How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter” (2 Corinthians 12: 3-4).

“Thanks be unto God for His **unspeakable** gift.” (2 Corinthians 9:15).

I am going to attempt to do the impossible. I will in these next few lines endeavour to speak about the unspeakable One, the Lord Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul had been transported to Paradise where he heard unspeakable words. He must have been overwhelmed with the reality of the invisible God made visible in the Lord Jesus. He was left speechless. There are many who think that the pinnacle of spirituality is to speak in tongues, but when Paul was confronted with the exalted Christ in His majesty, he couldn't speak at all.

May we yet become speechless as we take time to meditate on the glory of God in the person of Christ. May we yet rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory (1 Peter 1:8).

Consider this, the Lord Jesus came that we who were dead in trespasses and sins might have life. (Ephesians 2:1). He is the beginning of life. He is the source of life. He is the giver of life. (See John 1:3-4). He is the bread of life (John 6:35). He is the water of life (John 4:13-14). He is the light of life (John 8:12). He is the resurrection and the life (John 11:25). He is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6-7). He that rests on Him shall not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

This leaves me speechless! What about you?

Jesus is the promised seed who bruised the serpent's head. (Genesis 3:15). He is Abraham's seed in whom all the nations are blessed. (Galatians 3:8). He is David's seed, the Righteous Branch who reigns in wisdom. (Jeremiah 23:5). He is the elect of God. (Luke 23:25). He is the mediator of the New Covenant (Hebrews 9:15; John 14:6). He is the rock of our salvation (Psalm 18:2; 1 Corinthians 10:4).

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He is the Second Man, the Lord from heaven (1 Corinthians 15:47). He is the eternal word made flesh (John 1:14). He is the Last Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45). He is the Faithful and True Witness, (Revelation 3:14), the Almighty who was and is and is to come (Revelation 1:8; Revelation 4:8).

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He gives healing to the sick, sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf and life to the dead. (Luke 7:21-22). He is the deliverer of those in bondage, the healer of the broken heart and the one who gives rest to the weary. (Matthew 11:22).

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He is the champion. who never lost a battle (Hebrews 2:14-16), the lawyer who never lost a case (Hebrews 5:4-10), and the shepherd who never lost a sheep. (John 18:9).

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He is the true Temple (John 1:14; 2:22), the true altar, (Hebrews 13:10) the offerer and the offering (Hebrews 9:14).

He is the slain lamb, (Revelation 5:10). He is the lamb without blemish and without spot (1Peter 1:18-19). He is the one who, by Himself, purged our sins (Hebrews 1:3), destroyed the devil (1 John 3:8), conquered death, rose from the grave, and ascended into glory (Acts 1:9).

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He is our surety, (Hebrews 7:22): our ransom, (1Timothy 2:6), our apostle and High Priest (Hebrews 3:1). He is the God/Man, the exegesis of the Father (John 1:18), the brightness of the Father's glory, (Hebrews 1:3) the one whom angels worship (Hebrews 1:6). He is the King of kings, the Lord of lords (1 Timothy 6:15), God manifest in the flesh (1Timothy 3:16) and the fullness of the Godhead bodily (Colossians 1:19).

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It is no surprise that the hymn writer wrote,

"I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how he could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean."

May we yet become more and more astonished and amazed at the Lord Jesus. May we yet become speechless in His presence!

And that is the Gospel Truth!