

The Wednesday Word, December 8, 2021: The Unspeakable Christ

“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).

I am going to attempt to do the impossible. In these next few lines, I’m going to endeavour to speak about the unspeakable One, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The apostle Paul had been transported to paradise and there he heard unspeakable things. He was, it seems, overwhelmed with the reality of the invisible God made visible in the Lord Jesus. I have some friends who think that the pinnacle of spirituality is to speak in tongues, but when Paul was confronted with the exalted Christ, he couldn’t speak at all.

And yet there are some thrilling things which we can yet say about our Saviour for He has left His imprint and record in the scriptures. May we yet become speechless when we meditate on the glory of God in His person. May we know something of the joy unspeakable which is full of glory (1 Peter 1:8). So, let’s for a few moments consider God’s unspeakable gift (see 2 Corinthians 9:15 KJV).

He came that we might have life (John 10:10).

He is the beginning of life (John 1:3).

He is the source of life (Acts 17:25).

He is the giver of life (John 10:28).

He is the bread of life (John 6:35).

He is the resurrection and the life (John 11:25).

Jesus is the promised seed (Genesis 3:15).

He is the seed who bruised the serpent's head (Revelation 12:9).

He is Abraham’s promised seed (Galatians 3:16).

He is the One in whom all the nations are blessed (Galatians 3:8).

He is the mediator of the New Covenant (Hebrews 9:15).

He is the salvation of His people (Titus 2:14).

He is the rock of our salvation (Psalm 95:1).

He is the Second Man (I Corinthians 15:47).

He is the Last Adam (I Corinthians 15:45).

He is the fulness of the Godhead bodily (Colossians 2:9).

He is the Almighty which was and is and is to come (Revelation 1:8).

He gives life to the dead (Ephesians 2:1).

He is the deliverer of those in bondage, the healer of the broken heart and rest to the weary
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He is the general who never lost a battle (John 6:33).

He is the lawyer who never lost a case (Romans 5:9).

He is the shepherd who never lost a sheep (Luke 15:3–7).

He is the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).

He is the true Temple (John 2:13-22)

He is the altar (Hebrews 13:10).

He is the offerer (Hebrews 9:14).

He is the offering (Hebrews 9:26).

He is the slain lamb (Revelation 5:9).

He is the lamb without blemish and without spot (Hebrews 9:14).

He is the one who by himself purged our sins (Hebrews 1:3).

He destroyed the works of the devil (1John3:8).

He abolished death (2 Timothy1:10).

He rose from the grave (Romans 6:9).

He ascended into glory (Acts 1:9-12).

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In summary, He is our surety, our Ransom, our apostle and High Priest. He is the God/Man, the exegesis of the Father, the brightness of the Father's glory, the one whom angels worship, the crown of glory, the King of kings, and the Lord of Lords.

It is no wonder 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 by the Lord Jesus. May we yet become speechless in His glorious presence.

And that is the Gospel Truth!