

CHRIST'S MISSION

I Timothy 1:15

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners

I. THE SUMMARY

A. CHRIST'S PURPOSE WAS SALVATION

- Christ came to save

1. Consider these statements

- a. "She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for **He will save His people** from their sins." - Matt. 1:21
 - b. "But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David **there has been born for you a Savior**, who is Christ the Lord.'" - Luke 2:10-11
 - c. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but **that the world might be saved through Him**. - John 3:16-17
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- a. Jesus did not come to be a great teacher - See John 3:1-2 and Matt. 7:28-29
 - b. Christ did not come as a noteworthy prophet - Consider Matt. 16:13-16
 - c. Christ did not come as a King or ruler - Read Luke 19:36-38 and Acts 1:6

B. CHRIST'S FOCUS WAS SINNERS

- Christ came to save sinners

1. Like Paul who fiercely persecuted Christians - Acts 9:1-2
2. Like Zacchaeus who greedily overcharged taxes - Luke 19:1-10
3. Like Mary Magdalene who was distressed by demon possession - Luke 8:2
4. Like the women at the well, a hopeless adulterous - John 4:7-38
5. Like Nicodemus an upright theologian - John 3:1-21
6. Like Nathaniel a thoughtful philosopher - John 1:45-49

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II. THE MESSAGE

A. WE ARE SINNERS

1. For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
– Isaiah 64:6
2. “as it is written, ‘there is none righteous, not even one; there is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God; all have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is none who does good, there is not even one.’” - Romans 3:10-12
3. “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” - Romans 3:23

B. WE NEED SALVATION

1. We must not reject it - John 3:18
“He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
2. We dare not ignore it - John 3:36
“He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”
3. We cannot substitute it - Acts 4:12
“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”
4. We will not earn it - Ephesians 2:8-9
“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

C. JESUS SAVES!

- *Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.*
1. “and after he brought them out, he said, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ They said, ‘**Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved**, you and your household.’”
- Acts 16:30-31
 2. “**For whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.**” - Romans 10:13

CONCLUSION:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

- There is a Christmas so that we can be Christians!

Have you put your faith and trust in Christ alone?

Have you received God’s gift of salvation?

Will you receive Christ’s gift of salvation today?

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