## Let's close with the below scriptures:

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son [Jesus Christ], that whoever believes in Him [Jesus Christ] 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. He who believes in Him [Jesus Christ] 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."4

"... the Son of Man [Jesus Christ] did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His [Christ's] life a ransom [bought by paying a price] for many."<sup>5</sup>

"But as many as received Him [Jesus Christ], to them He [God] gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His [Christ's] name."6

What do the scriptures say about Jesus Christ the Son of God?

## They say

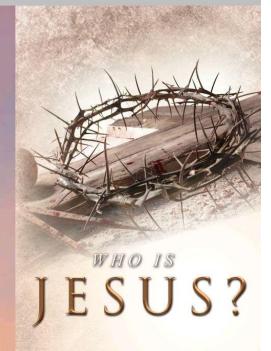
- God greatly loved the world and gave His only begotten Son (Jesus Christ)
- If we believe in God's Son, we will not perish (face the wrath of God) but we will have eternal life
- God did not send Jesus to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through Him
- If we believe in Jesus, we will not be judged
- Christ gave His life as a ransom for our sins; in other words Christ bought us by paying a price
- Finally, to become God's children, we need to receive and believe in Jesus Christ

1. Romans 5:6-10 2. Romans 3:23 4. John 3:16-18 5. Matthew 20:28

3. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

6. John 1:12

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## WHO IS JESUS?

Some say Jesus Christ was a good teacher, a good human being, a mighty prophet; a few others say He was the Son of God-God in the flesh.

What do you think?

What was the purpose of Jesus' life?

Why is knowing this critical for my life?

To answer these questions, we need to examine certain scriptures to see for ourselves what the Bible says. Let's start our reading:

"For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His San, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."1

"...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God [found lacking of God's glorious standard]."<sup>2</sup>

The above verses mention a few facts about all human beings. They say all of us are

- helpless
- ungodly
- sinners who fall short of the glory of God
- enemies of God (due to our sinful nature)
- going to face the wrath of God if we don't believe on His Son

The above scriptures also say that

- Christ died for the ungodly (for all of us)
- God demonstrates His own love towards us that while we were still sinners Christ died for us
- We are justified (made just, completely cleansed) by Christ's blood
- We are saved from the coming wrath of God through Christ
- We are reconciled (find favour with God) through the death of Christ
- We shall be saved by Christ's life

To get more clarity lets read further:

"Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel [good news] which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."

The Gospel means good news. What is the good news according to the above scriptures?

- Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures
- Christ was buried
- Christ was raised (back to life) on the third day according to the Scriptures

They also say that we need to

- Receive and believe in this good news
- We need to stand and hold fast to this good news
- We are saved through this good news