

## FALSE CHRISTS

*"If any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders"* Matthew24:23,24

The vast majority of so-called 'Christian' religion in the world today is actually proclaiming 'false Christs'. It is not that they proclaim and interact with the true Christ in a wrong way; their 'Christ' is actually false, exactly as the Lord Jesus Christ warned his disciples in Matthew 24. The question you should always ask of the those who try to persuade you to follow their 'Christ' is whether he is the Christ of the Bible.

For example, is he a Christ who made salvation from sin possible and who offers it to all without exception in the hope that they will exercise faith and believe him? That is a false Christ, an utterly impotent Christ when it comes to securing the eternal salvation of even one hell-deserving sinner. That Christ, they say, paid the sin-debt for sinners who end up in hell because of the exercise of their own free wills. But the true Christ of scripture is the one who came to save his people from their sins (Matt1:21) entirely of his own doing; they are the people, the elect of God, that the Father gave to Christ before the foundation of the world. He redeemed them alone, a multitude which no man can number and he accomplished his mission completely leaving nothing to the whim of human will.

Then ask if the 'Christ' they point to is one who is trying his best to make this world a better place if only people will learn to cooperate with each other. If he is, then he too is a false 'Christ' because the word of God declares clearly that

God's purpose is to bring this present evil world to an end in judgment for sin and to bring in his glorious and unrivalled kingdom, the Kingdom of God, in which violated divine law and justice has been completely satisfied in the doing and dying of the Son of God as Substitute for God's elect; hence true believers are called to pray sincerely, "Thy Kingdom come!".

False Christs and the false prophets who preach them are very subtle and deceiving; many are taken in but God's true people, his elect multitude, cannot be deceived; they will always hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and follow him.

Look at their methods and their social objectives and ask whether these reflect the truth of scripture concerning the Christ of God. The salvation he has accomplished is certain; it depends in no way on human gimmicks to get people to 'follow' it. All that God requires of his true people is faithfully to declare what he has revealed of salvation accomplished for it is '*by the foolishness of preaching that it pleased God to save those who believe*'. He, in sovereign grace, gives each and every one of the multitude he loved with 'everlasting love' a new nature and a new will to trust Christ and the salvation he has finished for them.

God calls his people simply to preach the Christ of scripture as faithfully as we can to the text of the Bible as we have it, and leave the quickening, the calling, the regeneration, of dead sinners to God's Holy Spirit.      AJ (adapted from an earlier article)

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**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
10:45 am (GMT+1) Service**

*Matthew 24:23-24*

*"False Christs And The True"*

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**171** tune 409

*S Medley*

1 Join, all who love the Saviour's name,  
To sing his everlasting fame;  
Great God! prepare each heart and voice  
In Him for ever to rejoice.

2 Of Him what wondrous things are told!  
In Him what glories I behold!  
For Him I gladly all things leave;  
To Him, my soul, for ever cleave.

3 In Him my treasure's all contained;  
By Him my feeble soul's sustained;  
From Him I all things now receive;  
Through Him my soul shall ever live.

4 With Him I daily love to walk;  
Of Him my soul delights to talk;  
On Him I cast my every care;  
Like Him one day I shall appear.

6 Take Him for strength and righteousness;  
Make Him thy refuge in distress;  
Love Him above all earthly joy,  
And Him in everything employ.

7 Praise Him in cheerful, grateful songs;  
To Him your highest praise belongs;  
'Tis He who does your heaven prepare,  
And Him you'll sing for ever there.

## Prayer

### Reading    Matthew 25:31-46

## Prayer

**913** tune 974              *J Kent*

1 'Tis the gospel's joyful tidings,  
Full salvation sweetly sounds;  
Grace to heal thy foul backslidings,  
Sinner, flows from Jesus' wounds.

2 Are thy sins beyond recounting,  
Like the sand the ocean laves?  
Jesus is of life the fountain;  
He unto the utmost saves.

3 Hail the Lamb who came to save us;  
Hail the love that made him die!  
'Tis the gift that God has given us;  
We'll proclaim his honours high.

4 When we join the general chorus  
Of the royal blood-bought throng,  
Who to glory went before us,  
Saved from every tribe and tongue,

5 Then we'll make the blissful regions  
Echo to our Saviour's praise;  
While the bright angelic legions  
Listen to the charming lays.

## Sermon

**721** tune 284

*J Swain*

1 To Him that loved us, ere we lay  
Concealed within the passive clay;  
To Him that loved us though we fell,  
And saved us from the pains of hell!

2 To Him that found us dead in sin,  
And planted holy life within;  
To Him that taught our feet the way  
From endless night to endless day;

3 To Him that wrought our righteousness,  
And sanctified us by his grace;  
To Him that brought us back to God,  
Through the red sea of his own blood;

4 To Him that sits upon the throne,  
The great eternal Three-in-One;  
To Him let saints and angels raise  
An everlasting song of praise.