

# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



"every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master." Luke 6:40b

## Who Is Jesus?

How would you respond if someone asked you today: "Who is Jesus?" Would you tell them of the virgin birth (Matt. 1:23)? Would you speak of all the good things Jesus did, especially the miraculous healings (Acts 10:38)? Would you talk about all the Old Testament prophecies He fulfilled which prove Him to be the Messiah (Luke 24:44)? Would you detail the last day of His life where He was betrayed, tried, and brutally executed on a cross (Matt. 26 & 27)? Would you expound upon His resurrection and explain what it means to the faithful today (Matt. 28 & I Cor. 15)? Certainly all of these points (and others) are worthy of mention when one speaks about Jesus of Nazareth.

But, where would you go if you could only turn to one passage of Scripture to teach about Jesus? Although there is no single passage that encapsulates all of the major ideas we mentioned a moment ago, there is one passage that comes to my mind that seems to declare who Jesus is to a great degree of depth. I'm referring to the first chapter in John's account of the gospel. At this time, let us briefly highlight some of the marvelous descriptions of Jesus found within this wonderful chapter.

According to John's prologue:

1. Jesus is eternal, having existed with God from the beginning (1:1),
2. Jesus is deity for He is declared to be God (1:1),
3. Jesus is the agent by which all things were created--nothing was made without Him (1:3),
4. Jesus is the means and source of moral life (1:4),
5. Jesus is the one that John the baptizer bore witness of and prepared the way for (1:7),
6. Jesus is the true Light for mankind (1:8),
7. Jesus became flesh and dwelt among men (1:14),
8. Jesus was characterized by a unique kind of glory--He is truly one-of-a-kind (1:14),
9. Jesus is the means and source of abundant grace (1:16),
10. Jesus is the means and source of ultimate truth (1:17),
11. Jesus is the only begotten Son of God (1:18),
12. Jesus showed the world who the Father is, even though no one has seen God at any time (1:18),
13. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (1:29),

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### SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: **TJ BOLEN**—The Gospel from Ephesians

PM: **TJ BOLEN**—Form Over Substance

### THINKS HE'S TALKING ABOUT MONEY?

"The wicked borroweth and payeth not again:  
but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth." - Psalm 37:21

**JOIN US IN  
NEW TESTAMENT  
CHRISTIANITY  
TODAY!**

### THINK AGAIN! - NO IN BETWEEN IN 2014!

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## **"PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER" - James 5:16**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Dorothy Gray and family, Pat Joyner, Gwen Pittman, Anna Porter, also Richard Ramkinson, Wilson Burton.

- **Anna Porter** is praying she will be able to have a heart treatment Sept 3 to bring her heart back into rhythm. Her condition before prevented this. The doctor says this will be the last attempt they'll be able to make. Join **Anna** in fervent prayer that she will be strong enough to have the treatment and much improve her condition.
- **Courtney Dunbaker** has been suffering a bout of very painful kidney stones.
- Remember **Gwen Pittman** and send a card, **Dorothy Gray**, and **Margaret Gamble**, Jones' sister. Also, **Margaret Herring** who has many ills and pain, **Hannibal Davis**, **Stephanie Rigney**, **Floyd Richbourg** and **Carolyn Stidham**.
- Remember to pray for and send cards to those we've not seen for awhile.
- Pray also that we all grow in **faith, hope, love, humility, zeal, mercy, knowledge**.

My flesh and my heart faileth:  
but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever." - Psalm 73:26

## **"AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY" - Acts 2:42**

- **South Eastern Children's Home** Change Cans, 7/13—9/21, pick one up.
- **Bible study, Saturdays, 3pm, informal, bring friends and your Bible questions.**
- We need **volunteers** to take the DVD and the Lord's supper to our shut-ins.

"This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you." - John 15:12

## **NO IN BETWEEN IN 2014!**

### **WHO IS JESUS?** - According to John's prologue: (*continued from page 1*)

- 14.Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and would baptize others with the Holy Spirit (1:33),
- 15.Jesus is Messiah or Christ (1:41),
- 16.Jesus was written about by Moses and the prophets (1:45), and
- 17.Jesus is the King of Israel (1:49).

When reading John's introduction to his account of the gospel, it's almost as if someone inquired of the apostle: "Who is Jesus?" And John responds magnificently, via his inspired pen, as if to say: *"Here is my announcement of who Jesus Christ is. Here are some of His awesome attributes. Anyone who possesses these attributes has to be divine. In the remainder of this book, I will proceed to prove to you that He did indeed possess these attributes."*

As one continues reading in the fourth account of the gospel, it is easy to see that John did exactly that. John wrote this amazing book, which included many of Jesus' miracles, in order that those who read it **"may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing [they] may have life in his name"** (John 20:30,31). Friends, do you genuinely believe in Jesus the Christ? Are you His friend (John 15:14)? Do you love Him (John 14:15)? [Read these scriptures and the rest of the book of John and learn what Jesus wants from you.—Editor]

- Stephen R. Bradd, Gospel Preacher, Clinton church of Christ, Clinton, IL

## **Sun AM Sermon—*The Gospel from Ephesians***

1. The Predestined Purpose In Christ, 1:1-14
2. The "Accomplishments" of the Cross, 2:11-16
3. The Good News of Jesus
4. Living the Good News of Jesus

## **"REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!" - Romans 12:15**

**Anne Louise Gordon**, a member of the church, is also an inmate at Camille Griffin Graham Correctional Institute in Columbia, SC. She was baptized here some years ago (while incarcerated), fruit of a bible correspondence program of the Walterboro church of Christ. She is shown here with W. Columbia members Jan Kelleher (R) and Merrie Chrismus. Jan has been visiting Anne for nearly 10 years. Anne graduated last week with an Associate Degree in Theology from Columbia International University. The college, in association with the prison system, chose a dozen women who applied from across the state to participate in this pilot program. They've done similar things in the men's prison, but not the women's. The women worked diligently and ALL graduated. Anne was singled out as a Bible scholar who works well in small groups. She will be spreading the gospel in Bible studies within the prison system at CGGCI (maximum security) serving out her life sentence. Please keep her in your prayers as she enters this last, and much more productive, phase of her life.

