



ANCHORED TO TRUTH

FOUNDATIONS OF THE FAITH

LESSON 5: JESUS

Reading:

- ☐ Isaiah 53:1-12
- ☐ Isaiah 64:6
- ☐ Romans 6:6
- ☐ 1 Corinthians 15:3-5
- ☐ Ephesians 1:3-6
- ☐ Ephesians 2:4-7
- ☐ Hebrews 10:4

Anchor Verse: *Attempt to memorize the following verse.*

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 1 Corinthians 15:3

Introductions:

Have you ever owed someone a debt you thought you could never repay?

The “prophetic perfect tense” is where the writer uses past tense verbs to predict things that will happen in the future. This is to show the certainty of these future events and God’s foreknowledge.

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5

Isaiah was written 700 years before Christ. In this verse and others in chapter 53, Isaiah shares how the Messiah would bear the consequences of the sins of men, and he talks about it as if it has already happened.

If you read the entirety of the Holy Bible, you will see that God’s plan will surely come to pass, it’s unchangeable, and Jesus has always been God’s plan. The doctrine of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of the Christian faith.

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

1 Corinthians 15:3-5

God’s Perfect Plan:

God’s design and His law all point to our sin and our desperate need for a Savior. We have a debt to pay. That debt could only be paid through a perfect sacrifice. Jesus Christ took our place and paid our debt, and we are now reconciled to God and restored to our created purpose and design.



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But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved. Ephesians 2:4-5

Because of His love for us, God did not leave us in our sin. Jesus, who is God in human flesh, stepped into His creation and lived perfectly according to God's law and fulfilled God's design. He came to do for us what we could not do for ourselves. He paid the penalty for our sin - past, present and future - by His death on the cross and rose on the third day according to the Scriptures, defeating sin and death. This is the Good News! This is the Gospel!

For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Hebrews 10:4

The ceremonial laws of sacrifice in the Old Testament were never meant to take away the penalty of sin, but instead to make us aware of our sin.

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. Romans 6:6

God's perfect plan puts His glory on display. Our filthy rags of sin traded in for Christ's righteousness.

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. Isaiah 64:6

Jesus Sighting:

God planned redemption through Jesus Christ before the foundation of the world.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. Ephesians 1:3-6

Reflection:

Does your understanding of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus line up with Scripture? Do you believe Jesus has always been God's plan?

Next Lesson:

How can I be sure these things are true?