

Simply Christ

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Sharing the simplicity that is in Christ

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He Did Not Fail!

In Isaiah 42:1-9, God gave an amazing and wonderful prophecy of Christ, whom he called “my servant.” God promised he would hold his “servant’s” hand and give him “... *for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;*” Isaiah 42:6. His mission among us would be “...*to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.*” Isaiah 42:7. It was so important that we understand the surety of this promise, that God declared, “**He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth...**” Isaiah 42:4.

This is not the only passage where God gave absolute assurance that Christ would not fail in what he was sent to do. When the Apostle John writes, “**And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...**” John 1:14, he must have been thinking of Isaiah’s prophecy where God said, “**so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.**” Isaiah 55:11.

In this great prophecy of Christ, God reminds the people that many of the things he had spoken were already fulfilled. He wants them to know that his words concerning what Christ would accomplish were just as sure and steadfast. He said, “*Behold, the former things are come to pass,*

and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.” Isaiah 42:9. Almost no one would believe the things God spoke about Christ, but they would certainly come to pass!

The clearest and most complete prophecy of what Christ would accomplish when he came, was personally spoken to Daniel by the angel Gabriel. Daniel 9:24-25. This prophecy pinpointed the year Christ would appear in ministry, and the year he would be slain upon the cross. This prophecy also gave six things that would be fulfilled in the ministry of Christ. These are listed by the prophet Daniel: *“...to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy”* Daniel 9:24. These had to be accomplished within seven years of when Christ appeared, or he would have failed in what he was sent to do. But remember, God said, ***“he shall not fail!”***

“Finish the transgression.” The Law of Moses was added to Israel because of their transgression Galatians 3:19 against God when they rejected his voice in the wilderness. The scripture says it was *“imposed on them until the time of reformation.”* Hebrews 9:10. Only when their Messiah came would this bondage under the Law be lifted. When this *“time of reformation”* came, Jesus Christ redeemed Israel Galatians 4:4-5 from the Law and its curse by taking the curse upon himself. Galatians 3:13. Finally, the judgment of their original transgression was finished!

“Make reconciliation for iniquity.” Almost universally those who profess faith in Jesus Christ believe he did not fail to accomplish this. When

he offered himself as a sinless sacrifice upon the cross, he did everything necessary to reconcile us all to God.

“Anoint the Most Holy.” This was accomplished when *“the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.”* Luke 3:22. Jesus later confirmed this as he read from Isaiah in the synagogue, saying, *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. ...And he began to say unto them, **This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.**”* Isaiah 4:18-21.

“Make an end of sins.” This is where many professing believers stumble. We can believe Christ made reconciliation for iniquity, but reject that he made an end of sins. It denies our experiences and our most cherished doctrines. Yet this is exactly what Christ accomplished upon the cross. John reminds us *“And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not...”* I John 3:5-6. If Christ failed to make an end of sins in those he reconciled to God, then he failed to accomplish what he was sent to do.

“Bring in everlasting righteousness.” A child of God is not an empty container. They have been washed from all sin, but they are also filled with the righteousness of God. This righteousness flows through every part of their being. It is

indeed “*everlasting righteousness*”, and it is “*a city set upon a hill*” that cannot be hidden!”

“Seal up the vision and prophecy.” The words used for “*seal up*” are the same Hebrew words used for “*make an end*” of sins. Before his ministry on earth was completed, Christ would have to fulfill every vision and prophecy of redemption and reconciliation before he could say “It is finished.” If he did not, he would have failed. Jesus recognized this while hanging upon the cross. Here is the record the scripture gives of the final moments before his death: **“After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. ...When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, *It is finished*: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.”**

John 19:28-30. In that moment, Jesus knew everything he was sent to do had been accomplished.

The work of your salvation is finished! If you are looking for it to be accomplished in the future, you are looking in the wrong direction. Jesus Christ made an end of sins, made reconciliation for iniquity, and brought in everlasting righteousness. Everyone who believes the report receives everything that Christ accomplished. You can be free, because he did not fail. You can be free from sin! Free from Satan! Free from every bondage! The only reason that you cannot be free is if you fail to believe the truth of what Christ was sent to do! Those who believe Jesus failed to accomplish these things on the cross will continue in the eternal struggle with sin, but you can be free if you will believe “*the record God gave of his Son*,” Jesus Christ! | John 5:10. **He did not fail!**