

# Simply Christ

Gospel Newsletter

*Sharing the simplicity that is in Christ*

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## Who Shall Bring Christ Down?

The gospel of Christ as preached by the early apostles was built upon the writings of the Old Testament prophets who foretold the work Messiah would accomplish upon earth. The most prominent of these prophecies was the angel Gabriel's message to Daniel that Christ would *"make an end of sins, make reconciliation for iniquity, and bring in everlasting righteousness."*

Daniel 9:24-27. These three central points of redemption described to perfection the work of Christ, but the Jews were blind to what they meant. They could not comprehend such a work would be accomplished in the heart and nature of those in whom Christ dwells.

Just like some Christian's today, many of those to whom the apostles preached believe these scriptural promises, but thought Christ would come at a future date and fulfill them. The Apostle Paul speaks to this, saying, *"Say not in thine heart, **Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)** Or, **Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)**"* Romans 10:6-7. His message was clear. You must not look to the future for Christ to come and fulfill these promises because he has already come and finished the work. He walked among us, was

crucified, and God raised him from the dead. If you believe *“the record God gave of His Son”* <sup>1 John 5:10</sup>, then you must accept that Christ has already accomplished it all upon the cross. It is not a future work or a work in progress. It is finished, and you need only to receive it! If you look to the second coming of Christ to fulfill these promises, you look in vain. **Christ’s second coming will not make an end of sin in you, but it will bring judgment upon those who work iniquity.** <sup>Matthew 7:23</sup>. He has already shed his blood to make you free.

Paul’s words, *“...if thou shalt confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus”* <sup>Romans 10: 9</sup> are directly connected to his statement, *“Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:). The word “confess” means to “acknowledge” the truth. If you believe “the Christ” whom God promised would come to “make an end of sins, make reconciliation for iniquity, and bring in everlasting righteousness”* has come, and is in fact Jesus, the Son of God, open your mouth and acknowledge it. Let it be known that you are trusting him to fulfill this work in you. Do not be ashamed of what the word of God says Christ has done! Stand up and confess, or acknowledge, that *“the gospel of Christ”* is true! <sup>Romans 1:16</sup>. This is important because ***“...with the mouth confession is made unto salvation!”***

<sup>Romans 10:10</sup>.

**“Believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead”** <sup>Romans 10:9</sup>. The entire work of Christ is accomplished, not by his second coming, but by his death, burial, and

resurrection in His first coming. To deny this work was accomplished when he died, was buried, and rose again from the dead, is to deny every promise of redemption.

Consider the power of these words written by the Apostle Paul: ***“And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.”*** †

Corinthians 15:17. Can you see that for those who are *“yet in their sins,”* it is as though Christ has not risen from the dead? It is his crucifixion which destroyed sin, and it is his resurrection which lifted us out of it. Is this what you believe in your heart? Every promise of your deliverance through Jesus Christ depends upon it. Christ died and rose again to bring *“everlasting righteousness”* into you, but there is only one way for you to receive it. You must believe the truth! Why? Because ***“...with the heart man believeth unto righteousness...!”*** Romans 10:10.