

Christ Jesus

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This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. [1 Timothy 1:15]

A Faithful Saying:

The above verse is not taken from secular prose or philosophies written by ungodly men but from the Word of God, **“the Word of Truth”** (2Timothy 2:15) and therefore carries eternal weight. That the **“God, that cannot lie”** (Titus 1:2) is concerned for your eternal soul is evidenced by the recording of such a saying in His Word for your wholehearted attention. It is faithful and trustworthy, unlike many writings of men which are biased or deceptive, especially those scientific journals that theorise on the origins and destiny of man and issues of life and death with no thought for God, the faithful Creator and Sustainer of life who upholds our physical existence.

Worthy of All Acceptation:

It concerns truth that all should embrace unreservedly, no one being exempt irrespective of social, academic or national status. It encompasses all mankind whatever gender, tongue or age. It is not concerned with the pampering of your body but the preservation of your soul and therefore its worth far exceeds that of material prosperity which many societies crave after so covetously today. **“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul”** (Mark 8:36). It contains no hidden clauses and if readily confessed and acted upon will turn you off the Broad Way of unrighteousness leading to Death and onto the Narrow Way of forgiveness, holiness and Eternal Life in Christ Jesus.

Christ Jesus Came into the World:

Its focus is on the Person and Work of the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God who was pre-existent and co-equal with God the Father before He ***“came into the world”*** of time when ***“God was manifest in the flesh”*** (1Timothy 3:16). He had no beginning: Bethlehem saw His entrance by manhood into our sphere of existence in order that He might become the mediator between God and men ***“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus”*** (1Timothy 2:5).

His sinless life could not save but only condemn us. He came not to preach a code of ethics or leave an example for us to follow as the means to glory as some falsely proclaim for none would make it. In His own words He could say on the night of His betrayal ***“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me”*** (John 14:6). His death on Calvary’s cross was not proof of weakness but of submission and love toward the Father and mankind, in order that through His death and bodily resurrection God could righteously forgive us of our sins on account of Him.

To Save Sinners;

By the shedding of His precious blood on the cross, Christ Jesus has made potential provision for all to be saved. The love of God can embrace you for all are needful of forgiveness ***“For there is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”*** (Romans 3:22,23). You need to be saved but will you admit to that sin which has permeated your heart and manifested itself through the various members of your body? ***“For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies”*** (Matthew 15:19). Will you repent from, and forsake that sin? ***“But, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish”*** (Luke 13:3).

Will you believe wholeheartedly on the Lord Jesus Christ, trusting in nothing else than in His sacrificial death and bodily resurrection as the sole ground for the forgiveness of those wretched sins that you so desperately need, and submit to Him as Lord? ***“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved”*** (Acts 16:31).

Of whom I am chief.

Paul the apostle, formerly Saul of Tarsus, who wrote the words we have covered, considered himself to be the ‘chief of sinners’ due to his vehement opposition to Christ prior his conversion while on his way to Damascus to apprehend believers in the Lord Jesus (Acts 9). He realised he had obtained mercy such that ***“Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on Him to life everlasting.”*** (1Timothy 1:16).

If God was willing to save Saul who in his ignorance was ***“a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious”***, we are assured He is willing to save us irrespective of the sin committed. Saul’s life was transformed when he forsook his sin and confessed Christ as Lord and Saviour. Yours can be too if you respond as he did.

These are vital issues of Life and Death that have been considered. We will all be accountable to God on that awesome Judgment Day for our sins and response to His Son ***“So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God”*** (Romans 14:12).

The eternality of the Second Death, the Lake of Fire, will be a reality to all who reject this so great salvation procured at so great a cost to God the Father and His Beloved Son. Listen to these final words of the Son: ***“I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth Me, and receiveth not My words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day”*** (John 12:47,48).