

A Healthy Church?

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REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE & OFFERING	
ATTENDANCE TODAY	218
OFFERING TODAY	650.00
ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	226
RECORD ATTENDANCE	358
TIMES THE WORD "JUST" WAS USED IN OUR PRAYERS	61



Jesus
at the Centre
Acts 2:22-41

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“I am a historian. I am not a believer. But I must confess that as a historian, this penniless preacher from Nazareth is irrevocably the very center of history. Jesus Christ is easily the most dominant figure in all history!”

~ H.G. Wells ~

A Christ Centered Church

1. Jesus is accredited by God (vs.22)
 - Miracles proved Jesus was sent from God
 - 1 John 5:9-12

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“We accept human testimony, but God’s testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. ¹⁰ Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: **God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.** ¹² **Whoever has the Son has life;** whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.”

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1. Jesus is accredited by God (vs.22)
 - Miracles proved Jesus was sent from God
 - 1 John 5:9-12
 - God's miraculous power is still at work today!
 - Don't let ourselves be distracted or too busy
 - Pray, anticipate, look, testify to it!

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2. Jesus is purposed by God (vs.23)
 - Ransom – God’s purpose to pay our ransom through offering Jesus
 - Colossians 1:18-23

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And he is the **head of the body**, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that **in everything he might have the supremacy**.¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,²⁰ and through him to **reconcile** to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.²² But now he has **reconciled** you by Christ's physical body through death **to present you holy** in his sight, **without blemish and free from accusation** - ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

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2. Jesus is purposed by God (vs.23)

- Ransom – God’s purpose to pay our ransom through offering Jesus
- Colossians 1:18-23
 - God’s purpose is to reconcile all people to Himself!
 - Live as people at peace with God
 - Live as free people, not condemned

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3. Jesus is raised by God (vs.24,31-32)
 - Witnesses of His resurrection
 - 2 Timothy 1:8-10

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So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹ **He has saved us and called us to a holy life**—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. **This grace** was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰ but it **has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.**

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3. Jesus is raised by God (vs.24,31-32)
 - Witnesses to His grace
 - 2 Timothy 1:8-10
 - Witnesses to His Grace
 - Live as committed people, not part time
 - Live as hopeful people
 - Live as holy people

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4. Jesus is exalted by God (vs.33-36)
 - Lord and Christ
 - Acts 5:28-32

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‘We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,’ he said. ‘Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.’ ²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: ‘We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead – whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹ **God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Saviour that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.** ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.’

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4. Jesus is exalted by God (vs.33-36)
 - Lord and Christ = authoritative
 - Acts 5:28-32
 - Exalting Jesus as Lord and Christ leads others to Him
 - How would our day look different?
 - How would our ministries look different?