

- ***John 1:14-18*** Just two lessons are left in our studies on 15 reasons Jesus came to earth. This evening we will consider reasons 12-14, and we will recognize that these 3 reasons seem to be objectives that Jesus was seeking to accomplish. Jesus came with the purpose of accomplishing some important objectives concerning God's plan for man's redemption.
- Throughout this series, we have and will continue to stress that it is good and necessary to believe and know that Jesus came to this earth, but we have also tried to stress the fact that it is good for us to know why He came in order to have a truer appreciation for His coming. Jesus was perfect in His efforts to fulfill His purposes when He came, and we want to consider 3 more reasons why He came, this evening.

12) Jesus Christ came into the world to fulfill the Law. (Matthew 5:17)

- A. It was during His sermon on the mount, Jesus makes sure to clarify one of His purposes for coming to earth, to fulfill the Law.
1. Jesus states that He had not come to "abolish" the Law as in destroy it because it was a bad thing, but that He came to fulfill. He came to bring it into completeness. **(5:17)** He further clarifies this in the next verse saying that none of it would pass away until every part of it is accomplished in its purposes. **(5:18)**
 2. Jesus walked this talked by honoring and obeying all parts of the Law while He walked on the earth. In **John 8**, 3 times it is mentioned that Jesus did the will of His Father, and none of His detractors could actually convict Him of sin. **(8:29,46, 55)**
 3. He kept the Law perfectly, and He fulfilled all aspects of the Law so that God's next phase in man's redemption could come into play. It was time for a 3rd covenant to come into play.
 - a) Patriarchal Covenant: God's covenant was made with individual families. Examples would be Adam and his family, Noah and his family, Abraham and his family, Jacob and His family, and all the way up to the Israelites leaving Egypt.
 - b) Covenant of Moses: This Covenant came into affect when God spoke to Moses on Sinai and the Law and the 10 commandments were given to them. They, and all Jews, were to honor this Covenant with God as His special people. Jesus was even under this law as a man. **(Begins in Exodus 19)**
 - c) Covenant of Christ: Upon the death and resurrection of Jesus, He established a Covenant with all peoples for all time there afterward. Those willing to submit to it would be in a convent relationship with Jesus, and they would be God's people in their faith and obedience. **Hebrews 7-10** is a great text to look at when trying to understand how Jesus fulfilled the Law.
 4. The Law of Moses point to Jesus and this New Covenant, and Jesus came to fulfill its purposes of bringing God people to faith in Christ. **(Gal. 3:19-25)**
- B. Jesus came to fulfill the Law of Moses so that we can live under this better covenant and not have to live according to the Covenant of Moses.
1. This text here in **Galatians 3:23-25** is so important for us to understand. The COM had its purposes and those people under it were obligated to follow it, but that is not the case for us. We are in a covenant with Christ, and we are obliged to it.
 2. We know well about those Jews in the first century who were trying to bind portions of the Law of Moses on Christians as necessary for their right standing before God. Paul, in **Galatians 5:1-4**, admonishes those Jewish Christians who were trying to be justified by the physical act of circumcision. He states that if they were wanting to hold to this command of the LOM then they needed to keep all of it.
 3. Today, some still strive to to validate certain religious practices or beliefs based upon what was done under the LOM. Modern day Jews obviously strive to live by the LOM and others would pick and choose certain aspects of the LOM they would like to continue practicing today, but their efforts are not appropriate because Jesus has made the LOM obsolete and void of power and authority based upon what He did while on this earth. **(Heb. 8:13)**
 4. Our only authority is that which is taught in the Covenant of Christ and we are obligated to hold to it as our standard and it alone.

13) Jesus Christ came into the world to be a Divider of men. (Matthew 10:34,35)

- A. This saying of Jesus is often thought of as one of His most shocking statements.
1. Some would read this text and automatically see Jesus as some sort of monster who came to bring hate and violence to the earth, but the context of this passage teaches us exactly what Jesus meant in saying these words.

2. The context of this passage is Jesus's words to the 12 concerning their work they were to be doing for Jesus and the Kingdom. He warns them about the fact that they would be hated for doing His will. They would be threatened with violence, but they were to not fear that harm, but instead they were to fear God who was able to destroy both their body and their soul.
 3. They were not to fear for themselves, but they were to trust in God and be willing to confess Him before anyone. But there would be some consequences of their actions in the eyes of some. He tells them that sometimes, the truth of Jesus would turn families against one another.
 4. True discipleship is in view in this text. The Gospel will cause all people to make sacrifices in their lives for the Gospel's sake. For some people, that sacrifice would be popularity, for some it would be bodily health, and for others it would be relationships with family members.
- B. Our greatest love must be for our God, even above our love for our physical families.
1. Jesus states very clearly that he who loves family more than Him would not be worthy of Him. Dying to self included setting aside family members if necessary if they are holding us back from fulfilling our duties to our God.
 2. I would dare say that there are even some present this very evening who have had to make that difficult decision to cut ties with some within their families because they were not willing to let you live as you ought to as a Christian.
 3. This is the life of a Christian. We are to take up our cross and die to self and all things in order to be a disciple of Jesus. We give up many different things of this life, and no sacrifice speaks more to our Lord than when we give up our physical family in order to follow our Heavenly Father.
 4. This is the true dividing between those who are true followers and those who are not. Our Lord separates the true from the fake through His convicting truth. Those who hear and obey work with other believers in order to be true disciples, but sometimes they must leave others behind because they are a hindrance. May God give us the strength to always choose Jesus, above all else.

14) Jesus Christ came into the world as a demonstration of God's love. (I John 4:10)

- A. God's love is best explained and demonstrated in the fact that He gave up His Son as the propitiation or atonement for our sin.
1. Much has been made about how exactly Jesus's sacrifice worked for the forgiveness of our sins, but this text seems to indicate very simply, that the sacrifice of Jesus appeased or satisfied God in such a way that our sins were able to be forgiven through our faith and obedience. John says that Jesus's sacrifice was the propitiation for our sins. His sacrifice allowed for the forgiveness of our sins.
 2. Certainly this is the greatest act of love that has ever been shown, for God to give up part of Himself for a people who couldn't do anything for themselves. We are powerless to give God anything that could satisfy or appease His righteous wrath that is caused by our sins. Yet, His love is shown in the fact that He would give of Himself in order for the sins of man to be forgiven.
 3. Jesus came to this earth so that He could be that perfect Lamb of sacrifice, and so that God's wrath could be appeased through our faith in His Son and His Son's death and resurrection. Without the sacrifice of Jesus, we could not have the perfect forgiveness of sins because the death of bulls and goats could only do so much. **(Heb. 10:3,4)** The blood of Jesus is able to cleanse us from all sins. They are gone and remembered no more. The love of God allowed for this to happen through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.
- B. The actions of Jesus to show us God's perfect love should compel us to love Him because He first loved us.
1. Again, thinking about coming to know what Jesus did what He did...We know that He came and we know that He came because God loves us. What more do we need to know in order to give Him our all?
 2. We are helpless by ourselves. We can give God nothing. But Jesus gave it all for us, and He gave it completely out of love. He owes us nothing at all, yet He gave it all for us. Jesus came to save us from our sins and to show us the perfect love of God. Thanks be to God for that perfect love showed to us on that cruel cross of Calvary.

Jesus had goals when He came into this world. That speaks to the all knowing mind of our God who knew exactly what His plan of action would be for the redemption of mankind. The Law of Moses played a key role in this plan. He knew that His Gospel would separate the believers from the non-believers. He knew that His love for man would be undeniable through the giving of His only Son. May we recognize His love, and may we show our love for Him through our faith and obedience. Thank God for Jesus and His coming into this world.