

Jesus is God

HAVE YOU ever pondered truthfully over who Jesus is? Perhaps, you have not had the opportunity to really do so. If that is the case, this flier provides you with a rare opportunity to study the divinity of Jesus.

There are a few counts that are noteworthy. God in His infinity is capable of simultaneous indefinite manifestations. He can be in the flesh and at the same time exist in the Spirit. Jesus' incarnation as the Son is nothing but God's manifestation in the flesh [1 Tim 3:16].

The role of being the Son is to accomplish the salvation plan of God designed for mankind: to die and shed blood to redeem those who believe in Jesus [cf Rom 5:9f]. Paul pointed out it was the blood of God (Jesus) that purchased the church [Acts 20:28], which underlines the unchanging truth that 'Jesus is God'.

When Jesus was on earth, he was both God [Acts 2:36; 3:13ff] and man [Acts 2:22] at the same time [Rm 1:3f]. So when Jesus suffered, was crucified and tasted death for us, it was not His Deity that experienced physical torment. Rather it was His humanity that

suffered [Heb 5:7; 1 Pet 4:1]. 'In the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and irreproachable in His sight' [Col 1:22].

In His ministry, Jesus disclosed His Deity when He firmly declared that 'I Am He' in John 8:24ff, emphasising He was and is the self-existing one of the Old Testament. Here, Jesus was telling the Jews that they would die in their sins, if they did not believe that He was God Himself. Further down the same chapter, He again told them that before Abraham was, 'I Am' [Jn 8:58].

The truth that 'Jesus is God' was passed down to the apostles. It was the fabric of their belief: 'Of whom are the fathers and from whom according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God' [Rm 9:5; 1 Jn 5:20; cf Jude 4].

This little message is far from painting all the essential aspects of 'Jesus is God'. Many more hours of discussion are required, to come to a more comprehensive understanding of this subject.

Please contact us soon! May God give you flashes of insight into this profound subject with the help of His Holy Spirit.

The Bible - the most valuable book

IF YOU are not a Christian; or a believer of God who does not believe in the authenticity of the Bible, this short message may help you understand why the Christian faith hinges purely on the Bible. Even if you are a Christian who believes in the Bible but does not practise what it teaches, this may provide some reasons for you to re-position your stance.

There are various ways to prove the authenticity of the Bible. First, the Bible is a collection of books, which were authored by many God-inspired individuals throughout a period of more than 2000 years. These writers, about 40 of them, had different family backgrounds and lived in different periods of time. Most of them did not know each other, nor did they even have a chance to glance through each other's work. But themes such as God's love and His deliverance become explicit in all of them, after the compilation of their work to form the Bible. This goes to show the same Spirit was in, and inspired them to write the Scriptures. They were merely God's penmen. Thus the Bible is the work and word of God.

Second, the Bible contains numerous prophecies. Some of them had already been fulfilled. Examples include the birth of

Jesus and the destruction of the first temple and the like. Some are being fulfilled. One example is the prophecy concerning the end time [Mt 24; 2 Tim 3]. The predictability of the Bible is beyond doubt. Those who love the word of God are all awe-struck by God's power disclosed in the Bible concerning the state of the world and its end. It tells us of our destiny.

Third, what is striking about the authenticity of the Bible is that its paradigmatic effect causes us to share the experience of the encounter of the ancient saints. For example, the Bible tells us how a dead person was resurrected in the name of Jesus; we can see how the same can be done today. Interestingly, our experience of the reception of the Holy Spirit also conforms superbly to that of the apostles. The Bible concerns our lives and we can experience its wonders.

The key is that the Bible contains wisdom that leads us to salvation [2 Tim 3:15; Jn 5:39]. Why not find out more about its penultimate authority, which is the only standard for all believers of God and in fact for all people? This is why we do our best to follow its teachings exactly.

There is so much more to learn about the Bible, namely its function and the attitude in reading it. Please contact us! May God give you an understanding of His word.

Why the True Jesus Church?

THE IMPRESSION you get from the name 'True Jesus Church' may be off-putting. You may ask why use the word 'True' to the disadvantages of other denominations.

Never ever has there been such an intention to down-play others by using the name 'True Jesus Church'. This name is the mark to distinguish the body of Christ (The True Church) from those who do not preach the truth. Such a claim is neither superfluous nor arrogant.

From the Bible we can learn that the True Church must fulfil the following requirements. First, it is important to understand the relationship of the Holy Spirit with the only True Church. 'There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling' [Eph 4:4]. The church is thus the habitation of the Holy Spirit [Eph 2:22]. The inseparability of the True Church and the Holy Spirit is clear. This truth dismisses any human right to the ownership of the church; she belongs solely to the Holy Spirit.

Second, the presence of the Holy Spirit in the church has to be ascertained. The Holy Spirit is the truth [1 Jn 5:7]. Though the Holy Spirit is God Himself and is incorporeal, He abides with the church that holds on to the sound word according to the apostolic pattern [cf Rm 6:17f; 1 Jn 4:1ff]. The apostolic paradigm includes the

teachings on the one correct baptism, the reception of the Holy Spirit with tongues-speaking as the evidence, the keeping of the Sabbath on Saturday, Jesus is God and the like.

Naturally in turn the Holy Spirit guides the church to all truth [cf Jn 16:13], teaches her and brings to her remembrance what Jesus has said [cf Jn 14:26]. It goes beyond doubt that the True Church will and is willing to follow the teachings of the Bible in totality.

Third, the True Church must have the accompaniment of miracles, signs and wonders, to testify to the truth preached. What the apostles could do, the True Church must be able to do likewise. When the Bible tells us how a dead person was raised in the name of Jesus, the True Church should be able to do the same today. Her experience of the reception of the Holy Spirit should also conform neatly to that of the apostles...

The True Jesus Church has fulfilled the above requirements. She is thus called as such. Why not find out more about her origin? For one of the key conditions of the True Church is that she must come from the East [cf Ezek 43:2; Rev 7:2].

We are pleased and more than willing to share with you more about the True Jesus Church. We will do our best to answer any of your queries. May God bless and guide you to His Church.

Have you been baptised into Christ's body?

HAVE YOU ever wondered what the body of Christ is? You probably already know that the body of Christ is the church. However, the church is not a physical building, but a group of people who are redeemed by the blood of Jesus [Acts 20:28]. This truth dismisses any human right to the ownership of the church.

After knowing that the church belongs exclusively to Jesus, perhaps you might like to know the way to become a member of Christ's body. In fact, the way is fairly simple. Acts 20:28 tells of the way - to receive the redemption by Jesus' blood.

Now, you may try to figure out how the blood of Jesus redeems you. Paul says that if you are 'in Christ', then the blood of Jesus will redeem you [Eph 1:7; 2:13ff; Col 1:14]. This 'in Christ' position shows that you have to be admitted into the body of Christ, which is the Church. But, how? Again, Paul explains baptism is the means to enter into Christ [Rom 6:3]. A simple analogy can be used to make this point clearer: if you are inside a room means you must have gotten in by some way. The way to enter into the body of Christ is to be baptised.

Though baptism is so important, Christians

adopt it with many variations. Upon reflecting on the Scriptures, you may realise since there is only 'one body' of Christ then there must be only 'one baptism' [Eph 4:5]. Since Paul listed it as one of the essential elements of the Christian faith, there must be something significant and unique about it to make it the one and only one way.

We see that baptism must accord with the Bible. For example, one aspect of the baptismal mode is the bowing of the head. This action unites a baptismal candidate in the likeness of Jesus' death on the cross. This unity leads to the participation of Jesus' resurrection, and most importantly, the forgiveness of sins [Rm 6:3ff]. Although such a small action may seem negligible, yet from the perspective of the Bible it is a necessary part of an efficacious baptism. For only a correctly performed baptism can wash away sin. With that in mind, it can be a spiritually enriching experience to search into, to understand and eventually act upon all the aspects of the complete baptism. These include such elements as repenting [Acts 2:38], invoking the name of Jesus [Acts 2:38; 8:16; 10:45; 19:5], and being fully immersed in living water [Col 2:12; Mt 3:16ff; Jn 3:23f].

We are more than willing to share the good news of Christ with you. Please contact us! May God enlighten you with His word and grant you abundant blessings in Christ Jesus.

You too can receive the Holy Spirit

AS YOU know, Jesus always gives the best to us. One of the greatest gifts is the promised Holy Spirit, which is the pledge for entry into the Kingdom of God. Probably, you may query about how the Holy Spirit can be received? From the teaching of Paul, you ought to believe in the word of Jesus [Gal 3:2]. The reason being that His word is power to be manifested among those who believe in it. You may pray to God for the same kind of faith like the apostles, who abided in the instruction of Jesus to wait for the empowerment from above in Jerusalem. Miraculously, not many days later, they received the Holy Spirit [Acts 1:4; 2:1ff].

To believe is not the end of the story. From the parable of asking for bread, Jesus highlights that to pray for the Holy Spirit, you require persistence and sincerity [Lk 11:13]. Our Heavenly Father is merciful and He will give you His Holy Spirit.

Apart from praying for the Holy Spirit, Jesus desires that you obey His gospel - the truth. Simply, the Holy Spirit is the truth

and will lead you into all truth. By acting upon it, it means that the Holy Spirit is put in the position to dwell in you. 'And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him' [Acts 5:32].

Perhaps, you already adhere to the foregoing instructions and probably the question remains concerns the evidence of the receiving of the Holy Spirit. From the account of Acts, the pentecostal experience of speaking in tongues forms the foundation for determining the receiving of the Holy Spirit. Examples include Cornelius' household [Acts 10:43ff] and members of Ephesus [Acts 19:1ff].

Today many of us have received the same Holy Spirit and each time we pray we speak in tongues just like the apostles did. We hope that you too can receive this wonderful gift of God and try to find out more about the two major functions of tongues.

We are more than willing to share with you the good news of Jesus and to discuss with you further. Please contact us! May God enlighten you with His word and grant you His Holy Spirit.

Is Foot-washing for salvation?

MOST PROBABLY you know that 'foot-washing' is a Jewish practice. It is customary for the parents or elderly or servants to wash the feet of the children or guests. As a special act of affection or humility the host might even wash the feet of his guests.

But have you ever known that the 'Foot-washing Sacrament' instituted by the Lord Jesus has a direct relationship to your salvation? 'If I do not wash your feet, you have no part in Me' [Jn 13:8]. For a start, to know what this sacrament is all about, it is needful to have a careful search into John 13:1-17. The institution occurred at the point of time which had already passed the time of washing feet customarily [cf Jn 13:1ff]. A Jew would have his feet washed when he first entered into a house. From the context of this chapter, the disciples had already been in the house for quite a while. Jesus washed His disciples' feet after the Passover had ended [Jn 13:2].

When Jesus came to Peter and was about to wash his feet, Peter replied: 'Lord, are you washing my feet [Jn 13:6]?' Here, Peter's shock only points out that Jesus' action went beyond the normal Jewish foot-washing.

Jesus told Peter that he would not understand what He was doing then, he would know after that [Jn 13:7]. However, he still insisted his feet should not be washed. If 'Foot-washing' is solely a demonstration of humility, Jesus would have praised Peter for rejecting Him, who being the Master, from washing his feet. From the reply of Jesus, such a refusal would have amounted to having no part with Him [Jn 13:4]. Peter became extremely terrified and immediately requested a complete wash of his body, upon hearing the Lord's word.

You may now like to consider. If the matter was only a replay of Jewish custom, why was Peter so serious about it? To have no part with the Lord means separation from Him. We invite you to have a part with the Lord and be a member of the Lord's household by obeying this command of Jesus: 'For I have given you an example, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent. If you know these things, happy are you if you do them' [Jn 13:15].

Apart from what has been mentioned, Foot-washing discloses the greatest love of Jesus for us and various Christian applications to our lives. We are more than willing to share with you further about this sacrament. Please contact us! May God enlighten you with His word.

The Holy Communion

TO PARTAKE of Jesus' flesh and blood is a thought-provoking notion to many sincere Christians [Jn 6:56]. To you, perhaps the most fundamental question may now begin to ring in your mind: 'Why should I partake of them?'

To answer the question, it is necessary to know how we can partake of the flesh and blood of Jesus first. When Jesus took up a bread and grape juice before the Passover on which Judas betrayed Him [1 Cor 11:23], He blessed them both. The bread and grape juice thus became the body and blood of Jesus respectively: 'Take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you' [1 Cor 11:24], and 'Drink from it, for this is my blood which is shed for you' [Mt 26:26ff; Jn 6:52]. Hence, whenever we hold the Holy Communion or Eucharist Sacrament, we partake of the flesh and blood of Jesus.

In partaking, we are reminded of the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross for our sins till He comes again [1 Cor 11:24ff]. Not only did He suffer a physical death, but also tasted death on our behalf as the ransom for all. Is this not the greatest love that He has shown for us?

Upon His sacrificial death, Jesus broke the dividing wall between God and man, as well

as between man and man. Thus He reconciled us to God and to one another in Him. We, the partakers, at the Holy Communion should strive to reconcile ourselves with both God and our fellow mankind.

To be worthy of partaking of the Holy Communion, we should repent and confess all our sins before Him. This is to discern the Lord's body [1 Cor 11:27]. This action also falls neatly in line with the Jewish Passover observance, during which a Jew has to remove all leaven from the house.

Most significantly, the partaking of the Holy Communion realises the unity of God with us, enabling us to obtain eternal life and to look forward to being raised on the last day [Jn 6:53ff]. This reminds us of the importance of keeping ourselves holy in the Lord to await His second coming.

Our attitude in keeping the Holy Communion is no doubt important, but the material used must also accord with the Bible. We hope you can come to find out more about the biblical aspects of this sacrament. Examples include the use of one unleavened bread and pure grape juice. Please contact us! May God guide you to His truth.

The Holy Sabbath

WHEN GOD had finished creating the universe, He rested from all His work [Gen 2:1ff]. This act may seem simple, but in fact shows God's abiding love for us. For He knows, when we toil and labour in life, we need to have a time for rest. So He created a weekly pattern of rest, sanctifying the Sabbath day and making it different from all the other days of the week. In time, God stipulated the Sabbath into the Ten Commandments [Exod 20:8ff] so that His people would never forget this day.

And just what is it that we should never forget? That God is our Creator, and that He is holy. Thus, He wants us to live lives worthy of Him. The Sabbath is also a reminder of God's saving grace to us. In Deuteronomy 5:12ff, in keeping the Sabbath, God reminded His people that it was He who led them out of Egypt. By the same token, we who have been set free from sin by the death of Jesus need to remember and repay His love by keeping the Sabbath.

Most importantly, by resting on the Sabbath, we actually enter the rest in God, not our own rest. When Jesus comes again, this rest in God will culminate in the Sabbath of eternal life. 'There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered his rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His' [Heb 4:9f].

Jesus and the apostles in the early church also kept the Sabbath on the seventh day [Lk 6:6ff; Acts 17:1ff]. Should we not do the same today? That means we keep the Sabbath on Saturday, rather than Sunday [Mt 28:1ff; Mk 16:1ff]. Although it may seem a trivial point on which day we should keep the Sabbath, it is in fact important to follow the pattern laid down in the word of God (truth), to enjoy His blessings. Since the Sabbath represents so much of what God can give us, should we not keep it in spirit and in truth?

We warmly welcome you to join us in our worship on the Sabbath, to enjoy the rest and peace of the Lord, and to receive the good news of Jesus our Saviour.

We are saved by grace

THE TIME at which you embraced Christianity is probably one of the most unforgettable moments in your life. You may have been told, 'You are saved by the power of God's grace through your own genuine confession and acceptance of Jesus as your personal Saviour. Your salvation is completely merited by the grace of God showered upon you. You are totally at the receiving end and could do nothing to save yourself, apart from Christ.' What have been said are absolutely true. But, they are required much space to elaborate in the light of other passages of the Bible.

Searching into the Pauline concept, you may realise that you can only be saved by grace with faith [cf Rm 5:20ff; Gal 2:21; 5:3; cf Heb 12:14ff]. In the sense of salvation, the greatest gift (grace) of God to man is through the redemption by Jesus' atoning blood shed on the cross. Your faith should lead you to accept the forgiveness of sins through Jesus' blood.

Now, at which point in time are you forgiven of your sins by the blood of Jesus? This grace of forgiveness according to God's prerogative is receivable only 'in Christ' [2 Tim 1:9; 2 Tim 2:1; Eph 2:7]. This in-Christ position occurs only when you are baptised into Him [Rm 6:3; Gal 3:27] and that produces the forgiveness of sins from His blood [Eph 1:6ff; 2:13; Col 1:14; Rm 3:24].

You cannot enjoy God's grace without accepting baptism (the point to begin), which saves you [Mk 16:16; 1 Pet 3:21]. 'Even when we are dead in trespasses, He made us alive together with Christ'. The only possibility of dying together and rising with Christ alive, is in baptism [Rm 6:1ff; Col 2:12]. Paul considers this as having been saved by grace [Eph 2:5].

No matter from which angle you may view it, the relationship of being saved by grace and baptism is always clear. Even when you intend to receive the blessing [Gal 3:13ff] and the grace of becoming an heir of Abraham [Rm 4:13ff; 4:15], you have to start from the fundamental point - to receive baptism [Gal 3:27ff].

It is always essential to ask yourself at which point in time you will receive or have received His grace. And the correct path to receive His grace, salvation, is the result of having found out and accepted 'how and when' with faith [Rm 5:21; 1 Pet 1:13ff; Jn 3:3,5,7]. 'How' is by the cleansing of Jesus' blood. 'When' is at baptism.

There is much more to this subject. Examples include justification by faith and the imputation of God's righteousness apart from work. Please find out more for yourself and do not hesitate to contact us. May you be truly saved by grace.

The second coming of Jesus

THIS IS a small flier about human destiny, and it tells you some important messages about the end of the world (eschatology). Though there are various mutually exclusive teachings within the Christian circle, it directs you to a conscientious choice of your own to face the coming of Christ.

Cosmic chaos prior to Jesus' second advent has been the key phenomenon propounded, in both testaments, [cf Is 13:1ff; Rev 6:3ff; Mt 24:21ff; 2 Pet 3:6ff] by many evangelists. The mysterious elements and the magnitude of the chaos described may attract you to find out more. Either the euphoria or terror for His coming in you may be overwhelming, when you probe into this subject.

In which case, you are still confronted with the three questions raised by the disciples on the signs of Jesus' coming and the end time [Mt 24]. Do you know what they are and what their significance is in relation to your present Christian life?

The three questions are 'What will be the signs of the end of the age?', 'What will be the sign of Your (Jesus') coming?' and 'When will the end of age be?' The answers to the questions are as follows: the emergence of the false prophets and their

deception; the great tribulation; and the complete spreading of the gospel to all the world, mark the end of age [Mt 24:4ff]. His coming will be in flaming fire accompanied by His mighty angels, which are visible to all [Mt 24:29ff; Jude 4; 2 Thess 1:7ff]. As to when it will happen, even the Son does not know.

Before Jesus' return, we must keep watch and be ready, as He may come at any moment [Mt 24:44ff]. Amidst the great tribulation and the deception of the false prophets, the key to victory is to endure to the end [Mt 24:13]. Nevertheless, endurance may fail if it is not the result of having understood, and keeping the truth [cf Lk 8:15] and the truth alone. At His coming, He will judge all according to their deeds, thoughts and speech. The righteous will be saved. On the contrary, the wicked will be condemned.

Perhaps you now would like to know how you can endure to the end, keep watch and be ready for His coming, to decide how to live your life. Please contact us! We are more than willing to share with you God's word which is the truth. May God guide you to take the righteous path, and to avoid the final condemnation of the evil [2 Tim 4:18; Mt 25:31ff].