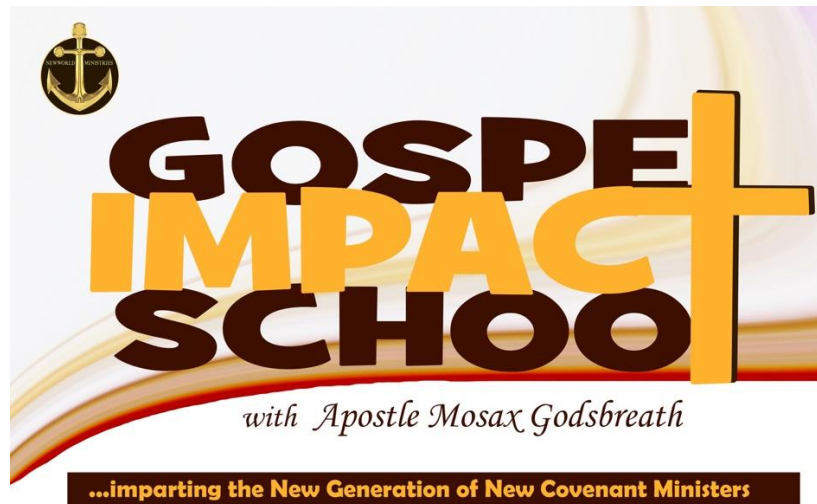


THE PURPOSE FOR CHRIST



(1John 3:4-9)

...for this purpose the son of God was made manifest that he might destroy the works of the devil.....Sin.

There was no other problem that man was faced with than the sin problem and separation from God. It is no surprise why all the assignment of Jesus was directed towards solving the sin problem. From His birth by the virgin, to His name, to his life on earth under the law and then his death and resurrection....everything was directed primarily to solving the sin problem.

After the Law has had its full course, Christ came in to do what the law could not do.....to restore us to our full rights as sons of God.

When the time was fully come....God sent forth His son, born under the law to redeem them that re under the law.....so that we can receive the full rights of sons. (Gal 4:1-5)

He had to be made like us in all things....and that by death He will pay for the wages of sin.

Since the children were flesh and blood, he must be made flesh (John 1: so that he by death might destroy the works of the devil. (Heb 2: 14-15)

He came in the volume of the book written concerning Him.....to offer a sacrifice that is pleasing to God once and for all for sin.

For Jesus to do this he must die to offer his blood once and for all for sin. He must be the acceptable sacrifice for sin (Heb 10:1-14)

He was delivered up for our justification (Rom 5:

The thief come to steal, to kill and to destroy....**I have come that they might have life and have it more abundantly.** (John 10:)

Jesus stood calling on everyone under the burden of the law.....and I will give you rest.

he came to declare the acceptable year of the Lord – Jubilee – freedom from the law.

He says of Himself as the way, the truth and life and no man comes to God except by him.

7 SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Matthew 1: 18-25

1. Before they came together. He knew her not until she had brought forth Jesus.

This birth was not a product of sex or a result of any covenant relationship.

Mean that our sinful nature was inherited from our natural birth and blood relation. It proves that sin is an inherited nature which Christ had to escape.

The new birth of believer is of the Holy Spirit....not subject to the sin and death of Adams transgression (John 3:3, John 1: 14, ROM 5: 12-19)

2. Jesus had no earthly lineage. Even all the earthly genealogy traced to David and Abraham is just for human mind.

He was conceived of the Holy Spirit....by the power of the most high overshadowed Mary. He is from the order of melchizedec, no father, no mother, no lineage, no beginning of days and no end of days (Heb).

Which proves that a believer is not born of blood, nor of the will of flesh and not of this world. (Jn 1:14).

3. **The believer is not a sinner by reason of this new birth** made possible by the emasculate birth. The seed of God abides in him. (1John 3:9)

If man was born sinner through the natural birth, the new birth is the prove that a new born believer in Christ cannot carry sin.

4. **Salvation was not made possible by change of ways and repentance but by the new birth (Recreation).....**

We died in baptism, buried but raised by God into the newness of life.....so sin is not possible thereafter. (ROM 6: 1-14) Col 2:

5. His birth name called Jesus actually defined his primary purpose - **for he shall save his people from their sins** (Mat 1:17)

.....for this purpose the son of man was born to destroy the works of satan through sin. (1john 3: 4-9)

6. His prophetic name EMMANUEL: the old covenant men sought God and go to worship him. **But by recreation, God can now make his home in our recreated spirit.** God lives in us. He is always with us in unbroken fellowship and in perfect relationship.

7. The wise men came to bow to a new born child becos they understood the spirit of that child. **Meaning that a new born believer is the son of God, God's own righteousness even at birth.** He might look ungodly but God is pleased to dwell in him. Outwardly u might despise him but inwards he is the son of the most high. It takes wise men to see this in a new born believer. Now know we no man after the flesh (2cor 5:)

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

The baptism of John was a baptism unto REPENTANCE. But John spoke of the coming of Christ with a different kind of baptism called RECREATION.

Repentance is when the same man stops his actions under the same marriage, same country and same laws. He is the same man under the same system and can break those laws again and sin.....so a need to repent over and over....confession of sin over and over again. That is not the baptism of Christ.

The baptism of Christ is not just a religious exercise. The believer died and was punished for his sins and God raise Him back just like Christ was raised from the dead.

The implication to this experience is that the believer died for his sins, went to hell and then raised in the person of christ by the power God.

If one person died for all, then all have died. (2cor5:)

The wages of sin is death (Rom6:23) and the believer has died in baptism. And so Paul said.....

HE THAT IS DEAD IS FREE FROM SIN. (ROM 6:7)

Rom 6: 1-

*What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. **How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any***

longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, ***even so we also should walk in newness of life.***

For if we have been planted together in the ***likeness of his death***, we shall be also in ***the likeness of his resurrection***: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, ***that the body of sin might be destroyed***, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

For he that is dead is freed from sin.

Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: ***Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more***; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ***ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin***, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The baptism of Christ brought out a new man, into a new world, new country, new system of grace where he cannot sin as of his old self.

2Cor 5:14-17

For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

This baptism actually shows that a believer has died for his sins and has been judged already.

It means the believer is no longer subject to the laws of his first country. By new birth or resurrection, he is now a citizen of another country and no longer subject to the former laws.

Col 2:8-23

*Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after **the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world**, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: **Buried with him in baptism**, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, **having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us**, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.*

***Let no man therefore judge you** in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.*

***Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,** (Touch not; taste not; handle not; Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honor to the satisfying of the flesh.*

The old man died, buried and then was raised up with Christ.
(Rom6:1-7, Col2:12-23)

So When the question was asked....shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ROM 6:1

Paul answered.....

2God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

It is not possible for a believer who have died to sin again and die again and again. Punishment for sin is once for it is appointed unto a man to die once.

The death the believer died, he died once. Sin and Death no longer have power over him. (Rom6: 9)

Paul used marriage to describe what happened to the believer in death! Death exempt us from the law (Rom7:1- 5)

Romans 7:2

*For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; **but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.***

Romans 7:3

*So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: **but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.***

Romans 7:6

But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.

When the believer died he was divorced from every connection to the law of our old master. So the believer acting the same way the law forbid him is no longer sin since he is no longer under such laws.

He is now married to another master, another country, another system with its own laws.

Paul put it : There is no more condemnation why? (Rom8:1-2)

The new law of our resurrected life has freed us from the old law.

Our old country cannot arrest us for acting against their laws. We left that country....how can we sin against their laws. (Rom6:2 message)

*¹⁻³ So what do we do? Keep on sinning so God can keep on forgiving? I should hope not! **If we've left the country where sin is sovereign, how can we still live in our old house there?** Or didn't you realize we packed up and left there for good? That is what happened in baptism. When we went under the water, we left the old country of sin behind; when we came up out of the water, we entered into the new country of grace—a new life in a new land!*

That's what baptism into the life of Jesus means.

We have divorced that old husband, how can we be judged for adultery or by his laws? (Rom7:1-5)

The believer cannot sin because he is not under the law.....and sin is the transgression of the law. Paul declared that our new husband put us under grace...freedom. (ROM 6:14) so sin shall not have dominion.

(Col 2: 12-23)

.....why do we allow ourselves to be under the same laws of our old husband. Our conscience should be released totally if we understand our baptism.

Why do we subject yourself to those old laws.....touch not, taste not, handle not.....

Further studies shows that the likeness of our death was different from what we looked like when we resurrected. (Rom6:5)

(1cor15:42-49)

We died in the likeness of Adam and resurrected in the likeness of Christ, the image of God that man was originally created in righteousness. (,Eph4:24)

That makes the believer righteous.....a slave a of righteousness.

We are made a completely new man. NEW CREATION.(2cor5:17)

This new ressurected man called a brand new creation of God cannot be said to be a sinner. He cannot sin becos he is born of God (1jn:3:9)

As a new different man, Our old husband, country police cannot recognise us as the same man he married or the same man who sinned against their country laws.

THE THREE FOLD MINISTRY OF CHRIST

Jesus came and He is the CAPTAIN OF OUR SALVATION, THE AUTHOR AND THE FINISHER OF OUR FAITH. That means, everything about our salvation depends on Him.

Hebrews 2:10

For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Hebrews 7:22

By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.

He is the High Priest of our profession.

Hebrews 3:1

Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

Hebrews 4:14

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

The ministry of Jesus to His body towards our complete salvation is divided into three fold.

OUR MEDIATOR

OUR ADVOCATE

OUR INTERCESSOR

MEDIATOR:

1 Timothy 2:5

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

Hebrews 8:6

But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

The work of a mediator is to stand between God and man. Someone who can stand before God perfectly and also small enough to understand men.

That's why even though Jesus was God, he must be made everything like men. (Heb 2:)

Hebrews 2:14

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

Hebrews 2:17

Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

Since God is a spirit and cannot feel the infirmity of men and understand their weakness and limitations, Such a man is ordained by God to stand between Him and the people. He is a man chosen from among the people like Moses and Aaron.

Heb5:1-5)

For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins: Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity. And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins. And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.

So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.

Job cried out for a mediator who will help him plead his cause and argue his case before God. (Job

Job 9:32

For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment.

Job 9:33

Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both.

Job needed a mediator because God was too big for Him to argue His own case. This is the work of a mediator. One who can hold God when God exercises unjust judgment and one

who can call God to order if He dare take unjust advantage of man.

God is sovereign and no man takes this honour upon himself to call God to order except him that God himself has ordained. That is Jesus Christ, His son.

THE SACRIFICE.

A mediator cannot plead the case of a sinner who actually have sinned against God. A mediator does not also want to take advantage of God and pervert justice. He must equally defend justice towards God. He is in a ministry for and and men 50 – 50.

If a mediator must win a case for a sinner, He comes to God with a sacrifice who takes the anger of God for the client. Infact, this sacrifice is for both the mediator and the people. Without this sacrifice, the mediator does not have any case to defend before God for sinners. And God accepts no other sacrifice than from the man He has ordained in this office.

Hebrews 8:3

For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer.

Hebrews 7:27

Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.

Hebrews 9:11

But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

Hebrews 9:12

Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

This our own high priest is the Son of God, God himself. He didn't offer just a sacrifice but himself. Meaning he stands in double assurance to mediate between us in the new covenant agreement.

Then after He had offered a perfect sacrifice that is acceptable before God, he sat at the very right hand of God as our ADVOCATE.

Hebrews 10:12

But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

OUR ADVOCATE.

The office of an advocate/ lawyer is to defend his people standing on an existing agreement reached between God and men through the office and sacrifice of the highpriest/mediator.

Our high priest has offered one everlasting sacrifice good for all time. The advocate is to ensure it keep speaking for the believer incase he sins and needs a sacrifice.

Hebrews 10:14

For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Then He steps in to defend every wrong of a believer even before the believer confesses it...ensuring the sting of death has no power over the believer.

1 John 2:1

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

1 John 2:2

And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Fortunately for us, our advocate/ lawyer was actually the man that died for our sins.....meaning he is going to take our case personal in court.

Romans 8:34

Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

The believer does not have the opportunity to speak before God to even confess their sins or defend their cause....a lawyer

is needed to speak and our lawyer is not just a hired professional but one who loved us and died for us...who also happen to be the son of the judge himself, sided at his right hand.

He was the one that went to hell for our sins. So he wont sit there speaking against us or watch the accusers drag believers to hell on account of sin that he died for.

Note that as an advocate he does not plead or beg for forgiveness or mercy or a pardon. No! He had already become the scape goat or sin bearer who took the punishment for our sins. **He is not asking God to forgive a single sin that has not been punished.** Inasmuch as all sin has been justly punished upon him, He will be standing on His rights, His death for sin to defend every sin of the believer righteously.

This is the work of an advocate- standing upon an existing agreement or testament to defend his client.

THE INTERCESSION

Hebrews 7:25

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Christ by His Spirit steps in also to intercede for the believer. Intercession is making plea for us this time. **Intercession is not needed when a believer stands in faith in the sacrifice of the high priest.** Jesus advocates at that point standing upon legal

grounds. But intercession for mercy comes in for the believer who is not standing in faith or who is shifting focus into self righteousness.

The first intercession is that our faith fails not. This was his intercession for the faith of Peter.

It is the intercession of Christ for the church that has kept the church even when we are not standing in faith and in God's righteousness.

Some miracles come by advocacy and some come by intercession.

The ministry of intercession is the reason why unbelievers have not perished even though they believe not. Mercy keeps prevailing over judgment. But by advocacy, judgment already had its full course.

We are in the tribulation and our faith is constantly under attack. The intercessory ministry of the Holy Spirit, as we pray in tongues has kept us in faith and out of faith.

When we don't have the right confession based upon the finished works of Christ, Christ comes in to intercede beyond our confession of unbelief.

Romans 8:26

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Paul was letting the church understand that Prophecy, speaking God's word in the light of the finished works of Christ is better

than praying in tongues. That is because when we speak God's word in faith even in our failures, Jesus stands as an advocate. But when we lack the faith and words to speak standing on His sacrifice, Jesus stands in as an intercessor even as we speak in tongues.

Jesus has won as a high priest and he is sited. Jesus always wins as an advocate standing on legal ground with our faith. But Jesus can intercede and not always get result since he is not standing on legal grounds but on the mercies of God.

Believers are therefore admonished to hold fast their confession seeing that we have a high priest and an advocate.

Hebrews 4:14

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

Heb 10:19-23

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)