



Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered, "The Christ of God."

— Luke 9:20

And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."

— Luke 9:21-22



REJOICE THAT YOUR NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN — Luke 10:1-24 —



"When Christ bids a man to follow him, he bids that man to come and die." Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship



"When it comes right down to it, you either deny Christ and follow yourself, or you deny yourself and follow Christ, because you can't follow Christ and yourself."

– R.C. Sproul



After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go.

– vs 1



And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

vs 2



What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

– 1 Corinthians 3:5-9



And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience — among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.



BUT GOD, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, MADE US ALIVE TOGETHER WITH CHRIST — by grace you have been saved — and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

– Ephesians 2:1-7



Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house.

— vv 3-7



Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.'

— vv 8-11



I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

– vv 12-15



for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

– Romans 3:23-26



"By the logic of what Jesus said about Sodom and Chorazin, the day of judgment will be most unbearable of all for people who worshiped in Bible-teaching, gospel-preaching churches but never entered the kingdom of God. If we have heard the royal message of salvation, then we need to respond to Jesus in faith, trusting the gospel of his kingdom. Jesus could hardly make it any clearer than he does in this passage. There are two and only two destinations: a heaven of peace for those who receive him by faith, and a hell of peril for those who reject him in unbelief."

— Philip Ryken



But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:12



The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

— vs 16



The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.

– vv 17-19



Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

vs 20



All who dwell on earth will worship it [the beast], everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that was slain.

- Revelation 13:8



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world

– Ephesians 1:3-4



God saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began

— 2 Timothy 1:9

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"The ultimate question I have in theology when I consider my redemption is this: Why me? Lord, why did you open my eyes? Why did you change my heart? Why did you open my ears? Why did you give me a delight for those things that formerly I despised? It's the pearl of great price. It's the greatest gift ever. Jesus says, 'Here's the ground of your ultimate joy: that your names are written in heaven."

— R.C. Sproul



In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

— vv 21-22



For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

— 1 Corinthians 1:26-31



He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;

Luke 1:51-52



Then turning to the disciples he said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see!" For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."

— vv 23-24



Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son

— Hebrews 1:1-2





