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I have for you today, a very special message. I am calling this message: **“HE THAT BELIEVETH ON THE SON.”** This is the title and the topic.

The text is a verse of Scripture taken from the **3rd chapter of John, verse 35**. If you would like to turn in your Bible to **John Chapter 3:35**; listen carefully. This text is very special and I am praying that God will be pleased to make the message very special to you.

I believe that if you listen carefully to what I have to say, it will be of great, eternal, benefit to you. I am reading from **John 3:35**; listen carefully:

“The Father loveth the Son and hath given all things into His hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not the Son of God shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth on him.”

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As I was preparing this message and studying this verse of Scripture, this thought came to my mind: My life on earth and my ministry for 30 some odd years in the Gospel would be to me, as far as I am concerned, a total success if someone would lay hold of the powerful truth revealed in **verse 35**.

It would be a complete success, if as a result of that life and that ministry, someone listening to this television ministry or listening to me in the pulpit at 13th St. Baptist Church, or wherever I am preaching, if someone would lay hold of the powerful truth revealed in **verse 35**.

I would consider my life well spent and my ministry quite successful if someone would lay hold upon the truth taught in **John 3:35**. Listen to it again; *“The Father loveth the Son and hath given all things into His hand.”*

On two different occasions the Father spoke from heaven and said these words, *“this is my beloved Son.”* Speaking of Christ the Lord, when He was here on this earth, the Father spake from heaven.

The Father did not often speak from heaven but on two occasions He spoke from heaven and He said, *“this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Hear ye Him.”*

In **John 5:40**, the Scripture says; *“the Father loveth the Son and showeth him all things that he doeth.”* In **John 12:26**, the Master said; *“If any man will honor me, him will My Father honor.”*

Have I sufficiently convinced you of the fact that the Father loveth the Son? The heavenly Father loves His only begotten Son. He calls Him, *“the Son of His love.”*

The second part of that text says, *“The Father hath given all things into the hands of Christ,”* all things. You tarry on that word *“love.”* *“The Father loveth the Son.”* You spend some time there, *“He loves the Son.”*

The other two words that you need to dwell upon and think about is *“the Father hath given all things, (not some things), but all things into His hand.”* I’m talking about all life, all truth, all mercy, all grace, all righteousness, all redemption, and all justification. He has put everything into the hands of Christ.

“He that hath the Son hath life” because life is in the hands of the Son. Christ said, *“I am the truth.”* No one knows the truth who does not know Christ. *“I am the way, the truth, and the life.”*

In **Ephesians** Paul said, *“In whom we have redemption.”* In Christ we have redemption. Redemption has been put in Christ. *“The Father loveth the Son”* and He hath given all things, everything pertaining to life, everything pertaining to a relationship with God. He hath given everything that shall continue in the world to come and it has been vested in Christ, it has been put in His hands.

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When Joseph was made king of Egypt, he told Pharaoh that there would be seven years of plenty and prosperity. There would be seven years in which the fields would yield a great, abundant harvest.

At the end of those seven years, there would be seven years of famine. So, Pharaoh put everything into the hands of Joseph, everything. He ran the farms, he ran the crops, and he ran the harvests.

He took care of the storage. He stored grain whether it was barley, oats, or corn. He stored all of these things that they grew for seven years in silos, barns, and storage houses. For seven years Joseph prepared for the famine. He stored grain for seven, long, years.

When the seven years of famine fell upon Egypt and all the lands round about Egypt, the people came to Pharaoh and said; “we are hungry; we need grain; and we need food.”

Pharaoh said to them; “if you want grain, if you want food; you go to Joseph. I have put everything in Joseph’s hands. Don’t come to me. Don’t expect anything from me. Don’t expect anything out of me. Don’t even come to me.”

He said plainly; “Go to Joseph; everything has been placed in the hands of Joseph.” My friends; I am saying this to you as clearly as words can express it and as clearly as I can preach it; “*the Father loveth the Son.*”

You can say what you want to about the love of God. You can preach the love of God and the love of God is infinite. The love of God is eternal. The love of God is unchangeable. “*The Father loveth the Son*” and He hath put everything in the hands of the Son. That is the way it always has been. That is the way it is now and that is the way it always will be.

“*The Scriptures are written that you might believe on the Son,*” that you might come to Christ that you might embrace and lay hold upon Christ. That is why the Scriptures were written. It says in **John 20:31**; “*but these are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.*”

This is the purpose for the writing of the Word of God. That is why these things were written, “*That you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, you might have life through His name.*”

In **Acts 10:43**, the beloved physician, Luke, wrote these words; “*to Him give all the prophets witness,*” to Christ. All the prophets witnessed that through His name, “*whosoever believeth in him, shall receive remission of sin.*” That is why the Scriptures were written.

Then, the Holy Ghost is given to convince men of sin, to reveal to them the Lord Jesus Christ and to bring them to faith in Jesus Christ. That is why the Holy Spirit is given. The Scriptures were written for that purpose.

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The Holy Spirit is given for that purpose according to the testimony of our Lord Himself in **John 16**, in which he says; *“when the Spirit of truth is come, He will convince the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment, of sin because they believe not on me, of righteousness because I go to my Father and of judgment because the prince of this world is judged.”*

This convincing of sin is based upon and is in relation to Jesus Christ. Listen to this verse in **John 16:13**; *“when the Spirit of truth is come;”* (the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth); *He shall glorify me.”* That is what Christ said. *“He shall take the things of mine and show them to you.”*

“He shall not speak of himself, but whatsoever he heareth that shall he say and he will glorify me.” What I am saying is this; *“the Father loveth the Son”* and hath placed everything, all things, pertaining to God, all things pertaining to life, all things pertaining to redemption, all things pertaining to God have been placed in the hands of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Scriptures are written for that self-same purpose, to declare where everything is, to point men to Christ. The Holy Ghost is given to bring you and me to faith in Jesus Christ.

It is the business of faithful preachers to point men to Christ. In **Acts 1:8**, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His disciples as they assembled about Him on the mount of ascension; *“you shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and you shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, in Judea, Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.”*

That is our purpose and that is our reason for being in the ministry; it is to be a witness of the true Christ.

Paul summed it up this way; *“we preach not ourselves; we preach Jesus Christ the Lord.”* John summed up the whole story in these words in **1st John 5:11**; *“this is the record; (this is the truth); God has given to us eternal life and that life is in His Son.”*

Why would you question that? Why would you think for a moment that eternal life is in a church, a priest, a denomination, a baptismal pool, the Lord’s table, or in anything but Christ?

God has given us eternal life and it is in His Son. It is not in the law it is in Christ. *“He that hath the Son of God hath life and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.”*

The Hebrew writer spoke this; listen to this in **Hebrews 3:1**. Please look carefully at this passage of Scripture; it is what I am saying and is what our text is saying in John 3:35, *“the Father loveth the Son and He hath placed everything, given everything, all things in His hands.”*

Here is what the **Hebrew** writer said in **Chapter 3:1**; *“wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the apostle and high priest of our profession, Christ Jesus.”* Consider Christ Jesus. Have you done that? Are you doing that? Are you considering Christ?

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My friend, you may study the heavens. You may study the sun, the moon, and the stars and you may be awed by the power and the glory of God. The Scripture says; *“The heavens declare the glory of God.”*

David said, *“When I consider the heavens, the sun, the moon, the stars, and the things that thou hast made, what is man that thou art mindful of him?”*

You may study the heavens, the stars, the planets, and all of these things and be awed by the power and the wisdom of God Almighty but you will never see the redemptive glory of God until you see the Son; *“He that seeth the Son of God, Jesus Christ.”*

You may look unto the holy law and you may see the purity of God and the holiness of God but you will never see the holy righteousness which God has provided for sinners until you see the Son.

You may study the history of religion and all the recognized religions of men, the Oriental religions, the American religions, the old Puritan religions. You can study all of the religions. You are welcome to do that.

You will only see frustration and self-righteousness and hypocrisy. You will see the hope of eternal life when you quit studying the deeds and writings of men and start looking to the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

“God the Father loveth the Son” and He has put everything in the Son. He hasn't put anything in the denominations, history, acts, and deeds of men. He has put everything in the Son. He has placed all things in His hand and that is where it is.

You may study the experiences of men and women and the many theories of life after death. You may study reincarnation and study these books that claim they have died and come back to the earth.

You will still be filled with doubt, fear, and uncertainty. You will never find any peace about death and any peace about eternity until you see the Son. He is the resurrection and the life. God has put life in His hand.

You might say, “How can you be so dogmatic?” The reason is because it is just that clear. It is just that positive and it is just that narrow. *“The Father loveth the Son and hath given all things into His hand.”* That is what it says.

“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and He that believeth not, (he that refuseth, he that rejecteth), he that believeth not the Son, shall never see life but the wrath of God abideth on Him.”

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Our Lord Jesus Christ said one time; *“If you believe not that I am He.”* Who is He? He is the eternal Surety; He is the eternal Redeemer. He is the *“lamb slain from the foundation of the world. He is the only mediator between God and men.”*

He is the Lord’s Christ. He is that prophet, priest, and king. The Scripture says, *“If you believe not that I am not he you will die in your sins.”*

My friend, it is better to not be born than to die in your sins. It is better to die anyway than to die in your sins. It is better to die in the womb than to die in your sins. To die in sin is to rise in sin. To rise in sin on that great resurrection morning is to face the judgment in sin and to face the judgment in sin is to be forever condemned.

“If you believe not that I am He” you will lie down and die in your sins and you will rise in your sins and you will meet God in your sins. Because of your sins you will be forever separated from all that is holy, pure, and living.

My friend, to believe on Christ is to be free from sin. It is to have your sins covered by the blood. It is to have your sins put away by the grace of God. It is to receive Christ by faith and it is to have life eternal for *“the Father loveth the Son and hath given all things into His hand.”*

That is where it is; that is where God has put it and that is where you will receive it. If you have life, you will get life by believing on the Son. If you have forgiveness or mercy you will receive it in Christ.

If you are an heir of God it will because you are a joint heir with the Son, because the Son is the heir of all things. There is nothing outside the Son but God’s wrath. *“He that believeth not the Son, the wrath of God abideth on Him.”*

I want to give you four or five reasons why it is so important that I preach Christ and that you in your heart believe Christ. I want you to know why it is so important that I preach Christ Jesus the Lord and why it is so important that you, by faith in your heart, receive or lay hold upon, embrace, or believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Let me give them to you, five things:

First of all: God is in Christ; all things are in Christ.

I can take that to the extreme, to infinity, *“all things are in Christ.”* There is nothing worth having that is not in Christ; God is in Christ.

To be without Christ is to be without God. That is what the Scripture says. *“God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself.”* God was in Christ. In **Matthew 1:21**, the angel said to Joseph; *“call His name Jesus, for he shall save His people from their sins.”*

This is a fulfillment of the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah when he said; *“behold; the Lord himself shall give you a sign; a virgin shall be with child and thou shall call His name Jesus Immanuel,”* which is interpreted *“God with us.”*

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God is in Christ. *“Great is the mystery of godliness; God was manifest in the flesh.”* In **John 10:30**, the Master said; *“I and My Father are one.”* In **John 14:8** the disciple said; *“show us the Father.”* He said, *“Have I been so long time with you and you hast not known me? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father.”*

Jesus Christ is God. *“His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace.”*

No wonder the angel stood about that manger in awe. No wonder the angels came down on the Mount of Temptation and ministered to Him. No wonder that the angel stood about that empty tomb and said; *“He is not here, he is risen.”*

No wonder the angels stood on the Mount of Ascension and said; *“ye men of Galilee; why stand ye gazing up into the heavens? This same Jesus which is taken up from you shall soon come in like manner as you see Him go,”* because He is God.

God came to earth to redeem His people. Jesus Christ is God Almighty. *“The Father loveth Him and hath given all things into His hand.”* He is the exact image, the express image, the very brightness of the Father’s glory. He is a revelation of God in human flesh.

To be without Christ is to be without God. That is how plain that I want that to be made, how narrow and how dogmatic. To be without Christ is to be without God.

Secondly: The covenant of grace and mercy was made with Christ.

Some of you know something about a covenant. You Presbyterians know something about the covenant. You reformed people know something about a covenant. You old-time-Baptists know something about a covenant.

The covenant of grace and mercy was made with Christ and in Christ. To be without Christ is to have no part in the covenant of grace.

The old time Israelites talked about their covenant, the covenant with Israel, the covenant with Abraham, the covenant with Moses and the covenant with David. They felt that it was horrible to be outside of the Jewish covenant.

My friends, let me tell you something, the eternal covenant is the covenant of grace. That everlasting covenant, that sure covenant, is that covenant of which David spoke on his death bed. David said; *“the Lord hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and sure, and this is all my salvation and all my desire.”*

This is it, don’t miss the covenant. I will tell you this: that covenant of mercy and grace is in Christ and is with Christ; it is in the hands of Christ. Listen to **Hebrews 13:20**; *“now the God of*

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peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work.”

Christ is the Surety of that covenant. He said in **Hebrews 10**; *“this is the covenant I will make with them. After those days I will put my law in their minds and in their hearts and I will remember their sins no more.”*

Where is it? It is in Christ, in a crucified Christ. It is in a crucified, buried, risen, Christ. This is where the covenant mercies are. This is where the covenant promises are. This is where the covenant blessings are; they are in Christ.

To be without Christ is to be without a part in that covenant; when God makes up His jewels or our Lord calls forth His bride. I don't care what you have; I don't care what you know; I don't care what you profess; God said, *“let God be true and every man a liar.”* The covenant mercies are in Christ. He is the Surety of the eternal covenant.

Thirdly: Christ is the believer's priest.

Not to know Christ is to be without a priest. You don't want to be without a priest. You do not want to be without a priest who has in his hands a suitable atonement. There has got to be a sin offering and there has to be a sacrifice. *“Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.”* Do you hear that, *“no forgiveness?”*

Those Old Testament priests were pictures and types; they brought the blood of a lamb, the blood of a bullock or a ram and they put it on the altar. That was just a picture; that was a picture of Christ our great high priest who brought His blood, not the blood of an animal. It was His blood, *“not into the tabernacle made with hands but into heaven itself.”*

“Seeing we have a great, high priest, that has passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God; let us come boldly before the throne of grace that we may find mercy and grace to help in time of need.”

You do not want to come if you don't have a priest. There is only one and that is the one *“who is a priest forever after the order of Melchisedek. There is one God and one mediator between God and men and that is the man Christ Jesus.”* That is what God said in **1st Timothy**.

Romans 5 says; *“We joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ by whom we have received the atonement.”* If you don't have Christ you do not have atonement. If you don't have Christ, you don't have a mediator. If you don't have Christ you do not have a priest.

If you do not have Christ, you do not have a way to God, for He hath opened for us into the presence of God a new and living way through His blood.
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You do not have a way into the presence of God. You can't even call on God. God will not hear me without Christ. That is what the Book says and that is the only rule of faith and practice.

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Fourthly: Christ is our righteousness before God.

Not to believe in Christ is to have no righteousness or no holiness. I hear people running around talking about how holy they are. I will tell you this; *“man at his best state is all together vanity. There is none that doeth good, no not one. There are none righteous, no not one. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”*

We don't have any righteousness. Our little, old, religious works and our claims to righteousness in God's sight are *“filthy rags,”* filthy, dirty, rags. They are only fit for burning.

God has provided a way of righteousness. God has promised a way of righteousness. God has revealed and manifested a way of righteousness. I will tell you where it is; it is in Christ.

Your righteousness is not in going down to the mourner's bench and promising that you won't do this, that, and the other, and that you will do something else. It is not in you making a New Year's resolution and deciding that you will give up some sins and hold to others.

Righteousness is in Christ. *“He was made sin for us who knew no sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. By one man's disobedience many were made sinners; by the obedience of another, (Christ Jesus), shall many be made righteous (or holy).”* In Christ we are holy. *“With His spotless garments on we are as holy as God's Son.”*

Fifthly: Salvation is in Christ. To be without Christ is to be without salvation.

Listen to this great, old, hymn. I want you to listen carefully to this. I think that this is one of the greatest hymns ever written. Everything is in Christ, He said; *“I am the way, the truth, and the life.”* That is what I am trying to say to you in as plain of terms as I can employ in this message. Listen to this hymn:

**“Oh Lord Thou art
The way To Thee alone
From sin and death we flee,
He who would the Father seek
Must seek Him Lord in Thee.**

**Thou art the truth
Thy Word alone, true wisdom can impart,
Thou alone can enlighten my mind
And purify my heart.**

**Thou art the life
The empty tomb proclaims thy living name**

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**And those who put their trust in Thee
Nor death nor hell can claim.**

**Thou art the way, the truth, the life
Grant us that way to know
That truth to love, that life to own
Where joys immortal flow.”**

“The Father loveth the Son and hath given all things into His hands. He that believeth on the Son hath life!”