

STUDY : STATEMENT OF FAITH  
LESSON : **THE SAVING WORK OF JESUS CHRIST**  
OBJECTIVE : To obtain a clear biblical significance of the saving work of the Lord Jesus Christ

OUTLINE :  
1. The Sinlessness of Jesus Christ  
2. The Sacrificial Death of Jesus Christ  
3. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ  
4. The Ascension of Jesus Christ  
5. The Priesthood of Jesus Christ

## 1.0 THE SINLESSNESS OF JESUS CHRIST

### 1.1 He Was Born Without Sin

- See “The Humanity of Jesus Christ/His virgin birth
- Just because He was born without sin does not exempt Him from sin. Examples of being who were without sin yet fell into sin are Lucifer and the angels that rebelled with him and Adam.

### 1.2 Jesus Had to Learn to Refuse Sin and Obey the Father

- Jesus learned to refuse evil and do good - Isaiah 7:14-16
- Jesus learned to obey the Father - Hebrews 5:7-9
- Jesus was tempted in points as we are, yet was without sin - Hebrews 4:15

## 2.0 THE SACRIFICIAL DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST

### 2.1 Sacrificed Defined

- The ritual through which the Hebrew people offered the blood or the flesh of an animal as a substitute payment for their sins. Its origin can be traced to God and was given as far back as the fall of man. Genesis 3:14-21; 4:3-5; 8:20-22; 22:1-8.

### 2.2 Christ's Death Was Sacrificial

- God's plan was not to save people through the blood of bulls and goats but by a human sacrifice of eternal merit. The Old Testament sacrifices were just a shadow of the things to come and those who believed in them relied on the promise of the Messiah which was fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Hebrews 10:1-9; 11:39-40; 2 Cor. 5:21.

### 2.3 Christ's Death Was Once and For All

- The sacrifice of Jesus Christ has its merit eternally settled with God. It cannot be diminished by unbelief neither can it be increased by human efforts. Hebrews 10:10-14.

## 3.0 THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

### 3.1 It Was A Bodily Resurrection

- Jesus was resurrected in the same body which was laid in the tomb but was transformed into a glorious body by the power of God. This means that it is of a higher substance than the flesh and blood bodies we have as proven by the resurrected Lord's ability to pass through burial linen wrappings, doors and walls. Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20

### 3.2 The Resurrection Establishes the Following

- The Lordship of Jesus Christ. The Jews crucified Him because He claimed to be the Son of God. God resurrected Him because He is the Son of God. John 8:40; Romans 1:4.
- The resurrection confirms the Christian hope in the same. Jesus Christ is the first fruit of the resurrection. Please note that this resurrection is different from the resurrection of Lazarus who also died afterwards. 1 Corinthians 15:20,23.
- If there were no resurrection there would be no salvation and we would be still in our sins. 1 Corinthians 15:12-19.

## 4.0 THE ASCENSION OF JESUS CHRIST

### 4.1 It is a Bodily Ascension

- The same body which was resurrected is the one that ascended. Mark 16:19; Luke 24:50-51; Acts 1:9-11; Acts 7:5-6; Zechariah 13:6.

### 4.2 The Ascension of Jesus Christ Establishes the Following:

- The beginning of the priestly intercession of the Lord for all the believers. Romans 8:34; Hebrews 4:14; 6:20; 7:25.
- He became our Advocate/Paraclete before the Father. John 2:1.
- It ushered the full ministry of the Holy Spirit. John 14:16-18,26; 16:7-15.
- It is a pledge of the Lord's Second Coming. Acts 1:11.

## 5.0 THE PRIESTHOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

### 5.1 The Levitical Priesthood is a Shadow of Christ's Priesthood

- Leviticus 4:3-21; 16:1-34; Hebrews 9:1-28.

### 5.2 Established Facts About Christ's Priesthood

- He became a man of the seed of Abraham and qualified Himself merciful and faithful. Hebrews 2:11-18.
- He is sympathetic with our weaknesses. Hebrews 4:15; 2:20.
- He is of the order of Melchizedek and not of Aaron. Hebrews 5:10.
- He had no need to offer sacrifice for Himself for He was without sin. His sacrifice is solely for the people whom He saved. Hebrews 7:27-28.
- His blood offering is good once and for all. Hebrews 10:1-4; 9:12.
- He is an eternal priesthood in that He lives forever. Hebrews 7:23,25.
- He performed His ministry in heaven itself. The real sanctuary. Hebrews 8:5; 4:4; 9:11.

### 5.3 He achieved by His sacrifice the sanctification of His people that we may come directly into God's presence through the "one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. 1 Tim. 2:5.