

Series:  
V...for Vital  
5 Things All Christians Believe  
Today's Message:  
*Part 2 of 2*



**Vital Truth #1      Virgin Birth and Deity of Christ**

Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; John 1:1-3, 14; Colossians 2:9

**Vital Truth #2      Verbal, Plenary Inspiration of Scripture**

2 Timothy 3:16; Matthew 4:4; 5:17-18; John 17:17

**Vital Truth #3      Vicarious Death of Christ (Substitutionary Atonement)**

Mark 10:45

<sup>45</sup>“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a **ransom for** many.”

**This Doctrine has to do with the Essential Meaning of Christ's Death.**

False Theories of the Atonement

- Ransom to Satan Theory                      by Origen
- Moral Influence Theory                      by Abelard
- Martyr Theory                                      by Secularist Humanists

1 Timothy 2:6

<sup>6</sup>who gave Himself as a **ransom for** all, the testimony *given* at the proper time.

Romans 5:6-8

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died ***for*** the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will hardly die ***for*** a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died ***for*** us.

2 Corinthians 5:21

<sup>21</sup>He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

1 Peter 3:18

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also died for sins once for all, *the* just for *the* unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

#### **Vital Truth #4 Victorious, Bodily Resurrection of Christ**

- **The Resurrection was Predicted by Christ.**

Matthew 20:19

<sup>19</sup>and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify *Him*, and on the third day He will be raised up.”

Matthew 28:6

<sup>6</sup>“He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said.

- **The Resurrection was a Literal, Physical Reality.**

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; <sup>7</sup>then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; <sup>8</sup>and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

- **The Resurrection is Essential to Salvation.**

1 Corinthians 15:14, 17

<sup>14</sup>and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.

<sup>17</sup>and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.

#### **Vital Truth #5 Visible Return of Christ**

John 14:2-3

<sup>2</sup>“In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>“If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also.

Acts 1:11

<sup>11</sup>They also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”

#### **How did Christ Ascend into Heaven?**

- In a Body
- In Time and Space

- In the Clouds

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**All Christians agree to the Fact of His Coming, but many disagree about the Time of His Coming.**

Revelation 22:12

<sup>12</sup>“Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.

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