

Elpis Israel

for Young People

The Name of Jesus Christ

Class 39

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The Role of Christ

Christ, as the King of Israel – had a mission:

Matthew 1:21 *And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: **for he shall save his people from their sins.***

Jesus Name:

- **Greek:** Jesus **Hebrew:** Yahshua **Meaning:** Yah is Savior
- **Greek:** Christ **Hebrew:** Messiah **Meaning:** Anointed

This went hand in hand with his mission as the “Anointed King” – the Messiah

Luke 1:31-33 *And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name **JESUS**. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: **and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.***

His Mission of “SALVATION” has two elements to it:

Isaiah 49:5-6 *And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength. And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.*

1. To bring Jacob to him again & Restore the preserved of Israel
2. Be God’s salvation to the ends of the Earth

This was the purpose spoken of by Peter:

Acts 15:14-17 *Simeon hath declared how God at the first did **visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.** And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: **That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles,** upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.*

- The tabernacle of David restored = the restoration of the Kingdom of God
- Who is going to visit the “Tabernacle of David”?
 1. The residue of men
 2. And all the Gentiles

When the Kingdom is established – both Jew and Gentile will seek the Lord

- Going to require administrators – KINGS and PRIESTS who can help rule over the nations and teach them the TRUTH

Elpis Israel p310: *If Jew or Gentile aspire to this glorious station in the Age to come, “the prize” is attainable on the simple condition of believing the things concerning the Kingdom and the name of Jesus Christ, and of being baptized; and thenceforth walking as becomes men who are to be, not only the rulers, but the companions of Christ, and examples of the nations in righteousness, equity, and faith.*

The time, however, for collecting together the nobility of the kingdom is almost elapsed. *It has been continuous with the desolation of Jerusalem. She was to be “trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles should be fulfilled”.^a These times are almost accomplished. Only a few more years remain, and then “the accepted time and day of salvation” will have passed. The door into the kingdom will be shut, and no more can obtain a right to enter it. Men who may survive the worse than Egyptian plagues coming upon them, may live in the future age in hope of immortality when the age has passed away; but in the glory and honour of Shiloh’s “everlasting dominion”, they will have neither part nor lot.*

The King-Priest

Christ’s role in saving his people:

- When David was promised a son to sit upon his throne – he was also promised that his son would be a sacrifice:

2 Sam 7:12-15 *And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. **If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:** But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.*

Adam Clarke Rendering:

*In suffering for iniquity I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes **due to** the children of Adam*

- Prophets agree with this testimony:

Isaiah 53:4-6 *Surely he hath **borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows:** yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But **he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities:** the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

^a a. Luke 21:24.

The Son of God – was to be of the priesthood of Melchisedec:

Hebrews 5:4-6 *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. As he saith also in another place, **Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.***

Melchisedek – a King & Priest

Hebrews 7:1-2 *For this Melchisedec, **king of Salem, priest of the most high God**, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation **King of righteousness**, and after that also King of Salem, which is, **King of peace**;*

He was of the tribe of Judah – not Levi – so he didn't belong to the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood

Heb 7:14-18 *For **it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda**; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident: for that **after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest**, Who is **made**, not after the law of a carnal commandment (family geneology), but **after the power of an endless life**. For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof.*

The Melchisedec Priesthood – everlasting

- Aaron's priesthood – changed with every generation (died off)
- Doesn't exist today
- Melchisedec priesthood – with Christ – Abide for ever:

Hebrews 7:3 *Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; **abideth a priest continually**.*

Hebrews 7:21-27 *(For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, **Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec**;) By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament. And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: **But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood**. 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**. For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; 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**.*

So Christ was a "sacrifice for sin" – offered up himself

- He was the king
- He was the priest
- He was the sacrifice for sin

The King Priest in the Kingdom:

This is the role Christ will have in the kingdom of God – starting with building the Temple:

2 Sam 7:12-15 *And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. **He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.** I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.*

This is a future role of Messiah – Building the Temple

- Prophecy reiterated, after Solomon, after the Exiles rebuild the temple:
Zech 6:12-13 *And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: **Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.***
v15 *And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. And this shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God.*
- Christ is the Branch:
Rev 22:16 *I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the ecclesias. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.*

The Temple – all nations to go up:

Isaiah 2:2-5 *And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.*

Gentiles to worship in the kingdom – at the Temple

Isaiah 56:6-7 *Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant; Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.*

Qualifier – the Name of Jesus Christ

All the parts must be put together:

1 Cor 15:1-4 *Moreover, brethren, **I declare unto you the gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; **By which also ye are saved**, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for **our sins** according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:*

- The OUR – whose sins Christ died for – is those who believe the GOSPEL – the WORD that was preached – which is the HOPE OF ISRAEL

So how do we get to be part of these things?

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Now there are certain things affirmed of Jesus Christ, the belief of which is highly essential to the constituting of a believer an heir of the kingdom. These things have regard to Jesus as an offering for sin. He died, was buried, and rose again. These are facts. But what is the truth, meaning, or doctrine of the facts? “He was delivered for our offences, and raised again for our justification”;^a that is, for the justification of those who believe the gospel of the kingdom.

It is a great mistake to suppose that the belief in the sacrificial part of the name of Jesus Christ, is sufficient for salvation.

Salvation in the kingdom is not promised to those who only believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and died and rose again for sin. It is equally necessary to believe in the promises of the covenants; not more so, but equally so; for if one believed the things of the kingdom, but rejected the sacrifice of Jesus, and his resurrection, he could not be saved.

The gospel must be taken as a whole, and not cut up into pieces, and one or two selected which suit the taste, and the rest set aside as unimportant and non-essential. Without the sacrificial ingredient of the name, there would be no means of justification by the name; but then Jesus as a sin-offering is not the end of faith; but a means to the end, which is the inheritance of the kingdom with him in all his glory.¹

^a a. Rom. 4:25; Isaiah 53:5, 10.

¹Thomas, D. J. (1997, c1990). *Elpis Israel : An exposition of the Kingdom of God*. With reference to the Time of the End and the Age to Come. (electronic ed.) (315). Birmingham, UK: The Christadelphian.

Three Things Preached in the Name of Jesus: (Luke 24:44-48)

1. Repentance
 - a. Realizing what we have done is wrong and turning from it
2. Remission of Sins
 - a. Entering into covenant relationship and being “covered by Christ”
3. Eternal Life
 - a. Having our bodies changes –
so that we might be part of the Melchisedec “king-priesthood”

All of these are necessary to be Kings and Priests:

1 Cor 15:50 *Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God**; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.*

True Repentance:

Elpis Israel p316: *Now, the repentance which results from believing the gospel of the kingdom is not “sorrow for sin”; nor does it contain the least bitterness or remorse of feeling in it. The scripture word translated repentance signifies a change of mind and purpose. When such a change takes place from believing the truth, it is a disposition and mode of thinking such as characterized Abraham, who is the model of the faith and temper which precedes justification in the name of the Lord. But a change of mind and purpose, however “evangelical”, is only granted for repentance in the name of Jesus Christ.²*

Remission of Sins – Requires to be “in Christ”

Gal 3:26-29 *For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have **put on Christ**. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

Eph 2:11-13 *Wherefore remember, that ye being **in time past Gentiles in the flesh**, who are called **Uncircumcision** by that which is called the **Circumcision in the flesh** made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now **in Christ Jesus** ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.*

Being in Christ – we are married into his Family

- Without baptism – we are still “alienated” the commonwealth of Israel – and strangers from the promises
- Even if we “love Christ” – if we are not related to him by baptism – we cannot participate in his family
- That is why our goal in life should be BAPTISM – to be “in Christ”
- Once baptized – we are part of his family, and truly “in HIM” – believing the Gospel of the kingdom and the things concerning the name

²Thomas, D. J. (1997, c1990). *Elpis Israel : An exposition of the Kingdom of God*. With reference to the Time of the End and the Age to Come. (electronic ed.) (316). Birmingham, UK: The Christadelphian.

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