

# The Simplicity that is IN Christ



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Paul said, "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his SUBTILTY, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him" (2 COR. 11:3-4).

What is the SIMPLICITY that is in Christ? The answer to every question is always found in the Word of God.

"The law of the Lord is perfect [ENTIRE], converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure [CERTAIN], making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right [STRAIGHT], rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure [CLEAR], enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true [TRUSTWORTHINESS] and righteous [TO BE RIGHT] altogether" (PSALM 19:7-9).

There is nothing complicated about God's plan of salvation which He alone provided for every man and woman, and every boy and girl. Our very own nature from birth proves that we all need saving:

"...for we have before PROVED both Jews and Gentiles, that they are ALL under sin; as it is written, There is NONE righteous, no, NOT ONE: There is NONE that understandeth, there is NONE that seeketh after God. They are ALL gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is NONE that doeth good, no, NOT ONE. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way

of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes" (ROMANS 3:9-18).

God knows that "...EVERY man [AND WOMAN] is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust [A LONGING FOR WHAT IS FORBIDDEN], and enticed [ENTRAPPED]. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (JAMES 1:14-15).

So God sent His only Son into the world to save man from the penalty of sin which is DEATH. Since disobeying God's word brings forth sin, Jesus, who was obedient to the Father in all things, took our place by suffering the penalty of sin, DYING upon the cross.



On the third day after his death, God INDEED defeated death by raising Jesus from the dead. And now, God commands all the world to repent, "Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man [KNOWN AS "THE WORD OF GOD"] whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath GIVEN ASSURANCE unto ALL men, in that he hath raised him from the dead" (ACTS 17:30-31).

The simplicity of the gospel (or the good news) of Christ is very evident: "...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" (1 Cor. 15:1-4).

What we must do before we die is also very clear: "...if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (ROMANS 10:9-10). God cannot lie! Believe Him now.