

The Focus of Our Life

Romans 1.3-4

The truth about life is that we have a number of important questions that are difficult to answer. What is the focus of life? Where are the real answers to life's questions to be found? Where are we heading? No doubt, these are questions that all of us have asked ourselves at one time or another. Unfortunately, sometimes it is true that even when we think we know where we are going, often we do not end up there.

People have always looked for answers. Too frequently, we find ourselves looking in all the wrong places for the answers; only to find that they are not to be found. Interesting enough, the Bible clearly reveals that there is a single focus for life. This focus is the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ, born of human descent and revealed as the powerful Son of God through his resurrection, is now exalted as Lord. Jesus Christ is the central focus of the Gospel and of all God's purposes in history, and he should be the central focus of our lives as well.

Our text captures a picture of Christ that is essential to understanding the heart of true Christianity. What Paul writes here, under the inspiration of the Spirit, will disclose the place Christ must occupy in our lives. Looking at this passage, let's examine three revelations concerning Jesus Christ that underscore his place in history and in life as the main thing.

As To His Human Nature

"... regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David." Romans 1.3

*"Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness."* Philippians 2.6-7

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3.16-17

As To His Divine Nature

"... and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead." Romans 1.4a

"I and the Father are one." John 10.30

"I tell you the truth.' Jesus answered. 'Before Abraham was born, I am!'" John 8.58

"Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'" John 20.28

It is vital to know this: Without Jesus Christ as the divine Son of God, we have no faith to follow. Without Christ, we have no Christianity. If Jesus was simply a man and not the eternal Son of God, then we have no salvation at all. This is why Paul emphasizes that not only did Jesus come in the flesh, but he also was God who came in the flesh.

As To His Exalted Position

"... Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 1.4b

*"The LORD says to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.'" Psalm 110.1*

*"For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,
'The Lord said to my Lord: Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.'*

Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." Acts 2.34-36

If your life has been out of focus recently, then you might want to refocus on Christ. His Lordship has implications for every area of your life. If your life is centered in Jesus Christ, then he will impact every area of your existence: your personal behavior, your family life, your career, and your social life. If you are looking everywhere else for answers, then you will miss the real meaning of it all. Look to Christ.

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