

## Christ the Firstfruits

### The First and only begotten of the Father!

#### John 1:1,14, 18

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

18 No man hath seen God at any time; **the only begotten Son**, which is **in the bosom of the Father**, he hath declared him.

#### John 3:16-18

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave **his only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; **but that the world through him might be saved.**

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed **in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**

#### 1 John 4:9-10

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that **God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.**

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that **he loved us**, and **sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

### The First begotten of Mary!

#### Isaiah 7:14

14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; **Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.**

#### Isaiah 9:6-7

6 For unto us **a child is born**, unto us **a son is given**: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and **his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.**

7 Of the increase of his government and peace **there shall be no end**, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, **to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.** The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

#### Luke 1:34-35

34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, **seeing I know not a man?**

35 And the angel answered and said unto her, **The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee**: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

### **Matthew 1:20-23**

20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, **fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.**

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

22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

23 **Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.**

### **The First begotten of the Dead!**

### **Revelation 1:5-6**

5 And from **Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead,** and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; **to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Acts 2:25-28**

25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord **always** before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

26 **Therefore** did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; **moreover** also my flesh shall rest in hope:

27 **Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.**

28 Thou hast made known to me **the ways of life;** thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

### **Acts 26:22-23**

22 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:

23 **That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should show light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.**

### **The First begotten of every Creature!**

### **Colossians 1:12-17**

12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet **to be partakers of the inheritance** of the saints **in light:**

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and **hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:**

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the **forgiveness of sins:**

15 Who is **the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:**

16 For **by him were all things created,** that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

17 And **he is before all things**, and **by him all things consist**.

### **The First begotten of the Living!**

#### **1 Corinthians 15:20-23**

20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and **become the firstfruits of them that slept**.

21 For since by man came death, **by man came also the resurrection of the dead**.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ shall all be made alive**.

23 But every man in his own order: **Christ the firstfruits**; afterward they that are Christ's **at his coming**.

#### **Matthew 27:52-53**

52 And the graves were opened; and **many bodies of the saints which slept arose**,

53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

### **We have the Firstfruits of the Spirit!**

#### **Romans 8:19-23**

19 For the earnest expectation of the creature **waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God**.

20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

21 Because the creature itself also **shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God**.

22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, **which have the firstfruits of the Spirit**, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, **waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body**.

#### **Romans 8:10-14**

10 And **if Christ be in you**, the body is dead because of sin; **but the Spirit is life** because of righteousness.

11 But **if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you**, **he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you**.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, **to live after the flesh**.

13 For if ye live after the flesh, **ye shall die**: but if ye **through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body**, **ye shall live**.

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, **they are the sons of God**.

#### **James 1:17-18**

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift **is from above, and cometh down** from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

18 **Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth**, **that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures**.

### **1 Peter 1:3-5**

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy **hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

5 Who are kept **by the power of God through faith unto salvation** ready to be revealed in the last time.

**We who have the Firstfruits of the Spirit, have a Promise!!!**

### **1 Corinthians 15:51-58**

51 Behold, I show you a mystery; **We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,**

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, **and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**

53 For this corruptible **must put on incorruption,** and this mortal **must put on immortality.**

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, **Death is swallowed up in victory.**

55 O death, **where is thy sting?** O grave, **where is thy victory?**

56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

57 But thanks be to God, **which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that **your labour is not in vain** in the Lord.

### **1 Thessalonians 4:15-18**

15 For this we say unto you **by the word of the Lord,** that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 **For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout,** with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: **and the dead in Christ shall rise first:**

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 **Wherefore comfort one another with these words.**

**Come take part of the Promise.....**

### **Acts 2:36-39**

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel **know assuredly,** that **God hath made that same Jesus,** whom ye have crucified, **both Lord and Christ.**

37 Now when they heard this, **they were pricked in their heart,** and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, **Men and brethren, what shall we do?**

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For **the promise is unto you,** and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.