**If** you have **obeyed** **from the heart the** **form of the teaching**, you are …



“**In Christ**”

**If we walk in the Light like Jesus, two things happen:**

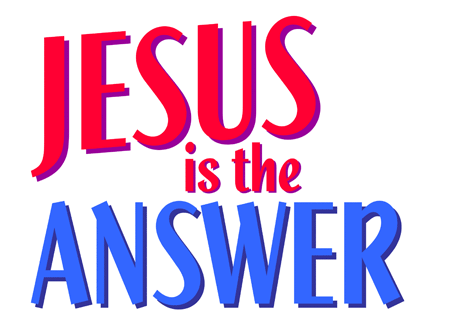
* “We have fellowship with one another”
* “The blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin”

**Now…**

C:\Users\Jesus-LT\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\MEYTB44T\MC900056149[1].wmfIt can be very confusing when you look around and find so many different signs with all of them including the same word — “Church”.

For many, it is about the same as seeing so many restaurants or grocery stores, thinking they all have the same purpose, selling the same things.

***So …* Where can you go to get to the heart of the matter?**



**Your Church**

**Address**

(XXX) XXX-XXXX 🙜 www.yourwebsite.xxx 🙞

**Vision Statement**

***So…***



**What’s the question?**

**Life’s Most Important Question!**

**Are the things said about Jesus really true?**

Before we answer this question, we must know where we can **find the most accurate answer**.

**Consider the Bible:**

* It is the oldest account about Jesus, written by those who knew him best

**What is so significant about this?**

**It means that the Bible is:**

* Faithfully handed down since the beginning of Christianity
* Translated (not interpreted) to give the best representation of what it said when it was written
* Protected from corruption
* Gives us the best testimony of the ones who knew the answer to this question

**Because of this, we can look to the Bible for the Truth!**



**Here’s how we gain the benefits …**

“Thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, **you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching**”

How do you **OBEY** the ***form*** of the Gospel?



**Believing that Jesus is truly the Son of God who died, was buried and rose, you must die to sin (repent; change your mind about who Christ is and who sets the rules for our lives–King Jesus)**

* + “He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin”
  + “Do you not know that all of us who have been **baptized into Christ Jesus** have been **baptized into His death**?”

**Buried with Christ**

* + “Therefore we have been **buried with Him** through baptism into death”

**Raised in His likeness**

* + **“Christ was raised** from the dead … so **we too might live a new life” (Jesus rules)**



**The Great Christ Event**

**According to the Bible…**

* Christ died for our sins
  + “Christ also died for sins once for all, *the* just for *the* unjust”
  + **Why?** “All have sinned and fallen short”
* He was buried
  + Because He truly died
* Raised on the third day
  + “He was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead”

What great news! **And** … you can have the benefits of what Jesus did for us?

**Now let’s consider what the Bible says about Jesus**

* *“*Call His name *Immanuel,* which is translated, *God with us*”
* “Call His name Jesus, for He will save His people”
* “God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ”
* “Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but through me”

**Here’s more good news about Jesus**

* “This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”
* “Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day”

**Are you wondering why He did this?**

* “God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”
* “For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly”

Think about this for a minute. After all, there is nothing we can do about our sins and God has to be just. So, how does all of this come together?

**I’m glad you asked!**

**Here’s how it all comes together…**

The Bible tells us that **God has offered to**:

* **Qualify us** “to share in the inheritance of the saints”
* **Rescue us** “from the domain of darkness”
* **Transfer us** “to the kingdom of His beloved Son in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins”

**Why? Consider this:**

* + We live in a dark, sinful world and it’s not very pleasant

**The goal: Get out!**

* + **We’re not stuck here**
    - It is our choice
    - We have opportunity — “called by the Gospel”
    - “God is not willing that any should perish”
  + **The Gospel**
    - The word means “Good News”
    - It is a great message about Jesus
    - Here it is in a nutshell:
      * Jesus died for our sins
      * He was buried (to show he really died)
      * He was raised from the dead

More good news: You can receive the benefits of this great Gospel! Because the Gospel is true, you can be …

***Rescued*** from the dark kingdom and ***transferred*** to the beloved kingdom, putting you “in Christ,” part of his body, the church.

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**Here’s the best part of all…**

* You get to live in the **Beloved Kingdom**

**Jesus is the King; He makes the rules**

* “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind”
* Jesus said, “If you love me, keep my commands”

**Here’s how this works …**