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JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"THE EXPECTATION OF EVERY MAN'S HEART"

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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OUR TEXT BEFORE US IS ONE THAT BRINGS US FACE TO FACE
WITH THE ISSUES OF LIFE BOTH FOR HERE AND IN ETERNITY

Luke 3:15-18

Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, :16 John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. :17 His winnowing fan *is* in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire." :18 And with many other exhortations he preached to the people.

THE EXPECTATION OF EVERY MAN'S HEART

I.) The Supremacy of Christ

v.15-16

a.) Jesus Christ alone brings lasting peace

v.15

Now as the people were in **expectation**, and all **reasoned** in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not

they were in **expectation**,
(brought there by John's Words and Actions)

Expectation -- brought to a place of waiting with confidence, certain that what was longed for is about to happen, anticipation!

Their Emptiness has Been Intensified - They Needed to Answer It

John 14:25-27

"These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. :26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. :27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

and all **reasoned (mused)**

to think it over again and again.
to engage the mind with all effort.

To Concentrate !

Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.

The Supremacy of Christ

b.) Jesus Christ alone brings real humility v.16

John answered, saying to all,
"I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming,
whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose.

"I indeed baptize you with water"

What I Do is Symbolic - It Points to Someone and Something

The Message of the Rabbis in Christ's Day was...

"a rabbi must be obeyed in all things by the disciple, but no man is as low as to loose another man's sandals, that is a place for a slave."

John 13:1-17

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end :2 And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, :3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and

that He had come from God and was going to God, :4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. :5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel with which He was girded. :6 Then He came to Simon Peter. And *Peter* said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?" :7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this." :8 Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." :9 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also *my* hands and *my* head!" :10 Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash *his* feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." :11 For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean." :12 So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? :13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. :14 If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. :15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. :16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. :17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

The Supremacy of Christ

c.) *Jesus Christ alone brings true belonging* v.16

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.... and fire.

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a fixed position, to put in place

John 14:16-18

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide **with** you forever—
:17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells **with** you and shall be **in** you. :18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

How Do You Receive the Holy Spirit in (inside) you?

By Being Born Again, This is Salvation

John 20:21-22

So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." :22 And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

But How do receive the Holy Spirit upon (covering) you?

Luke 11:10-13

For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.
:11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he* asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? :12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? :13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

Acts 1:4-8

And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," *He said*, "you have heard from Me; :5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." :6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" :7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. :8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

What's The Result, The Purpose, The Reason?

- 1.assurance of salvation
- 2.boldness in the world
- 3.awareness of the world around you
- 4.meaning, fulfillment, purpose
- 5.endurance, perseverance, steadfastness

Ephesians 1:13-14

In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, :14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 4:30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

2 Timothy 2:19

Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His,"

THE EXPECTATION OF EVERY MAN'S HEART

II.) *The Authority of Christ*

v.17

a.) *Only Jesus Christ has the right to judge*

v.17a

His **winnowing fan** *is* in His hand, and
He will **thoroughly clean** out His threshing floor,

The Farmers Rake, or Shovel built to Throw High
the Grain or Crop into the Air

John 5:22

For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, :23 that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

Revelation 5:2-5

Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" :3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. :4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. :5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

The Authority of Christ

b.) Only Jesus Christ has the knowledge to judge v.17b

and gather **the wheat** into His barn;

c.) Only Jesus Christ has the power to judge v.17c

but **the chaff** He will burn with **unquenchable fire**

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Matthew 25:31-33

"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. :32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. :33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

THE EXPECTATION OF EVERY MAN'S HEART

III.) The Totality of Christ v.18

And with many other **exhortations** he **preached** to the people.

WITH EXHORTATIONS, HE PREACHED !

a.) Come and be forgiven v.18

And with many other **exhortations** he **preached** to the people.

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words that call near, invitations to be comforted both now and forever

John Called Out to Them

“The Messiah is the Answer to Your Life”

The Totality of Christ

b.) Come and be valued

v.18

And with many other exhortations **he preached** to the people.

This "Preaching by Exhortation" would have...
(Drawn to Mind or Placed Before Them) The Heart of God

The Calling to Mind the Scriptures of Old

The Challenge to Them was, Remember The Scriptures?
WHAT DO THEY SAY ABOUT GOD, ABOUT LIFE, ABOUT YOU?

c.) Come and be Owned

v.18

And with many other exhortations he preached **to the people**.

It's in Jesus Christ
that a person can experience Satisfaction
Satisfaction of Being Owned

We are all familiar with John 3:16
But what is the Old Testament Equivalent?

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Jeremiah 31:3

“Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love;
Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

JESUS THE CHRIST; THE EXPECTATION OF EVERY MAN'S HEART

what if you had someone to defend you.

someone who knew everything about you, and was still devoted to defending you.

someone to tell your story for you better than you could yourself?

Hebrews 7:22-25

by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant. :23 Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. :24 But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. :25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make **intercession** for them.

Hebrews 8:1

Now *this is* the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a **High Priest**, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,

Hebrews 9:11-14

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. :12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. :13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, :14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Hebrews 9:24-28

For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, *which are* copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; :25 not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another— :26 He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. :27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, :28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who **eagerly wait** for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

JESUS CHRIST; THE EXPECTATION OF EVERY MAN'S HEART

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