



True Christianity Intro

True Christianity is where God is the Father of our spiritual being. Our own human life and birth isn't enough. As Jesus Christ put it, "You must be born again."

God wants sons and daughters, He wants a family.

The Jewish faith (Old Testament) led up to the point where Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah arrived on the scene.

Most of the Jews couldn't accept that this illegitimate carpenter from the back country town of Nazareth could be the promised Messiah. And to be fair not only did His arrival seem un-dramatic but He didn't fulfil several prophecies they knew the Messiah would fulfil.

He weren't to know that the Messiah comes twice, once to be the sacrifice for the sins of the world and the second time as the all conquering hero. Nor were they to know that God had blinded them to the truth so that He could offer salvation to the Gentiles (non-Jews) before returning back to save all of Israel.

Anyway, up to the point where Jesus died on the cross the accepted sacrifice for Passover was a lamb. Passover represented freedom from a life of slavery to freedom to walk into the Promised Land but the price was the death of a lamb. Jesus was crucified while the lambs were being sacrificed in the temple. As John the Baptist had said, Jesus was the Lamb of God, The one lamb that would cover the need for all sacrificial lambs. He was the new Passover Lamb and for people who believed in that sacrifice it meant freedom from their old life to the beginning of a new. The angel of death had passed over, they were new creatures in Christ.

The blood of lambs, goats and oxen had covered the people in the Old Testament but the sacrifice of Jesus Christ did far more than that.

The spirit of those animals couldn't come back on the people. They went away from the temple ceremony with the same problems, tendencies, lusts and perversions that they had always had. But under the new sacrifice, the New Testament, the spirit of Jesus Christ returned on the believers. God's own spirit now lived inside His people.

They were born again.

He returned first at the Upper Room at Pentecost but under the new baptism Peter initiated in Acts 2 v 38 this gift of the Holy Spirit was promised to every single believer there would ever be.

Peter demanded repentance, then baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins so that the believer would receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Roman's 6 describes the process. A believer becomes dead to sin and is buried in water but rises up a new person. It is the same spirit that raised Christ from the dead that raises the believer to a new life.

True Christianity is faith that the death of Jesus Christ on the cross covers all sin. There is no need for penance or lots of good deeds to keep us acceptable to God, He has done it all for us.

True Christianity is where the life of God, the Holy Spirit, baptises the believer, creating a new person. And that new person has the life of Jesus Christ in them; fulfilling Bible prophecy for today.