



Statement of Faith - God – The Son – Part 2

God the Son – Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, fully God and fully man. As God incarnate He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He therefore lived a sinless life and perfectly fulfilled God’s law, imputing this righteousness to those who believe. He glorified God by saving mankind from their sin, taking sins upon Himself, dying on the cross under the punishment of God as the atoning sacrifice. Having raised from the dead, He ascended into heaven and is at the right hand of God where He ever lives to make intercession for His saints. Christ is the only means whereby mankind can be forgiven of their sins and their guilt removed. At the appointed time He will return bodily in power and glory to judge the living and the dead, and to consummate His redemptive purpose. (Matt 5:17, Luke 1:26-33, 2:6-7, John 1:1-3, 5:22-29, 14:6, Acts 4:12, 17:31, Rom 3:21-26, 8:34, Col 1:15-18, 2 Thess 2:7-10, Heb 9:14, 1 Pet 2:21-24, 1 John 3:5)

He glorified God by saving mankind from their sin, taking sins upon Himself, dying on the cross under the punishment of God as the atoning sacrifice. -These marvelous wonders of salvation were all accomplished by the Son in His obedience to the will of the Father. The Son came and carried out the plans and purposes of God, fulfilling the law and the prophets and bring to completion all that was necessary for God’s redemption of the creation. These works of Christ were the ultimate act of glorifying God. In fact the saints will give God glory eternally for this redemption paid by the Son.

John 13:31-32 - 31 When therefore he had gone out, Jesus said, "**Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him**"; 32 if God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and will glorify Him immediately. NASB

It was the express will and purpose of God for Jesus to save His people from their sins. It was for this deed that He came. He is said to have “taken away our sins(John 1:29), born our sins (Isaiah 53:12, saved us from sin(Matt 1:21), was made sin for us(2Cor 5:21), gave Himself for sins(Gal 1:4), made purification for sins Heb 1:3, and has freed us from our sins by His blood Rev 1:5. All of this He did by taking our sins upon Himself and being punished “*in our place*” for these sins. This we call the “*substitutionary atonement.*” He died for us as a “substitute” and this “atoned” or covered over our sins.

Isaiah 53:5 - But He was **pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.** NASB

Romans 5:6-10 - 6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, **Christ died for us.** 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be **saved from the wrath of God through Him.** 10 For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. NASB

He died FOR us....instead of us. He bore the wrath of God for us, this we call a propitiation.(Rom 3:25, Heb 2:17) It means that the death of Christ affected a real and fundamental change in our relationship to God by taking our place and bearing the guilt of our sins as an offering to appease the holy wrath of God.

1 John 4:10 - 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. NASB

Isaiah 53:10 - 10 But the LORD was pleased To crush Him, putting Him to grief; **If He would render Himself as a guilt offering**, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, And the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand. NASB

Having raised from the dead, He ascended into heaven and is at the right hand of God where He ever lives to make intercession for His saints. Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, seen by over 500 eyewitnesses and then ascended into heaven where He awaits the consummation of the ages at His second coming.

1 Corinthians 15:3-9 - For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and **that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures**, 5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 After that **He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time**, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; 7 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; 8 and last of all, as it were to one untimely born, He appeared to me also. NASB

Furthermore, the scripture speaks plainly about the fact that the Father *raised* the Son from the dead and *glorified* Him, finally *seating* Him at His right hand.

Ephesians 1:19-23 - 19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might 20 which He brought about in Christ, when **He raised Him from the dead**, and **seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places**, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the one to come. 22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fulness of Him who fills all in all. NASB

Hebrews 10:11-13 - 11 And every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; 12 **but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God**, 13 waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet. NASB

Because Christ has died one time for the sins of all of His people, He therefore has provided a complete and eternal reconciliation with God and He Himself is the mediator between God and man forever. God will never again have His holy anger aroused by our sins because of the perfect priesthood of Christ.

Hebrews 7:23-27 - 23 And the former priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers, because they were prevented by death from continuing, 24 **but He, on the other hand, because He abides forever, holds His priesthood permanently**. 25 Hence, also, **He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them**. 26 For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens; 27 who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins, and then for the sins of the people, because this **He did once for all when He offered up Himself**. NASB

Christ is the only means whereby mankind can be forgiven of their sins and their guilt removed. The term for the removal of guilt is what we call "*expiation*." Christ made a fundamental change in our relationship with God by expiating our guilt. Having paid the full price of our sin by His death, our guilt was removed. We were bought with a price, a ransom.....we were redeemed by the price of the sinless Son of God, Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:18-19 - 18 knowing that **you were not redeemed with perishable things** like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, **19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.** NASB

Here now is the reason why Jesus is the only way to the Father, as He states in...

John 14:6 - Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; **no one comes to the Father, but through Me.** NASB

There is NO OTHER sinless perfect man to die for the sins of others because all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God(Rom 3:23). Therefore, no one is worthy to pay the price for the sins of others. Either Christ will pay the penalty for your sins or you will. And this price is the cost of death, eternal separation from God(2 Thes 1:9).

Mankind cannot be righteous through works or deeds, but only through the imputed righteousness of Christ.

Romans 3:20 - 20 because by **the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight;** for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin. NASB

You see the problem is that mankind has sinned against God incurring the penalty that God's justice demands which is death(Rom 6:23). In order for you to pay the penalty for your sin, you would have to die spiritually,(be separated from God forever), that is the just penalty for sin.

Therefore there is a need for expiation, propitiation, redemption, and reconciliation. Something must be done with your sin, and without the shedding of blood there is NO FORGIVENESS of sin(Heb 9:22, Ps 9:12, Lev 17:11). Without the shedding of the blood of Christ, there can be no:

- Expiation(removal of guilt)
- Propitiation(appeasement of God's wrath)
- Redemption(the payment that justice demands of our sins)
- Reconciliation(restoration of the relationship with God).

But because Jesus PAID THE PRICE, sins have been expiated, propitiated and redeemed and this has brought about reconciliation with God.

Romans 5:9 - 9 Much more then, **having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.** NASB

Therefore there is no other way to be saved from the consequences of sin except through the sacrifice of Christ at Calvary.

Acts 4:12 - 12 "And **there is salvation in no one else;** for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved." NASB

At the appointed time He will return bodily in power and glory to judge the living and the dead, and to consummate His redemptive purpose. The Lord Jesus is coming again a second time to fulfill several specific events in redemptive history, which are prophesied in the bible, but are yet to be fulfilled. The bible clearly speaks about this second coming of Christ.

Hebrews 9:27-28 - 27 And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, 28 so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, shall **appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.** NASB

Revelation 1:7 - 7 Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. Even so. Amen. NASB
We say that He will return **“bodily”** because the New Testament makes it clear that this will be an actual physical appearance and not just a spiritual return in the hearts and minds of people. This also is clear in scripture.

Acts 1:9-11 - And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was departing, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them; 11 and they also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? **This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.**" NASB

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 - 16 For **the Lord Himself will descend from heaven** with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. NASB

This coming of Christ is said to be **“in power and glory”** and to bring an end to evil and oppression on the earth. He will destroy wicked and ungodly men and establish His kingdom upon the earth. At this time He is said to be glorified in His people on that day and to gather them together to be with Him forever.

Matthew 24:29-31 - 29 "But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken, 30 and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and **they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory.** 31 "And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and **they will gather together His elect** from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other. NASB

2 Thessalonians 1:7-11 - 7 and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well **when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, 8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.** 9 And these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, 10 **when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day,** and to be marveled at among all who have believed — for our testimony to you was believed. NASB

There are several events to take place at the second coming. These would include but not be limited to:

- The rapture of the church (**Matt 24:29-31, 1 Thes 4:17-19**)
- The destruction of wicked and ungodly men (**2 Thes 1:7-10, Jude 14-15**)
- The establishment of His Kingdom on earth (**Rev 20:8-10**)
- The judgment of the living and the dead (**Acts 17:31, Matt 25, Rom 2:16, 2 Tim 4:1**)

These will be covered in more detail in a later statement.