

# THE SWORD

September 18, 2022



Psalm 28:7 (KJV)

The LORD is my strength and my shield;  
my heart trusted in him,  
and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth;  
and with my song will I praise him.



Sunday Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.

Sunday Worship Experience: 10:30 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 P.M.

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## *Word of the Week*

### **Manifest**

**1 Timothy 3:16 (KJV)** <sup>16</sup> And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

**Greek Strong's Number:** 5319

**Definition:** to *render apparent* (literal or figurative) :- appear, manifestly declare, shew (self).

**Synopsis:** "God was manifest [revealed] in the flesh." God actually became a man in the person of Jesus Christ. He actually partook of flesh and blood. Jesus Christ identified with man perfectly. By becoming Man, He experienced all the trials and sufferings of men; therefore, He is able to succor and deliver men through all the trials of life.

"For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted" (Hebrews 2:16-18).

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:15-16).

## *Minister's Minutes*

### **A Shepherd Secures Them**

*"They shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid." Zeph. 3:13*

Yesterday we thought of the afflicted and poor people whom the Lord left to be a living seed in a dead world. The prophet says of such that they shall not work iniquity nor speak lies. So that while they had neither rank nor riches to guard them, they were also quite unable to use those weapons in which the wicked place so much reliance: they could neither defend themselves by sin nor by subtlety.

What then? Would they be destroyed? By no means! They should both feed and rest, and be not merely free from danger, but even quiet from fear of evil. Sheep are very feeble creatures, and wolves are terrible enemies; yet at this hour sheep are more numerous than wolves, and the cause of the sheep is always winning, while the cause of the wolves is always declining. One day flocks of sheep will cover the plains, and not a wolf will be left. The fact is that sheep have a shepherd, and this gives them provender, protection, and peace. "None" -- which means not one, whether in human or diabolical form -- "shall make them afraid." Who shall terrify the Lord's flock when He is near? We lie down in green pastures, for Jesus Himself is food and rest to our souls.

## *Announcements*

- Thank you to all those who came out to support the NTFB/LMCC Food Distribution that took place on September 14 at 9:00 a.m.
- Please Support AFFECT, Inc and CARE Project Foundation Incorporated for North Texas Giving Day. Early Giving has started and is the perfect time to give for those who can't on September 22, or for those who want to give a little extra. All donation received will help support our community outreach, Turkey and Basket giveaway, and other upcoming initiatives.
- The annual Botham Jean Red Tie Dinner will be held on Sept. 24. Tickets are \$150 each.
- Let us keep all those who have lost loved ones in our thoughts and prayers.
- Every 2nd Sunday Marsalis Avenue host a Zoom Grief Support Meeting at 4PM (Meeting ID: 880 4065 3591, Passcode: 411521)
- California Avenue Church of Christ in Bakersfield, CA host a Sunday Evening Spiritual Encouragement Hour each week on Zoom at 7:30PM central time (Meeting ID: 985 543 3927, Passcode: 1020cal)
- We would like to wish a happy birthday and/or anniversary to everyone who is celebrating this week.

## *What is the Plan of Salvation?*

I Peter 1:20 (NASB) says, “For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you.” Before God said let there be light, the plan for mankind’s salvation had already been created by the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Before God formed man from the dust of the earth, the heavenly trinity had already established a plan for the redemption of mankind. Before God beheld that all He created was “very good” and decided to rest on the seventh day, the Godhead formulated a mystery that would be revealed to reunite mankind with God. We must be thankful to God that His love for us reached back before there was an us. In knowing this, we should follow after the WORD that was made flesh and dwelt amongst us without hesitation. Jesus the Christ is everything that we need (II Peter 1:2–4).

**Hear the Gospel of Jesus the Christ** (Romans 10:14). One must hear the glorious message that Jesus the Christ sacrificially died for the penalty of our sin, and that he was raised from the dead by the power of God.

**Believe in Jesus the Christ** (Hebrews 11:6). One must believe that Jesus was more than just a man, but the Christ.

**Repent in the name of Jesus the Christ** (Luke 24:46–47). Repentance is required; however, it is not said to take away sin, but rather it produces in us a desire to be vindicated by Jesus the Christ.

**Confess that Jesus the Christ is the Son of God** (Acts 8:36–37). A person must be willing to make the greatest proclamation ever known to mankind, and that is Jesus the Christ is the Son of God.

**Be baptized for the remission of sins in the name of Jesus the Christ** (Acts 2:38). Baptism is not a sign of salvation, but rather a New Testament requirement for salvation. The action emulates our Lord and Savior’s death, burial and resurrection.

**Being faithful until death like Jesus the Christ** (Philippians 2:4–8). If we stay faithful to God’s will, God’s word and God’s way, we will have a home not made with hands awaiting us some day.

**What is the Plan of Salvation? How do I become a Christian?**

**The Answer: JESUS the CHRIST**

Sermon Notes for 9.18.22

Speaker: Ramon Hodridge

Text: 1st John 4:7-13

Title: The Source of Love (part 2)

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