

I. JESUS IS TO BE RECEIVED BY FAITH; [To those who believe His name]

A. Faith Involves believing in the unseen. John 20:29

1. Faith can come by reading OF Jesus- John 20:30,31
2. John promises wonderful things to believers-1:12,13
3. Eternal life is in the picture- I John 5:13

B. Believing in the “name of Jesus” places Him with God

1. So the first thing our prepared hearts must believe is that Jesus is God in the flesh.
2. He does not simply represent God or teach about God. He is Immanuel.

II. WE ALSO MUST ACCEPT THAT HE IS OUR ONLY SAVIOUR

A. (This requires real faith in a day of many religions)

B. He is simply our hero.

C. So we must prepare ourselves to place Jesus in a category alone.

D. ‘Jesus’ is the topic of EVERY message of salvation in the N.T

1. Not only Paul- we preach Christ crucified”
2. But all others. Example Philip- Acts 8

III. WE ARE DUTY BOUND TO BELIEVE HE IS OUR SIN OFFERING

A. This is O.T. Language for an animal being considered as payment

B. PPT

C. This captures the essence of what Jesus really did and what we must believe

IV. WE MUST BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD

A. To believe in the name of Jesus,” is to envision God

B. To say “son or’ had deeper meaning that meets the eye

1. Barnabus = son of encouragement
2. Judas was “son of destruction”
3. James and John were “sons of thunder’

C. Saying this got Jesus in the most trouble:

1. John 5:17,18-
2. John 10:30,31

D. So we must believe that Jesus is God with rights, privileges and powers

CONCLUSION: We must open our hearts and minds to receive Jesus by faith, which is ‘trusting to the point of commitment, “it we would expect Jesus to dwell with us. Cf. Rev. 2:10.

Now see Heb. 11:6- Since Jesus is God in the flesh, does this not apply?