

That's My Jesus!

The Mighty God- Part 4

The Purpose of This Series: Too much about Jesus gets lost in the shuffle during Christmas and in our preparations for the next year. These four messages, of this series, are to help us press through the clutter and better identify who our Jesus is. These are not your typical seasonal sermons, but they are to assist us to better equip us to know who Christ is and in that to better know who we are in Christ.

The Purpose of This Message: I agree with John Piper and I will attempt to paraphrase, "It's more important to understand the scripture than the technical word, too many know the words without knowing the script." One of the central and most important messages about Christ throughout the Bible is His "*Incarnation*," the doctrine that Jesus became flesh. But parallel to that message is His deity, He was God, this is a mighty revelation to some and a confusing stumbling block for others. This message is a means of revealing some of that truth so it can give you strength and freedom in your life today!

Jesus: The Mighty God

Jesus did the things that no other man did, proving that He was God. His life was filled with the divine. His virgin birth, the miracles performed and His resurrection from the dead all provided us with forgiveness to cover our sins. This Jesus brought the grace of God (Titus 2:11-13), that appeared to all men, for all men.

Scripturally, there is no distinction between the **God of all creation**, the LORD who reigns in heaven, the One worthy of our worship and praise and **Jesus**. **There are people who do not like to think that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Mighty God, they like to think of him as just a man, perhaps a little better than most of us men, some have rendered this by the way, "A God of a hero."** **Mighty God is a title used of both Jesus and Yahweh** specifically (Almighty is applied to Jesus in Revelation 1:8).

Today it is popular to be "spiritual" but it is very unpopular to have a "god." Actually it is offensive. You cannot help but get one of these two impressions in this message today, "Freedom", or "Frustration." How you view God is really going to be how you view life. If you get God right you will get your life right. Because of the confusion of God, there are those who we will differ from just on the basis of believing the Word of God and what it says about Jesus being the "Mighty God."

Jehovah's Witnesses

Some groups (such as **Jehovah's Witnesses**) try to make a distinction between **Mighty God and Almighty God**. Jehovah's Witness theology claims that Jesus Christ was God's first creation. They use **two Bible verses** for this thought, **Colossians 1:15 and Revelation 3:14**. Ironically, Jehovah's Witnesses quote a verse from one of the chapters of the Bible that makes one of the strongest cases for the deity of Jesus Christ.

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation."
Colossians 1:15

Seventh-day Adventist

What **Ellen G. White** writes in her books, is to be believed as truth from God's throne by Seventh-day Adventist Church members. Is it true that "the man Christ Jesus was not Lord God Almighty"?

EGW: "But although Christ's glory was for a time veiled and eclipsed by His assuming humanity, yet He did not cease to be God when He became man...The man Christ Jesus was not the Lord God Almighty, yet Christ and the Father are one." SDA Bible Commentary, vol.5 p.1129

Jesus "did not cease to be God when he became man," and "that Christ and the Father are one," which are true statements about the deity of God. It is also true that the Father is the Lord God Almighty, but it is a false statement to say, "that Jesus is not the Lord God Almighty."

Unitarians

There are those who claim to follow the Word of God but do not believe Jesus is God. Unitarians say that Jesus Christ is not God, and when they deny the trinity, they actually deny the Christian faith. If I am worshipping an individual who is not God, as he says he is God, then I am an idolater, how does that work? And if I am an idolater, then I have committed one of the worst sins that offends God. When I say that Jesus Christ is God and when someone says he is not God, this is a serious, divisive thing. Having a stance on this issue is not an attempt of religious arrogance, it's a demand for truth that is at stake.

Mormons

Mormons believe that all of us are in the process of becoming Gods.

These religions are not fully Christian in their teaching. There is a challenge when it comes to who Jesus really is. I encourage you to do what so many bankers do to find counterfeit money. They don't look at counterfeit money all day to discover it, they look at the real thing so much that it's so oblivious when it's not real. The greatest way to know the differences of what God is not is by knowing who God is.

A few weeks back I was in prayer asking God how people cannot distinguish Him correctly as they read the same Bible as me. In response I felt the Holy Spirit asking me a simple question: "How many times do you believe some of these people who knock on your doors hear the true gospel?" I would say that was an odd question. As I thought about the question I remembered sharing with several people who knocked on my door representing "another gospel" what the Bible says. I used scripture to share the plan of salvation. Then I thought of how many people I have talked to who had done the very same thing. In response to the question I told God, "Any one of those people who have knocked on my door must have heard the simple, clear and true gospel maybe 50-100 times." Then I was asked again: "After hearing the gospel, why didn't they believe?" You do realize that God is never enquiring of you because He lacks insight! He is always getting you to understand something powerful, and it came in a clear and simple statement: "Why they don't believe is because they never go back to the scripture, they always go back to their script!"

One of our elders shared with me a statement that I find very keen, "**You can torture the evidence enough that it will confess to any lie.**" Wow, what a statement. When you are in deception you will look for anything that will support that lie, even if it comes to twisting the

Word of God. Listen, the people who are really hurting, who are really lost, who are really looking for God will always ask the right questions, but those who have their own “script” will only argue and fight over differences. Their pursuit of God has fallen off, their agenda has become their main objective. A true test of any belief is answering this question, “Who is God?” That definition should be a progressive expose, a continual revelation. As one author put it, we are to look at God as though we are looking through a telescope that exposes the grandness of God, not at a microscope that is full of minuet complications that only bring confusion, strife and limited fruit.

Islam

Islam says Jesus is one of many prophets with the supreme prophet being Mohammed. They would be quite up front about saying that Christians are worshipping a false God in Jesus.

"And indeed, if Christ had not been God, it would have been unlawful to glory in him; for it is written, 'Cursed be he that trusteth in man.'" (Jeremiah 17:5)" (John Calvin)

Jesus Only

I find it important to mention that this is not a message supporting the Jesus only teaching. My stance and the stance of our church is very clear on this matter concerning the Trinity:

Both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible show that there is one God, and that He exists forever and in three Persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

God the Father is the creator and sustainer of everything. He composed the universe—in all of its beauty and glory—and while He was making this universe, He made man in His own image so that He could have fellowship with him. After man fell, God the Father graciously called man back into fellowship with Him through Christ.

Jesus Christ is God and is the Son of God. He is the living Word of God, and through Him all things were created. Born to the Virgin Mary and of the Holy Spirit, Jesus left heaven and came to earth as a man to redeem mankind. He is completely God and completely man.

The Holy Spirit is God, and He is the Giver of life. The Spirit was active during the Old Testament, often speaking and working through the Jewish prophets. But it was on the day of Pentecost that He was given to the Church in fullness. The Holy Spirit works in our lives to transform us into the image of Jesus. He also empowers us to serve Jesus, and to be witnesses to His name. He is fully released in our lives by the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which happens after salvation. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is shown both inwardly and outwardly by many different ways.

Too often we spend so much time teaching what we believe theologically, or what we are not, that we don't teach who Christ is. We stress our stance but not communicate our relationship. It would take far too much time to teach on all that others say Christ is or is not and all that we believe He is. What needs to be taught today is this, Jesus is the “Mighty God!” That's it. We will just focus on that. All the other issues that surround it are not on the agenda today. That is not saying that they are not important, it is just not the point. Today is not one more attempt to compound a theological stance but to liberate our spirit with an eternal fact, Jesus is the “Mighty God.” Until you get God right you will never get life right!

In preparation of this message I said to myself again and again, "Mighty God." What came to mind were two different impressions. First was the old black and white pencil drawings of an angry God. Obviously this was part of my flannel-graph memory of God in Sunday School during the 60's. It was actually a picture of Moses with the ten-commandments, holding them high above his head about to throw them down on the rocks below. All of this was because of his disappointment and anger toward the children of Israel for their disobedience while he was on the mountain with God. Somehow, the "Mighty God," conjures up the image of an "angry" God with me. And to that I've had to review and renew my mind of years of teaching that supported this thinking.

Secondly, the thought that comes to me when I think of "Mighty God," is a signs and wonders sort of God. The God of the miraculous! I love this image of God, but while compiling this message I have again been challenged by the Holy Spirit to reinvestigate God's true image, primarily as to what the "Mighty God" actually is and not what I have personally associated with that title. What I have found is a deeper understanding of Him. If you may have been like me, without really knowing it, you have given some definition as to what the "Mighty God" is without taking the time or knowing how to unfold this mysterious aspect of Him. This is why I encourage you to join with me in this teaching. See if you don't discover something that will bless your heart because you discover something else about who He is, He is the Mighty God!

Who Is Jesus?

Throughout the Gospels Jesus claims to have god-like authority and claimed that He had the authority to forgive sin, He declared that He was God. Any view of Christ that makes Him merely a good man, misinterprets Jesus and the Word of God! **Some would seek to make Jesus less than the "Mighty God."**

The Mighty God

"Mighty God" = El Gibbor (Hebrew):

- **El = God**
- **Gibbor = strong, powerful, mighty, champion, hero**

The word ***El*** in the **Book of Isaiah** never means anything but God. ***El*** can mean something other than God. ***El*** signifies strength; and perhaps a literal translation even of that title might be, "**The Strong one,**" the strong God.

- The soldiers of Israel are described as "mighty [gibbor] men of valor" (Josh. 1:14; 6:2; 8:3 NKJV).
- The giant Goliath is called a "champion [gibbor]" (1 Samuel 17:51).
- King David's top soldiers were known as his "mighty [gibbor] men" (2 Samuel 23:8).
- The Lord is described as being "mighty [gibbor] in battle" (Psalm 24:8).

El Gibor, the Lord, the Mighty God.

On earth He was just as truly GOD as He was Man, and as truly Man as He was GOD. He could not have made atonement for sin otherwise. He had to be who He was in order to do what He did.

"...Christ himself was an Israelite as far as his human nature is concerned. And he is

God, the one who rules over everything and is worthy of eternal praise! Amen.”
Romans 9:5 (NLT)

It is easy to say that Jesus was the powerful Savior. But that phrase loses some of its potency because we use the terms “mighty” or “powerful” in many different ways,

- We might call someone a powerful leader, mighty army, an athlete a power hitter or a power forward.
- A person might deliver a powerful speech or a vehicle has a powerful engine.

But to reject Christ is to reject God. Those who tell us that faith in Christ is not necessary for salvation are saying that the claims of Christ are not true. Jesus drew a clear line. His declaration was firm and direct. We bow before Him or we don't. And that fact will determine whether or not we will spend eternity in Heaven.

“And we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us understanding so that we can know the true God. And now we live in fellowship with the true God because we live in fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the only true God, and he is eternal life.”
1 John 5:20

“The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.”
Hebrews 1:3

“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”
Matthew 28:18

In other words, He has supreme authority. He has ALL authority.

We can see Jesus displayed as the Mighty God in at least three ways:

I. Jesus The Mighty God: Prophetically

The kingdom of Israel and the nation of Judah were taken into captivity by Assyria and Babylon. Their hope was in the promises for a deliverer. The Jews who had returned to their homeland from Babylon were dominated by the Roman Empire. In their oppression they prayed and hoped for the appearance of the promised Messiah, a conquering king who would deliver them from their Roman overlords and restore Israel back to national greatness.

From what they could clearly interpret from ancient manuscripts, the prophecies of the coming Messiah was upon them. Their hopes ran high. When John the Baptist came on the scene, some thought he might be the Messiah. The Scripture tells us that **“the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ [Messiah] or not”** (Luke 3:15). John was clear with all the people that he was not the Messiah, but he did point people to Jesus of Nazareth.

Now let's put a hold on that thought, the idea of Jesus being on this earth in the flesh. Let's look way back, way back to the beginning in **Genesis 5**. Here we read the

names of the **linage between Adam and Noah**. Why is this important? Because it is important to know that God had a plan. It was a “Mighty” plan, you could say a “Master’s Plan!” From the very beginning of time, Jesus was the “Mighty God!”

What we read in Genesis 5 are proper names of several people, but they are not translated names. Let me put it this way. I used to live at 1205 Heather when I was growing up. When I was asked my address when I was growing up, I didn’t think in my mind 1-2-0-5 Flower! Every time I stated my address, I didn’t think of a flower, as a matter of fact, you could show me two flowers, one of them being a “Heather,” and I would not know which one to pick. Though I said the name, I still don’t know the meaning.

Hebrew names are much the same way, they have meaning and are making a statement. For example, Enoch named his son using two Hebrew roots: **muth**, which means “his death,” and **shelac**, which is a verb form that means “bring,” or sent forth.” The flood of Noah did not come as a surprise; it had been predicted for four generations. Let’s unravel these by digging into the meaning of the Hebrew roots that make up the names.

Adam: (adomah) “man”

Seth: “appointed” (Genesis 4:25)

Enosh: (From root *anash*, “to be incurable”) “mortal,” frail,” “miserable”

Kenan: “sorrow,” “dirge,” “elegy”

Mahalal’el: “the Blessed God”- (*mahalal*) “blessed”; (*El*) the name for God

Jared: (from the verb *yaradh*) “shall come down”

Enoch: “commencement” or “teaching”

Methusaleh: “his death shall bring”- *muth*, a root that means “death”; *shalach* means “bring” or “send forth”

Lamech: “despairing” (from which we get “lament” or “lamentation”)

Noah: (derived from *nacham*) “comfort” or “rest” (Genesis 5:29)

The sequence-Adam-Seth-Enosh-Kenan-Mahalaleel-Jared-Enoch-Methusaleh-Lamech-Noah- reads this way,

I want you to look at the incredible implications of these names. I want you to see what is being stated and keep in the back of your mind, “Who is Jesus?”

“Man [is] appointed mortal sorrow; [but] the blessed God shall come down teaching [that His] death shall bring [the] despairing rest.”

Here is the New Testament Gospel tucked away in a genealogy of the first book of the Bible. Every word of the Bible has direct purpose. God’s plan from the beginning was so the Mighty God, Jesus Christ, could come and redeem mankind, it was ordained from the foundation of the world. (Dr. Chuck Missler, Learn The Bible in 24 Hours, Thomas Nelson, 2002, pg. 24-25)

The birth of Jesus was an incredible fulfillment of prophecy. **During His life Jesus fulfilled 60 major Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah and 270 different implications or ramifications that the Messiah was to accomplish. There is no possible way that anyone else could be the Messiah but Jesus of Nazareth.**

Here are just a few of the prophecies related to the Christmas story

- The Messiah would be God come to earth
- The Messiah would be born as a man
- The messiah would be born of a virgin
- The Messiah would be born of the tribe of Judah
- The Messiah would be born of the house of David
- The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem
- The Messiah would be from Nazareth
- The Messiah would come out of Egypt
- The Messiah would be the cause of a massacre of babies
- The Messiah would be the deliver of spiritual captives

Peter Stoner a **researcher in the field of probabilities** examined the data regarding the Messiah and the **possibility of one person fulfilling just eight of them**. The chances are **10 to the 17th power**, which is **one in one hundred quadrillion**. (That is a **one with 17 zeros behind it**) **Jesus fulfilled all 60** and that shows that we can call Him mighty God.

II. Jesus The Mighty God: Powerfully

The miracles of Jesus testify of Him being a Mighty God. They testify that He was God. **Blind men** received their sight, **crippled people walked**, **dead people came back to life**, **demon possessed people were set free**, **diseased people were made well**.

Jesus was unique in His power. No other religious leader exercised this kind of dramatic power. We read about Jesus calming a fierce storm. He was with His disciples and the storm hung around them, it looked as if death was immanent. Then Jesus got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

*"He replied, "You of little faith, **why are you so afraid?**" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. The men were amazed and asked, '**What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!**'"*

Matthew 8:26-27

Look at the question they had, "What kind of man is this?" See, that's the question we are all challenged to ask ourselves when it comes to Christ. As a matter of fact, if you have not asked yourself that question, you may not know Him as personally as you think you may.

C.S. Lewis version in his book Mere Christianity (c.1952) was challenged with this very question. In his personal search for God and an understanding of Jesus, he was faced with having to come to a conclusion with who Jesus was. He formulated that He could only be one of three kinds of people, a liar, a lunatic or He was really Lord. Here is his own words about that matter:

"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: "I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God." That is the one thing we must not say. A man

who said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic--on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg--or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

Lewis ends one chapter (originally, one radio talk) with the quote above, and expands on it in the beginning of the immediately following one:

"We are faced, then, with a frightening alternative. This man we are talking about either was (and is) just what He said, or else a lunatic, or something worse. Now it seems to me obvious that He was neither a lunatic nor a fiend: and consequently, however strange or terrifying or unlikely it may seem, I have to accept the view that He was and is God. God has landed on this enemy-occupied world in human form."

Josh McDowell comes right to the point, (McDowell, Josh. Evidence That Demands a Verdict. revised edition, San Bernardino, Here's Life, 1979, p. 104).

"Jesus claimed to be God. He did not leave any other options. His claim to be God must be either true or false and is something that should be given serious consideration."

Later on in his book he makes this challenging statement (p. 107):

"Who you decide Jesus Christ is must not be an idle intellectual exercise. You cannot put Him on the shelf as a great moral teacher. That is not a valid option. He is either a liar, a lunatic, or the Lord. You must make a choice."

Time and again the miracles of Jesus testified to his uniqueness. John the Baptist was thrown in prison. While he was there he began to wonder if Jesus was really the Messiah, the one who would save people from their sins. So he sent messengers to Jesus and asked, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?"

"Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me."

Matthew 11:5-6

Matthew records that Jesus healed every disease and sickness that was among people. Jesus had the power over sickness and disease. There was nothing that He could not heal. Of the miracles of Jesus, healings outnumber any other type of miracle. The casting out of demons was often accompanied by the healing of the person who was possessed.

- Jesus healed people on 25 separate occasions in the gospels.
- Three times Jesus raised people from the dead

- Two times Jesus healed people of leprosy
- Five times Jesus cast out demons

Jesus revealed His power over the spiritual realms by casting out demons and having complete and total power over them. The demons literally begged for mercy from Jesus because not only did He have authority over them, He could have destroyed them.

- Nine times Jesus healed people with physical ailments
- Six times Jesus healed people with general sicknesses
- Jesus healed anyone of anything (23)

Jesus did not limit His healing to only those who were Jews. From this passage we see that people followed Him from various other countries from that region of the world. We also know that on other occasions Jesus healed the Roman Centurion's servant and the Canaanite woman's daughter. Jesus healed anyone that came to Him in faith.

III. Jesus The Mighty God: Personally

- **John's followers**, a fisherman named **Andrew**, followed Jesus after a brief encounter. It became very apparent to him,

"He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah.'"

John 1:40-41

Both **Andrew and Simon** (Peter) became followers of Jesus. The "Messiah" is translated, the Christ.

- **The Samaritan woman** Jesus acknowledged that He was the long-awaited Messiah.

"The woman said to Him, 'I know that Messiah is coming'. 'When He comes, He will tell us all things.' Jesus said to her, 'I who speak to you am He'"

John 4:25-26

- **At His Trial**, Jesus acknowledged that He was the Messiah.

*"And the **high priest stood up** in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, 'Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?' But He kept silent and answered nothing. **Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, 'Are You the Christ [Messiah], the Son of the Blessed?'** Jesus said, 'I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.'"*

Mark 14:60-62

- **When the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate**, questioned Him before His crucifixion, Jesus said:

*"My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here." **Pilate asked Jesus if He were indeed a king. Jesus responded: "You say rightly***

that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth."

John 18:36-37

- **Thomas' response to the resurrected Jesus**

*"Then He said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. **Stop doubting and believe.**' Thomas said to him, '**My Lord and my God!**' Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; **blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**"*

John 20:27-29

Thomas realized, because of Jesus' resurrection, who Jesus really was -- and humbly worshiped Him and declared His true identity: "*My Lord and my God!*" Jesus not only accepts this declaration, but blesses all of the disciples -- and all of us today -- who come to the same realization and place of humble worship.

- **Jesus accepted worship prior to His ascension**

*"Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; **but some doubted.**"*

Matthew 28:16-17

Jesus was worshiped at His birth, throughout His ministry, after His resurrection, and again here -- right before His physical ascension into heaven. His divine nature, as a member of the Godhead (along with the Father and the Holy Spirit), was never questioned by Him or by those who really knew who He was and followed Him.

When Jesus came to this world, He came for one reason, to die. When we about Jesus as God, we must remember that the birth of Jesus must be seen in light of the cross. The incarnation was to bring the sinless perfection of God to humanity and pay the penalty for sin. Jesus lived a perfect life and died once for all. The sacrifice of Jesus on the cross was the ultimate demonstration of God's love for us. The resurrection was the sign that Satan had been defeated and the power of sin and death no longer reigned over humanity.

Look at what the resurrection provides us:

- Citizenship in heaven
- Forgiveness of sins
- Resurrection from the death and eternal life
- We are made a new creation (Regeneration)
- Freedom from the bondage to sin and the Law
- The empowerment of the Holy Spirit

- **Paul's understanding as an apostle and leader of the church**

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. . . For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form. . ."

Colossians 1:15-16; 2:9

And in Titus 2:13-14 Paul refers to him as “*our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us. . .*”

It is believed that some of Paul’s letters were some of the earliest Christian writings, with most of them actually pre-dating the four Gospels -- yet they make some of the strongest statements concerning the first church’s clear understanding of Jesus as the Creator; God in human form.

- **Jesus will be worshiped by every creature in heaven**

“Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: ‘To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!’ The four living creatures said, ‘Amen,’ and the elders fell down and worshiped.”

Revelation 5:13-14

There is no doubt that the last book in the Bible tells us prophetically that every living creature will know and acknowledge that Jesus is the God we will praise and worship! Just as the Jews waiting for the Messiah to come the first time, we are waiting for the Second Coming. There are a variety of ways that Jesus will display His power at the Second Coming but here are a few that we should keep in mind when thinking of Him as Mighty God.

- Jesus will defeat the Antichrist and Satan
- Jesus will share the power of the resurrection with the church
- Jesus will bring about a new heaven and a new earth
- Jesus will reign for 1,000 years as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords
- Jesus will see every knee bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord

Jesus will reveal His power for the entire world to see and the mockers will be put to shame, the scoffers will be put to shame and the faithful will be vindicated. All injustice will be made right, all sorrow will be removed, all sickness will be erased and death will finally die. It is safe to call Jesus mighty God.

What Is That To Me?

The question that many people may be asking when it comes to Jesus being the “Mighty God,” and here it is “So What?” Here are at least two reasons why this title of Jesus should deepen and enrich our hearts:

1. **He Is Able To Do What He Promised.**

a) He Promised Eternal Life.

“I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. and the Father are one.”

John 10:28-30

b) He Promised Personal Empowerment.

"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires."

II Peter 1:3-4

"Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them."

Hebrews 7:25

As you read God's Word you can't help but notice what is required of us. After taking a quick look in the mirror you realize that you cannot under your own power save yourself. Your good intentions and "good deeds" can never wash away the works of the rebellious sin and failures of our life. Without the proper help we are in over our head, we are in big trouble.

The promise promise of the personal empowerment of Jesus, in spite of sin can be made new in each one of us because of Christ. Our past does not have to define our future. If we will place our faith in Christ, His death will cover our sin. His resurrection will empower us to overcome. Because He is the Mighty God He can save even those who,

- Who have abused others through their words or actions
- Who gave up their sexual purity and pursued unhealthy relationships
- Who have lied, cheated, manipulated their way through life
- Who have abused their body through drugs
- Who have ignored God or railed against God for decades
- Who have spent most of their life devoted to false religions
- Who have committed criminal acts
- Who have stolen from others
- Who have been unfaithful in their marriages

When it comes to God, "Where you have been" is not as big as "Where you are going!" **Jesus is powerful enough to pay for your sin.** This Mighty God is enough. He is the one who can give you a new beginning and an assurance of Heaven.

c) He Promised An Eternal Place.

"Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them."

Hebrews 11:16

d) He promised to return for us.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

John 14:3

2. He Is Able To Do Great Things Through Us!

It's easy to wonder if Jesus really has a purpose for us. We can see the great need for Him, but us for Him? That's a challenging thought. Often, what we are going through in the present can distract us from what God is doing in the spirit. The fact that Jesus is the Mighty God means that He is more than able to help us, but more than that, to empower us to get the help we need right now.

There are well known **secessionist**, (John MacArthur), a secessionists, in short, believe that miracles have ceased long ago at the end of the apostolic age. Secessionist are people who personally have never experienced God's power in their own life or ministry; therefore, **insist that miracles must have ceased**. Indeed books upon books have been written claiming that God is retired or on an extended vacation. (Article taken from The Mighty God Blog, Thursday, August 27, 2009, entitled: Does God Do Miracles Today?)

But the **promise of salvation** is the greatest demonstration of God's power and promise. It took a miracle for you to recognize the voice of God calling your name.

- That He would give us his Spirit who would **guide us into all truth** (John 16:13)
- That He would **supply our needs** (Matthew 6:25-33)
- That He would **delivers him from our troubles** (Psalm 34:19)
- That He would **do thing for us if we asked Him** (John 14:14)
- That He would **allow signs to follow those who believe** (Mark 16:17)

We know from personal experience that people make promises that they can't keep, but **Jesus can't lie because He is just like His Father**. His promises are sure **because He is the Mighty God**.

- He will draw close to the person who is filled with loneliness
- He will give strength to the one who is engulfed with fear
- He will provide comfort to the one who's heart is broken
- He will give direction for the one who doesn't know which way to turn
- He will provide for the one who is jobless
- He will give new courage to the one who is discouraged
- He will protect and defend the one who feels their life has come crashing down around them
- He will bring justice to the evil doers

But the message of these two words "Mighty God" is simple. We may feel helpless but our Lord is able to help. The one who healed the lepers and raised the dead is the Lord who has offered you salvation. The Lord who created and sustains all there is, is the same Lord who calls you His child.