

Messiah, God is With Us Now

Jesus is called the Messiah. In fact, every time someone says “Jesus Christ,” they are referring to Jesus as the Messiah, since “Christ” means “Messiah” or, in English, the Anointed One.

Matthew 1:16: *“and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.”* Personal salvation only comes through faith in “Jesus Messiah”. This is in accordance with the eternal plan of the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. All of God’s promises of salvation are based on the covenant of the Trinity established before time began. Theologians teach about the covenant of promise and grace from eternity: the Father promised His Son a people and a kingdom, the Son promised the Father that He would carry out the work of redemption, and the Holy Spirit promised His effective work in everything. **Galatians 4:4-5:** *“But when the fullness of the time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons and daughters.”* The Bible also explains why God sent Jesus into the world; reasons that contribute to His glory and to our eternal benefit. Jesus says, **John 5:37:** *“And the Father who sent Me has Himself testified concerning Me...”*

John 6:44: *“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day.”* **John 6:57:** *“Just as the living Father sent Me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on Me will live because of Me.”* The apostle Paul tells us, **1 Timothy 2:5-6:**

“For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.” And Jesus assured us, **Luke 10:22:** *“All things have been committed to Me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him.”* and following, **John 14:6-7:** *“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you really know Me, you will know My Father as well. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him.”* Peter verifies this, **Acts 4:12:** *“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”* God wants to share His eternity with us. We worship an eternal God, and we do so with great intensity because He sent His eternal Son into the zone of time to provide us a way to share in His eternal life. Don’t neglect such a great salvation. When we confess our sins and acknowledge Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord, we receive the gift of eternal life offered from the foundation of the world. That is something only an eternal God can promise.