

Why Jesus?

Have you ever asked yourself this question or perhaps someone has asked you, why Jesus?

I think this is one of the most important questions anyone can ever ask. It can change EVERYTHING in your life in a way you have probably never imagined. Millions of people can testify to this truth. Now consider this question. Who is Jesus and why do I need him?

Well, for that answer we have to turn to the only authoritative source in the world, the Holy Bible. The Scriptures tell us a lot about Jesus, who He is to us, and His plans for us for eternity.

Who is Jesus? He is your Friend, your Savior, your Comforter, your King, and you're Provider! He will not demand anything from you in exchange for his love. It's unconditional! All you have to do is believe in Him and accept His Grace and Mercy to cover all of your sins. Baptism and everything else just naturally follow. You don't have to do anything special to communicate with him. There are no prescribed prayers or rituals that you have to go through to talk with him. He is your access to God the Father 24 hours a day. You will have his undivided attention at all times.

No matter what you have to tell him, no matter how bad it might be, He will listen patiently to all that is in your heart and petition His Father on your behalf. John 14 Verse 16 says, "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever." He will comfort you in your time of need. He will give you peace in times of trial. He will fill your heart when you are sad. He will heal your spirit when you are troubled. He will love you unconditionally! Romans chapter 3 verse 23 says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." He will forgive anything that you have done.

He has already died for you. Romans 5 verse 8 says, "⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." He is now your King and Savior! He has already offered you salvation. He has already offered you eternal life in His Kingdom. He is ready and willing to do even more for you, if you will let Him. He wants to carry your burdens. He wants you to give

him your worries and your fears. He wants to give you an abundant, happy life. You only have to do one thing. You have to be willing to believe in Him and accept Him and all that He offers you. His gifts are all free. His forgiveness of your sins is free, but you have to be willing to accept them.

So why Jesus? Imagine a friend who is willing to die for you so that you might live forever in a perfect Kingdom paradise. Imagine someone who is willing to give you eternal life, just because he loves you. Romans 6 verse 23 tells us, **“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in^[a] Christ Jesus our Lord.”**

Why Jesus? Imagine a brother who can heal a disease you have, and who will carry all your worries and your fears for you. Why Jesus? Imagine someone who just happens to have the God of the whole universe as his Father, who can petition this all-powerful being on your behalf anytime you ask. Well, you don't have to imagine it any longer. You have all of this right now!

For all you fellow Christians at Shady Shores Baptist Church this is the “Good News of our day” we are committed through our salvation from Jesus Christ to spread this Good News to anyone and everyone that God has prepared for us. Being gentle and kind, friendship and unconditional love is what Jesus teaches us. This is the key to winning people over to God!

What is the one thing that everyone can relate to no matter who you are, or what culture you live in, or what your current state of life is? Regardless of the trials, difficulties, and troubles you may now be experiencing, regardless of the doubt and anxiety, regardless of the loneliness, pain, and suffering, everyone understands and appreciates the value of friendship.

Proverbs 18 verse 24 tells us that **“one who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”** And who is the one friend who sticks closer than a brother? Jesus Christ himself, the almighty God, king of the universe. He is the best friend that you will ever have. Galatians 3 verse 26 reassures all of us **“^{so} in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.”**

Put Jesus first in your life and spread the good news of today to all that will receive.

Your Brother in Christ; Rob