



Sermon: "Jesus Through the Ages"

Scripture: Selected Verses

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I-Jesus has always existed- John 1:1-3; Gen.1:1

'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.' Jn.1:1

A-Jesus always was, and is...yesterday, today and forever-

1-The purpose of writing about Jesus in eternity past and future is that we might believe-

'Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.' Jn.20:30-31

2-The important part of Jesus' life is not that He was a good man, but that He is the Son of God, and that He came to earth to take the punishment for our sin.

B-Moses did not try to prove that God and Jesus existed in Genesis 1, he just assumed the truth of God in three persons existing from all time.

C-Jesus was also seen in what are called *theophanies*-

1-That is an appearance of God in the flesh before Jesus was born.

2-God appeared to Abraham and Sarah in Genesis 18 and told them they would have a baby-

Jesus is a promise keeper-

3-God also appeared to Moses in the burning bush in Exodus 3

D-When God makes promises to man, He always keeps them-

II-Jesus Loves all of Us- John 3:16

A-This is the central point of the Bible-

All of us are the reason that God's redemption plan through Jesus was completed on the cross

And victory came when Jesus rose from the grave-

B-The last part of John 3:16, '...that whosoever believes in Him, should not perish but have everlasting life.'

III-Jesus is now and always will exist- John 14:1-3

A-Jesus told the disciples, and all of us, that He was going to Heaven to prepare a place for us.

1-Jesus is a promise keeper-

2-Not only is Jesus preparing dwelling places for us, but He carries our prayers to God the Father

a-We don't need to pray through any other being-

b-He is the only mediator- 1 Timothy 2:5

B-He is preparing a New Heaven and a New Earth- Revelation 21-22

1-God's plan for each of us was to dwell with Him in fellowship-

2-Genesis 1 shows God living with Adam and Eve in fellowship each day-

3-When man sinned, that fellowship was broken.

4-Jesus appeared in theophanies, like meeting with Abraham and Moses.

5-Then God dwelled in the Tabernacle and later in the Temple-

6-When Jesus came to earth He lived with the disciples, but not all on earth could see Him.

C-God the Holy Spirit today provides fellowship with each person who accepts Jesus as their savior.
D- In the days to come, God's plan is to personally have fellowship with us in the New Heaven and New Earth.

Jesus has been with God the Father from before time, as we know it, ever began. He has been reaching out to mankind as we have seen in our studies of scripture. He desires to draw all men to Himself, but many and perhaps most have rejected His provision for salvation.

Further Study-

God's desire for mankind was to have fellowship with him from the beginning of creation. How can we see that desired implemented in history past?

Why did God appear to men in theophanies in the Old Testament?

Did all believers in the Old Testament have the Holy Spirit living within them?

What are the wonderful blessings of the New Heaven and the New Earth that all who dwell there will experience, that we cannot experience today?