

Biblical Topics

Son – Jesus Christ

He is called Jesus because He is the only Savior of all mankind. This name was selected by God Himself, and tells us what He really is, for the word means “helper, savior.” He is the only Savior, there is none beside Him.

- Matthew 1:21: She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”
- Acts 4:12: Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”
- John 14:6: Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

He is called Christ, or the Messiah (as foretold in OT prophecy), that is, the Anointed because He has been anointed with the Holy Spirit without measure (to be our Prophet, Priest, and King.)

- Psalm 45:7: You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.
- Acts 10:38: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.
- John 3:34: For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit.

I know and accept the Christ of the Bible as my personal Savior and trust only in Him for my salvation. Faith in Christ means not merely to know the story of His life, suffering, and death, but that we realize in our hearts that He lived, suffered, and died for us. He died in our place to stone for our sins and reconcile us with God. Therefore we can feel sure that for His sake God forgives us all our sins and will take us to heaven.

- John 17:3: Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.
- John 3:36: Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on him.”
- 2 Timothy 1:12: I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service.

The above information is taken from: “Luther’s Small Catechism” annotated by Edward W. A. Koehler.