

**THE CHRIST WE PREACH**  
**1 Corinthians 1:22-24**

**INTRODUCTION**

- A. Brief summary of John 9.
  - 1. Question of blind man. Vs. 35-36
- B. This man had been blind.
  - 1. He had received the Lord's blessings.
  - 2. He needed more than this.
- C. In order to receive salvation, he needed to know who Christ was.
- D. This is a timely question – "Who is the Christ we preach?"

**I. THE CHRIST OF THE VIRGIN BIRTH.**

- A. Why is this important?
  - 1. Isaiah 7:14
  - 2. A sign from God.
  - 3. If He is not this person, we are following the wrong man.
- B. The word of God testifies to the virgin birth.
  - 1. Matthew 1:23-25
  - 2. Colossians 2:9
- C. The works of Christ magnify the virgin birth.
  - 1. Only God can forgive sin. Mark 2:5-7
  - 2. Only God can give life. Lazarus. John 11
  - 3. Only God controls "nature". Sea of Galilee. Matthew 8:23-27

**II. THE CHRIST OF THE SINLESS LIFE.**

- A. He lived without sin.
- B. Tempted, but did not yield. Hebrews 4:15
  - 1. Sinless, therefore can approve (*impute*) righteousness. 2 Corinthians 5:21
  - 2. Sinless, therefore our redeemer. 1 Peter 1:18-19

**III. THE CHRIST OF SACRIFICIAL SUFFERING AND DEATH.**

**[On Behalf of Others – Not For Himself!]**

- A. Matthew 16:21
  - 1. Visit Him in Gethsemane (*Prays the cup pass...*)
  - 2. In Pilate's hall. (*Chants for crucifixion, Pilate's feeble tries for release...*)
  - 3. Carrying the cross to Golgotha. (*Re-directs their mourning for Him...*)
  - 4. On the cross. (*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani...My God...*)

**IV. THE CHRIST OF THE TRIUMPHANT RESURRECTION.**

- A. "He is not here, He is risen." Luke 24:5-7
  - 1. Because He arose we are freed from the guilt and power of sin.
  - 2. God raised Him from the dead. Acts 2:22-24

**V. THE CHRIST OF THE GLORIOUS RETURN.**

- A. Acts 1:11
- B. He came in weakness – as a baby in the manger.
- C. He came in power at Pentecost. Acts 2:1-2
- D. He shall come in glory.
  - 1. Luke 21:27
  - 2. Matthew 16:27
  - 3. Titus 2:13

Will you accept this Christ and follow Him?