

# Precious Christ

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- *Matthew 11:28-29 (NKJV)*  
*28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*  
*29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

# Coming to Him

- *John 6:35 (NKJV)*  
*35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."*

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- *Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)*  
*16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

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  - “Chief Cornerstone” (1 Pet. 2:6)
    - “Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.”

# Why is Christ Precious?

- “Shepherd and Overseer of our souls” (1 Pet. 2:25)
  - “For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”

# Why is Christ Precious?

- ***Because of what He has done***
  - Redeemed us (1 Pet. 1:18-19)
    - “Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

# Why is Christ Precious?

- ***Because of what He has done***
  - **Left us an example (1 Pet. 2:21-23)**
    - “For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;”

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- ***Because of what He has done***
  - **Bore our sins (1 Pet. 2:24)**
    - “Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed”

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- ***Because of what He has done***
  - **Suffered for us (1 Pet. 4:1)**
    - “Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,”

# Why is Christ Precious?

- ***Because of what He will do***
  - **Return as a thief in the night (2 Pet. 3:10-13)**
    - “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up”

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    - “Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”

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- ***Because of what He will do***
  - Reward the faithful (1 Pet. 5:4)
    - “And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away”

# Our responsibility

- 2 Pet. 3:18
  - “But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen”