

# Saving Life of Christ - Part 2

by Major Ian Thomas

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of the resurrection of Jesus and the indwelling Holy Spirit in giving us life and making us partakers of the divine nature.*

**Duration:** 50:09

**Scripture:** Matthew 17:9, Acts 4:2, Acts 5:29-30, Acts 5:32, Acts 5:42, 2 Timothy 3:1

**Topics:** "Life Of Christ"

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses the issue of faith fading into mere form and how the church has lost touch with the true essence of Christianity. He emphasizes that history repeats itself because people fail to learn from it. The preacher quotes from the second epistle of Paul to Timothy, highlighting the characteristics of people in the last days before the return of Jesus. He emphasizes the need for the church to return to the message of the early church, which focused on preaching Jesus and his resurrection from the dead.

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## Transcript

So again, we are so privileged to have Major Thomas come and to share with us. Let me pray for him as he comes up Father we just ask now that your spirit would just mightily anoint this great man of God What a blessing to have him and father We just ask that you would say through him to us all that we need to hear tonight in Jesus name. I Appreciate the mention that the pastor has made of that book the saving life of Christ Maybe you thought she was saved by the death of Jesus, but that isn't what the Bible says You may be redeemed reconciled to God by the death of Jesus That's why in the sinlessness of his humanity.

He was born nearly 2,000 years ago But it's not his death for you that Saved you saved to reconcile you to God and qualify you to become the recipient of his saving life He came to restore man to function To make it possible for a holy God without doing violence to his own righteousness To restore to man the life that man forfeited in the day that Adam fell and all mankind The Lord Jesus said I'm come that you might have life Not just a new destination when you're dead and buried I've come to restore you by resurrection to that quality of life that God always intended a miracle All of deity and clothed with man's humanity So that we become his hands his feet his lips his eyes and mind and heart God in action and that's what it means really to be a genuine Christian part of the action letting Jesus Christ be to you all he allowed the father to be to him God in a man and The inevitably of course if I preach the gospel, that's what I got to talk about Jesus the author and finisher of our faith the Alpha and the Omega the beginning and the end the first

word the creative word and the last word because God is going to judge this world in righteousness and The 17th chapter of the book of the Acts and the 31st verse tells us by whom he's going to judge this world Jesus whereof he's born testimony Whereby he has raised him from the dead It's the risen living Christ who's going to come again, and I'm looking forward to that. I Think he's a little bit overdue. I remind him of that Because I don't anticipate going to heaven by underground.

I'm going by air That'll be fun, won't it? And I hope I'm home when he comes because I live in Estes Park, Colorado And that's 9,000 feet up So I'll have a 9,000 foot Hot start on most of you folks Hope you catch up in time Not to miss the boat I was mentioning the saving life of Christ and what the pastor said was his favorite chapter any old bush will do and My wife who's not Unsmart decided she had sent a copy of that book to the president any old bush will do Huh Somebody once asked him how he began the day. He said I go downstairs to my study and Then I bend my knee and talk to God It's a good way to start the day No matter what a kind of a bush you are a little over 2,000. No a little over two centuries ago General William Booth who was the founder of the Salvation Army said this The chief danger in the 20th century Will be religion without the Holy Spirit Christianity the chief danger But Christianity without Christ forgiveness Put on offer without the need for repentance salvation without the need of a regeneration spiritual new birth politics without God and a heaven without a hell That was only two centuries ago But in 1787 Gibbon the noted historian completed his decline and fall of the Roman Empire Here's the way he accounted for the fall of the Empire the greatest Empire then in the world and the mightiest military force That conquered even Great Britain and that's something But then I wasn't there then Nor the Royal Fusiliers my regiment City of London Regiment Most famous regiment in the British Army and though maybe nobody's ever told you largely responsible for winning World War two Though we're thankful for a few friends who helped us now and again Here's the way he accounted for the fall of the Roman Empire the rapid increase of divorce 1787 the undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is the basis of human society the mad craze and for pleasure and sports sports becoming every year more exciting and more brutal The building of gigantic armaments when the real enemy was within in the decadence of the people the decay of religion faith fading into mere form ritual instead of reality language instead of life Losing touch with life becoming impotent to warn or guide the people.

Well, that was 1787 and nothing has changed Because man learns nothing from history. He only condemns himself by repeating it let me read a cutting from a newspaper that was written Nearly 2,000 years ago in the second chapter in the rather the third chapter of the second epistle of Paul to Timothy This know in other words, let it penetrate.

Let it sink deep in your heart and mind this know That in the last days that is just before the Lord Jesus comes back again Perilous times shall come Men shall be lovers of their own selves covetous boasters proud blasphemers disobedient to parents Breakdown of family life Unthankful unholy without natural affection truce breakers false accusers incontinent and fierce Despisers of those that are good Traitors heady high-minded lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God Having a form of godliness But denying the power thereof In other words an empty religion with all the pious language Intended to make it valid but empty of substance a Hollow mockery of the real thing noise Lots of it But a little knowledge of God Well, that was written nearly 2,000 years ago does it sound familiar If it doesn't then just read the newspaper today Or listen to the news on television or radio We are right there Right now that's what makes life for a real Christian exciting Because this doesn't take God by surprise doesn't even shock him It grieves him, but doesn't shock him the Lord Jesus said When men's hearts are failing them for fear of the things that are coming on the world he said look up Your redemption draweth nigh exciting And I'm looking forward to

that momentous day when Jesus was born he split history BC and AD Anno Domini the year of our Lord and When Jesus returns he'll split history again And he can't come too soon in this sin-ridden world full of broken hearts and broken homes Nothing new in the depravity of a Christian religion that has lost its identity and validity Because the greatest need worldwide While worldwide right across the globe in the Christian Church is to rediscover Jesus discover that everything that is valid and of lasting Value must have its origin in God himself In Jesus the Creator and our Redeemer ever taught a Sunday school or a Bible class Or been on a platform and preached to a congregation If you have maybe sometimes you've been disappointed Because nothing of what you said with great sincerity is penetrated Well, that's the kind of Bible class that the Lord Jesus had nothing sunk in They were solid As dull as they come No matter what he said and when he told them the truth they got mad Read it for yourself in the sixth chapter of John's gospel commenced with the 60th verse When they heard this Jesus speaking They'd been listening for three years, but they hadn't heard anything But when they heard this what did Jesus say that they heard? without me You can do nothing They heard it Doesn't the first time he'd said it he'd said it many many times not only without my father I can do nothing, but by the way without me You can do nothing.

They Listened they didn't hear nothing made them mad about it until they heard it How do you think they reacted when they heard it? They were mad That's what normally happens when people hear for the first time what? Jesus has had to say something to which they've listened again and again They heard it Let me read it out of the Amplified New Testament Which is a very accurate translation from the original And an immense help if you want to understand What God has to say in his book? sixth chapter of the gospel of John 60th verse When his disciples heard this How did they react Many of them said this is a hard and difficult and strange saying an offensive and unbearable message Who can be expected to listen to such teaching? What did he say? Without me you can do nothing and it was an unbearable message to disciples who thought that It was their duty to get God into business and keep him in business Jesus said it is the Holy Spirit who gives life God the Holy Spirit Not a vague somebody out up there in the clouds, but God himself Representing the triune deity father son and Holy Spirit in man's experience of his creator It is the spirit who gives life he is the life giver the flesh the older damning nature Conveys no benefit whatever There's no profit in it It's a dead loss in other words. There's no profit. It's a dead loss And the words the truth that I have been speaking to you those words this truth is life they didn't like it Because they'd become accustomed to a sterile dead religion and After this verse 66 Many not just a handful many of his disciples drew back Returned to their old associations and no longer Accompanied Jesus they quit Many Went back and no longer walked with him.

They said We can't listen to that stuff. We're going back to the church. We go to we're appreciated And they expect us to do our thing and when we do it they congratulate us That was the early church before something happened And about that we talked this morning in the two services with which the day began the church then in all its poverty Rediscovering Jesus Not as a dead Savior But the living risen indwelling Lord the one of Whose life we become Incredibly in God's goodness partakers Partakers of the divine nature Allowing the Lord Jesus as our creator God to clothe his deity with our humanity as For the 33 years he was on earth.

He allowed the father to clothe himself And be clothed with the sinless humanity of the Lord Jesus He that has seen me said he has seen my father Something happened to the early church, and it's something that is desperately needed right across the church in the world today in which we live Every nation kindred tribe and tongue and race and creed and color needs to rediscover Jesus the risen living indwelling Savior

Who's not only the one who died for us to reconcile us to a holy God? But who triumphantly rose again from the dead to indwell us Give his life to us share that life with us and communicate that life through it It's exciting when you're a real Christian Not just a churchgoer Not just a bundle of text that you've memorized or songs that you sing Somebody living in somebody The father who lives in me Said the Lord Jesus he does the word even the words that I speak unto I speak not of myself I Placed my lips in the sinlessness of my humanity at my father's disposal So that through me he can give utterance to the truth that he knows you need to hear Never tell people what they want to hear Tell them only what they need to know and the church is in desperate need today to hear the voice of God again For that alone will revolutionize your life as a Christian and make it real Not just language, but life Well in the earlier services this morning we talked about that day Apart from which the Lord Jesus said the church will remain a dead loss busy active noisy But a dead loss and as a member of that early church Peter Who knew the language But hadn't a clue what it meant by what he talked about Textually aware, but spiritually unenlightened It's very easy to become familiar with pious language Very easy to set it to music and sing it But language isn't enough if there's no life In the heart of those who use the language and that life the only life is Jesus himself Didn't make any difference to the early church when they rediscovered Jesus as Described for us in the 24th chapter of Luke's gospel a new joy when they rediscovered the risen Lord thought he was dead and buried When the women came and said they'd been rebuked by angels Because they were looking for the living among the dead and came and told the disciples The Apostles themselves in the upper room. He's alive As they replied idle tales. He's dead.

We were there when it happened and he's buried Idle tales that was their description of the gospel at the beginning of the early church but they needed to rediscover Jesus alive and dead and It wasn't till then said the Lord Jesus that There's any validity to what you have to say so keep your mouth shut We spend a lot of time getting people to open their mouths the Lord Jesus spent a lot of time in the early church Tell them to keep their mouth shut Because they didn't know enough to talk sense Huh, and if you don't know enough to talk sense, there's only one smart thing to do keep your mouth shut Until you can Follow the instructions of God's Word written for us in the Psalms Open your mouth wide. I'll fill it God said it isn't until you let God fill your mouth With what he knows others need to hear that you've got a valid ministry Other time otherwise you'll just engage yourself in Pious platitudes with no spiritual substance So did it make any difference? Let me read it to you I quoted it already today and we'll quote it maybe again before we finished in these last in these one or two days that we Are going to spend together Matthew 17 and verse 9 they they were coming down from the Mount of Transfiguration And as they were coming down the Lord Jesus had something to say to them Matthew Chapter 17 verse 9. I'm nearly there Ran out of lake as they came down from the mountain The Lord Jesus charged them saying Tell the vision to no man Anything and everything that you've seen up in the Mount of Transfiguration Not a word about it to anybody Tell the vision to nobody nothing of what you've seen nothing of what you've heard until the Son of Man Is risen from the day Your Christianity won't be valid and you'll have nothing to sell to tell the world around you until I'm risen from the day So what's the heart of the gospel? across With a dead man hanging on it. That isn't the heart of the gospel The heart of the gospel is the resurrection of our once crucified, but now living Savior Because he's the only one who can live the Christian life for a very simple reason.

He is the Christian life I Am the way how to become a Christian. I am the life how to be the Christian you become that's the truth So keep on telling the truth, which means keep on talking about Jesus The beginning and the end alpha and the Omega the first word By whom all things were made and without whom not one thing was made that ever was made He was in the beginning with God was God and he's the last word Very simple when you preach the gospel as God has provided it for us in his inspired word

authored by the Holy Spirit You just talk about Jesus and the Holy Spirit bears witness to the truth  
Convicts the hearts of men awakens their souls and leads them to Christ So did it make any difference to  
the early church as to how they went about their ministry?

Oh Yes What was the message of the early church once they'd rediscovered Christ the risen living  
indwelling Savior Whose life we share by his indwelling Holy Spirit so that he can clothe his deity with our  
redeemed humanity That's what it means to be a Christian restored to function Let's discover what the  
message of the early church really was to which The church today must return if it's to be of any value to a  
lost world Acts chapter 1 and verse 16 16 first first chapter of Acts men and brethren verse 16 Acts  
chapter 1 Who's speaking Peter Peter of all people who didn't want the cross didn't believe in the  
resurrection Who promised that he had died for Jesus if needs being ended up blaspheming cursing and  
swearing and Repudiating the idea that he ever had known Jesus Peter Men and brethren this scripture  
must needs have been fulfilled which the Holy Spirit By the mouth of David God speaking through a man  
Spake before concerning Judas Judas Iscariot Who was guide to them who took Jesus and he was  
numbered with us named to be an apostle Had obtained part of this ministry But this man Purchased a  
field with the reward of iniquity 30 miserable pieces of silver the price of a slave This man purchased a  
field with the reward of iniquity and falling headlong burst asunder die It was known unto all the apostles  
and all the dwellers at Jerusalem In in so much as that field is called in the proper tongue a caldera the  
field of blood It's Written in the book of the Psalms let his habitation be desolate Let no man dwell therein  
and his bishopric let another man take to be replaced as an apostle Wherefore David continued of These  
men which have accompanied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us  
Beginning from the baptism of John unto that same day that he John was taken up Lord Jesus was taken  
up from us must one be ordained Criterion of ordination of An apostle then of anybody who ministers the  
Word of God today Must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection the criterion of  
apostolic office then was that He would stand shoulder to shoulder with those who were prepared  
unashamedly and unafraid to proclaim the fact that Jesus God raised from the dead alive and well  
message of the early church First be convinced of the truth of it. Jesus is alive Acts chapter 1 this was  
Peter talking the one who said not so Lord.

That's not going to happen to you forget it And we're going to make sure it doesn't happen to you and  
Jesus said to him then Get thee behind me Satan Anybody who denies the need and fact of Christ's death  
and resurrection In the devil's business get thee behind me you savor not the things that be of God said  
Jesus to Peter But the things that be of man your theological proposition is of the earth earthy And it has  
no validity But now Peter speaking something's happened He's rediscovered Jesus alive That's Acts  
chapter 1 Acts chapter 2 22nd verse you men of Israel hear these words Jesus of Nazareth a man  
approved of God a God-approved man By miracles signs and wonders some people Believe and teach  
that the deity of Jesus is demonstrated by the miracles that he did but that isn't true Because he didn't do  
the miracles God did You men of Israel hear these words Jesus of Nazareth a man approved of God  
among you by miracles and wonders and signs which God did by him Because in the person of the Lord  
Jesus The Father in heaven had a real man on earth who had led him the father be God in the man Who  
raised Lazarus from the dead God did? Who fed the 5,000 God did? God by him Jesus That's a Christian  
the life of the Lord Jesus was miraculous because he allowed God to be the exclusive cause of his in him  
divine effect and The Christian is a miracle If he's genuine Because the only explanation for what he does  
isn't is is Christ alive clothing his deity with that forgiven sinners humanity What a marvelous privilege To  
be a member of the body of Christ on earth, which is called the church Not a system not a man-made  
organizational entity but a fellowship of redeemed sinners reconciled to a holy God by the blood that Jesus

shed and indwelt by him in the power of his resurrection So that their hands have become his to work with feet to walk with lips to speak with eyes to see with ears to hear with minds to think with and hearts to love with So that you can say to me to live It's Christ Fantastic. That's the gospel. There is no other Pentecost When God for Jesus sake restored to man the life he lost in the day that Adam was stupid enough to believe the devil's lie and died and all mankind Thereafter be born dead and to stay dead Save God's divine intervention on his terms redemption through the shed blood of Jesus When he restores by the gift of the Holy Spirit to man the life he lost in the day that Adam fell born dead Aborted spiritually physically alive spiritually dead This Jesus 32nd verse of the same Second chapter of the book of the Acts this Jesus hath God raised up whereof we all are Witnesses chapter 1 witness to the resurrection Peter Chapter 2 Pentecostal witness to the resurrection Convinced of the truth of it.

They entered into the good of it That's when Peter first discovered what it really means to be a human being Inhabited by his creator or her creator Sharing the life of one who bought this testimony Revelation 1 18 I was dead That's the purpose for which I was born to lay down my life a ransom for many I was dead past tense, but I am present tense alive again Forever more Acts chapter 1 convinced of the truth of the resurrection Acts chapter 2 a witness to the truth of the resurrection Pentecost Acts chapter 3 Convinced of the truth of it Entering into the good of it Pentecost sharing the life of a risen Lord Demonstrating the fact of it first verse Matthew 3 Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer the ninth hour and a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried whom they Laid daily at the gate of the temple, which was called beautiful He was carried to church Lots of people will be in church property today who are carried there by somebody in spite of their unwillingness to be found in church So here was a man who was carried to church Dumped at the gate so that he could ask alms of them that entered into the temple Went to church so he did not ask alms Somebody said this is the story of a man who asked for alms and he got legs. He was lame from his mother's womb Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple he asked an alms and Peter fastening his eyes on him with John said look on us and He gave heed unto them expecting to receive something When all that Peter and John had to offer was some body Silver and gold have I none said Peter, but such as I have I give you Want to share with you the name and the life of Jesus in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk Took him by the hand hand lifted him up immediately his feet and his ankle bones received strength Leaping up. He stood and walked and entered with them into the temple walking leaping praising God And all the poor all the people amazed saw him walking and praising God They knew that it was he who sat for alms to beg at the beautiful gate of the temple filled with wonder Filled with amazement at that which had happened to him And when Peter saw it He said don't be so stupid He answered unto the people you men of Israel.

Why marvel you at this? Why do you look so earnestly on us as though by our own power or by our own holiness? We had made this man to walk don't be that stupid I neither have that kind of holiness nor John nor that kind of power nor John Whereby this man born lame from his mother's womb could be healed It's the God of Abraham It's the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob the God of our fathers Hath glorified his son Jesus Because it's he that did it Whom you delivered up you denied him in the presence of Pilate when he was determined to let him go But you denied the Holy One you denied the just one you desired a murder to be granted unto you And you killed the Prince of life whom God hath raised from the dead whereof we are Witnesses Chapter 1 convinced of the truth of it chapter 2 entered into the good of it Pentecost chapter 3 Demonstrated the fact of it with all a witness to the fact that this Jesus whom they crucified God Raised from the dead. This is the message of the early church. They couldn't talk about anything else Because there was nothing really other than this to talk about Jesus God our creator Redeemer alive and well This is the heart of the church.

This is the gospel that Jesus is alive chapter 4 Don't get worried. There are only 28 chapters in the book of death As they speak unto the people verse 1 of chapter 4 the priests the Professionals and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees Came upon them You know about the Sadducees they didn't believe in the resurrection That's why they were sad you see Anybody who doesn't believe in the resurrection has the right to be sad they deserve to be miserable and If you're not living in the power of an indwelling risen living Savior you deserve to be miserable too and you probably are Because you haven't discovered what it means to be The Christian you said once you became you need what he did for you because of what you've done But you need who he is in you to take the place of who you are So that others as they were then in Jesus saw the father others now in you will see Jesus alive and well You just simply part of the action The redeemed humanity With which the Lord Jesus today still goes on doing and teaching the things that he then began to do and began to teach What a exciting thing it is to be a Christian a member of the body of Christ a miracle the truth on legs When you make your humanity available to the one who created you of whom through whom and to whom are all things and To whom alone be glory I beseech you therefore brethren Romans chapter 12 verse 1 present your bodies to him as he presented his body to the father and prove every day that good acceptable and perfect will of God The adventure of being part and parcel of God's divine redemptive and regenerated plan hatched in the heart of God before ever the world was Fantastic this is Christianity Christ in unity They speak to the people the priests and the captain of the temple Came and the Sadducees upon them being grieved This is what verse 2 now in chapter 4 Being grieved that they taught the people and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead That was their message. This is the message of the early show Is this what you hear when you come to church Remembering that church isn't a building.

It's a fellowship of forgiven sinners redeemed Sealed by the presence within them of a risen Lord in the person of the one whom God gives in the moment of redemption to restore to man the life he lost in Adam rebirth The beginning of real life you stop existing in that moment and begin to live Fantastic How does it go on With great power verse 33 in the same fourth chapter with great power gave the Apostles Witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and great grace God's riches at Christ's expense was upon them all this is the gospel from the time of their rediscovery of a risen living Lord with a new join a new Bible and a new message and a new responsibility and a new enabling Pentecost the gift from God back to man of the life He lost in the day that Adam fell Church was revolutionized When anybody ever went to a gathering where the early church then after their rediscovery of Jesus or witness They heard about a risen living indwelling Savior Is that what you expect when you go to a church meeting?

That's all they had to talk about Because there's nothing better for them to talk about Jesus is alive and not only is he alive because he's alive we are alive and He is our life The way the truth and the life how to become a Christian the way how to be the Christian you become the life That's the truth gospel truth Reality Marvelous why did they go to jail? Preachers in jail Well they were arrested Look at the fifth chapter wrote before the captain and High Priest and Charged What was the charge that was leveled against them did not we straightly command you that you should not teach in this name and Behold you filled Jerusalem with your doctrine the whole of Jerusalem is a God with what you have to say Would it be true?

That you filled this city with your doctrine What was the doctrine with which they filled the city of Jerusalem? Jesus is dead We've stuck him on a cross In the market square said everybody knows he died we were there when it happened And he's buried is that was way is that the doctrine they filled the city of Jerusalem, but Jesus is dead The doctrine with which they filled the city of Jerusalem Jesus is alive Peter

and the other apostles verse 29 of the fifth chapter Answers and said we ought to obey God rather than men We're not particularly interested with you approve or disapprove That is irrelevant We ought to obey God rather than men Because he has as God exalted with his right hand the Lord Jesus whom you hanged and slew on a tree and We verse 32 message of the early church Are his witnesses of? these things But not only are we his witnesses So also is the Holy Spirit God the Holy Spirit whom he has given to them that obey him This is the early church in action Convinced of the truth of it entered into the good of it Pentecost demonstrated the fact of it preached in the power of it and The end of this fifth chapter they lived in the joy of it Daily verse 342 and in the temple and in every house They ceased not to teach and preach that Jesus is the Christ What do they do?

Teaching and preaching that's evangelism You can't preach with anything worth saying To say unless you learn to teach We're going to learn from the Holy Spirit whom Jesus said will lead you into all truth and take the things that are mine and reveal Them unto you teaching and preaching that's evangelism Teaching is explaining the facts clearly till they're fully grasped and Preaching is then Exhorting those who've heard the facts To mix those facts with faith and let God Translate it into the flesh and blood of your humanity.

Well every new day is the adventure of sharing the life of your creator God and Every day then is as big as God himself so long as you're prepared to let him be God in action and Give you the incredible privilege as his child as a member of his body To be the one through whom he Christ Who walked this earth two thousand years ago may walk this earth again and your kids if you're in a family Can look into your face and know what Jesus is like The first Bible they should ever read is you Clothing the deity of a risen living and indwelling Savior So that in the most natural way your kids come to know Jesus I'm profoundly thankful that it's been my joy to lead My kids to Christ That's normal and I've got Four sons and all my sons are boys Real boys because if you wait long enough boys grow up to be men men of God They'll be when they grow up what they were when they were kids And what they were when their kids are largely dependent of what we've seen of Jesus in you seen him behave heard him speak as Others in the presence of Jesus Heard God speak through his lips and saw him accomplish in utter obedience unto death even the death of the cross The purpose for which he was born at Bethlehem One exciting thing it is to be a Christian.

I'll just become one Because salvation was never designed just to change your destination But change your destiny Every day the unfolding of a divine plan of which you're part of the action Isn't that hilariously wonderful? That's what it means to be redeemed Reconciled to God and born again restored to life Sharing the resurrection of the one who gave himself for us then to give himself to us now So how big tomorrow? As big as Jesus What will you expect tomorrow what you can do for him or what he's going to do in and through you What will the world see what will your family see your brothers sisters workmates fellow students are they going to see you busy for Jesus?

Or they're going to see Jesus busy in and through you living miraculously That quality of life that has no possible explanation But Christ is God in you as his life had no possible explanation, but the father has God in him This is the gospel.

It's the sheer glorious simplicity of the gospel Don't let anybody make it complicated You can step out into every new day that that day knowing that that day is going to be big as God You don't have to know what he's been doing or what he has done or what he had in mind. That's not your business That's his business but you can be part of the action a member of the body of Christ alive and well and kicking What was the

message of the early church? Stick him on the cross. He's dead Jesus is alive and lives in you if you let him Lord Jesus, thanks For making it all so simple that even the youngest child can understand Grant that we may recognize the adventure of getting up every morning and saying Lord Jesus.

Thanks For what you did then? So that you can be who you are now in me Lord Jesus, I want you to know that my hands are available for you to work with I want you to know that my feet are available for you to walk with to cross the road to knock on the door whatever and Be in the place where in your divine providence you've chosen to put me Where blessing is inevitable? because I'm part of the action a Forgiven sinner in dwelt by a risen Savior And thank you loving Savior that everything that's happening in the world around us the fear in the hearts of men foreshadows your return and we look forward to that day when you come back and we'll see you as you are and We will be like you restored to function restored to image reflecting the glory of A Savior Who's not a big bang out there, but somebody living in our heart every moment of every day Thank you for all these men and women in this building here tonight Thank you for little boys and girls and men and women who come when they come to know you as their Savior Because you're going to reach them Through these men and women gathered tonight in this building Thank you that Tomorrow's as big as God We can't have more We need never enjoy less because in you dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily and we're complete Though none of us deserve it Because of who you are living Lord Jesus now where you do For to me to live is Christ Wonderful. Thank you dear Lord in your own fearless precious name Amen

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