



# Northside Proclaimer

*Proclaiming The Word Of The Lord*

1 Thessalonians 1:8

**Northside church of Christ Welcomes You!**

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## **“Why Did My Savior Come To Earth?”**

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We should be thankful without ceasing for the grace God bestowed upon us when we were lost in our sins. In addition to that, for the love He showed in sending His Son to die on that cruel cross and the agony and pain our Savior endured as His blood was shed for the remission of our sins.

This was God’s scheme of redemption. It was settled in His mind before we were even created. He was going to send His Son and we were going to have an opportunity to be reconciled back to Him through Jesus Christ. Though this was God’s plan, was the sending of Jesus Christ to die on a cross the only mission Jesus was to complete? Let’s briefly examine several Scriptures of why our Savior came to earth.

First, it is true that Christ came to die on a cross. Jesus, speaking of Himself, said, “the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Matt. 20:28). It was necessary for Jesus to die a sacrificial death so that we might be brought near to God, but also to fulfill what was written, or prophesied of Him (cf. Luke 24:44). To show the kind of death he was going to die, Jesus said, “[n]ow is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour.” Jesus was going to be lifted up from the earth, that is, on a cross (John 12:33, 27, 32).

Not only was He sent to earth to die, but also to fulfill the law. Jesus proclaimed, “[d]o not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them” (Matt. 5:17). He did so through love, (Rom. 13:10; 10:4). He also came “...not to do [His] own will but the will of [God] who sent [Him]” (John 6:38). In doing His Father’s will, He “[came] into the world—to bear witness to the truth” (John 18:37). *Continued on back...*

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## Announcements

- Tyler Dance is doing well; remember Lisa too.
- Remember the shut in's.
- Pray for the church and one another.
- Men's Bible study starting soon!
- Teen's Bible study starts next week! / Kid's drill class next week
- Call or email me to add announcements, thanks.

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Jesus meant that He was on earth to bring truth to all men. He was God in the flesh (Matt. 1.23) and grace and truth came by him (John 1.17). This allowed Him to bear witness to the truth. Why? Because He is "the truth" (John 14.6)!

Further, He "[came] into the world as light, so that whoever believes in [Him] may not remain in darkness" (John 12.46). It's no wonder why He said, "...I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (John 10.10). You see Jesus was interested in seeking and saving. He "came to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19.10). Paul penned, "[t]he saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners..." (1 Tim. 1.15). This is evident in many ways. Christ made it known He was sent to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Jews, Matt. 15.24), but He also made it clear He was sent to the lost sheep "not of this fold" (Gentiles, John 10.16). It is certain He wanted all men to be saved and for none to perish. This is why Christ came "...not to call the righteous, but sinners" (Matt. 9.13).

In seeking for us to love God over our family, Jesus also came not to bring peace, but a sword (Matt. 10.34-38). He was willing to divide families if it meant true commitment to Him. As you can see, too often we say Christ came only to die on a cross. Hopefully we have seen that Christ has done much more than just that. While we do not have the room to express every reason why Jesus came, hopefully we can see He came to fulfill every aspect of His Father's eternal purpose and to save sinners like you and me! That's why our Savior came to earth; because He loved us so. BG

We noticed this month that we are to be united in...

**Action**, "...walk worthy of the calling with which you were called," Eph. 4.1

**Attitude**, "... With all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love," Eph. 4.2

**Aim**, "... Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," Eph. 4.3

**Agreement**, "there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all and in you all," Eph. 4.4-6

Are you making an effort to maintain the unity of Spirit?