

# MARSHALL COUNTY DEVOTIONAL PAGE

# What Christ accomplished!

*"And as He (Jesus) prayed, the fashion of His countenance was altered, and His robe became white and glistening. And, behold, there talked with Him two men, which were Moses and Elias: Who appeared in glory, and spake of His decease which He should accomplish at Jerusalem." - Luke 9:29-31*

Many non-believers get their perception of Christianity from what they see on television and the internet believing that Christ as nothing more than a commodity that preachers are trying to sell off to the people. Add to that, the gospel of Jesus Christ has been reduced down to basically a

conscientious vote. This 21st century Jesus is not much more than a beggar who is hoping someone would make a decision for Him. However, the Bible presents Jesus Christ as Lord, God, King and Redeemer. Christ alone is the Sovereign Savior and what Christ accomplished has fallen into the shadows of the psychological gospel that prevails in pulpits today.

When we think of accomplishments we think of awards, recognition, completing an education, inventions, problem solving, or victories. Ask anyone - and no one would ever consider death as an accomplishment. The reason is because there is an instinctive desire in all of

us to naturally avoid death. However, Christ spoke with Moses and Elijah about His aspiration to accomplish His death. This teaches us that Christ purposely was born to die! This He knew and willingly embraced as His goal to accomplish.

What all did Christ accomplish? The overarching desire of Christ was first and foremost the accomplishing of glorifying God His Father (John 12:28; 17:4). From that we see Christ glorifying His Father by accomplishing eternal salvation for God's elect as the one and only obedient man who bled and died upon the cross (1 Peter 1:2,18,19; Hebrews 5:8,9; Philippians 2:6-11). Next, Christ accom-

plished the fulfilling of the Old Covenant and then established the New Covenant (Matthew 5:17,18; Hebrews 9:14,15; 10:8-10; 13:20,21). Next, Christ accomplished the destruction of the works of the devil (1 John 3:8). Next, Christ accomplished the glorifying God His Father by defeating death at death's own game - by dying and rising from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:54-57). Next, Christ accomplished His royal rights as the King of kings, the only Potentate (Hebrews 1:1-8; 1 Timothy 6:14-16). Next, Christ became High Priest and at the same time brought together the office of both King and High Priest in Himself. It was forbidden in the

Old Covenant for one man to be both king and priest, but it was prophesied that Christ the Mediator of the New Covenant would accomplish that (Hebrews 4:14-16; Zechariah 6:12,13; Hebrews 12:24). Next, Christ accomplished the way for the Spirit to come and dwell with us bringing both gifts and fruit (John 14:26; 1 Corinthians 12:4; Galatians 5:22,23). Next, Christ accomplished purchasing His Bride, the Church (Hosea 3:1-3; Revelation 21:2,3,9-11). All these, and infinitely more, did Christ accomplish as we hear Him say upon the cross "It is finished" (John 19:28-30).

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