

Christ The Problem Solver

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Introduction

A. What is the biggest problem in the world?

1. "The biggest problem is people", Lucy said to Charlie Brown in the Peanut Cartoon.
2. The biggest problem is people:
 - a. People who are broken and dysfunctional in their relationship with the Creator and with one another. The first examples are Adam and Eve who rebelled against God and their son Cain who killed his younger brother Abel.
 - b. People who are alienated from God and from others because of sin.
3. Sin is a spiritual problem that needs a spiritual solution--the reason why the Son of God, Jesus Christ, came to earth as a human (Matthew 1:21; 1 Timothy 1:15).
4. Christ came:
 - a. Not as a philosophical professor
 - b. Not as a psychiatric practitioner
 - c. Not as a psychological pandit
 - d. Not as a psycho-somatic therapist
 - e. Not as a social scientist
5. But Christ came as the solution to the biggest problem of humanity, which is SIN!
 - a. Isaiah 53:3-5
 - b. Mark 10:45
 - c. Philippians 2:5-8
 - d. 2 Corinthians 5:21

B. How can we help to solve the sin problem around us and around the world?

1. First around us:

- a. Be salt to help preserve people from moral decay and add flavor to their lives (Matthew 5:13)
- b. Be the light to the people around us by our godly example to brighten their lives.

2. Second around the world:

- a. Pray and support our world missions' outreach.
- b. Help to expand our online outreach which is now viewed by 17,000 in 30 different countries.
- c. Continue supporting our local church ministries with our volunteer time and our financial support.

Conclusion:

1. Christ came to be the solution to the biggest human problem, which is sin.
2. Christ did not come to solve all and every human problem. That will happen when He comes back in preparation for the renovation of the universe with a new heaven and new earth (Rev. 21:1)
3. In the meantime let us bring to Christ all our problems that are costed by the consequences of our past sins or the ongoing sins in our lives.
4. Remember. Christ is the problem solver who alone can solve the greatest human problem which is sin.

Tabletalk Questions:

1. To solve our sin-related problem(s) that is affecting our relationship with God and others, including people close us, what should we do? Get some answers from these Scriptures.

Galatians 5:19-23

Colossians 3:12-14

2. To help spread Christ life transforming gospel, how can we share the gospel with others without offending them unnecessarily with a "Holier than thou" attitude? Get some answers from this Scripture.

1 Peter 3:15-16

3. With Christ as the problem solver, how can we live with some of the consequences of our forgiven sins in the past that continue to be a challenge to us today? Get some answers from this Scripture.

Philippians 3:12-14

Pray!