

Diary 1/15/19
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Christ Cannot Be Peripheral

Part 1: My Testimony

Titus 3:3-6

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His mercy.

1. By giving our _____, we tell people of _____
to us and _____. **Revelation 12:11.**
2. Charles _____ said, "If _____ be anything,
_____." **Philippians 3:7,8.**
3. This is the _____ – I am a _____. _____
in my place. If I _____ of my sins and _____ in His
sacrifice, I _____ be saved.

Part 2: Christ Cannot Be Peripheral

1 Corinthians 15

Verses: 1-8 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Peter, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

14-20 ¹⁴ **And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.** ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ **And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.** ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ **If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.**

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead.

1. Here is what C.S. Lewis wrote: “If Christianity is _____, it is of _____ importance, and if true, of _____ importance.

The only thing it _____ be is _____ important.”

1 Corinthians 15:1-20.

2. Christ _____ be _____.
Luke 9:62; Matthew 7:24-27, 10:33-39.

3. _____ is regarding _____ as more _____ than God. **Philippians 3:7,8.**