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Why Jesus Came Into the World

Salvation

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**of whom I am
the foremost.**

1 TIMOTHY 1:15



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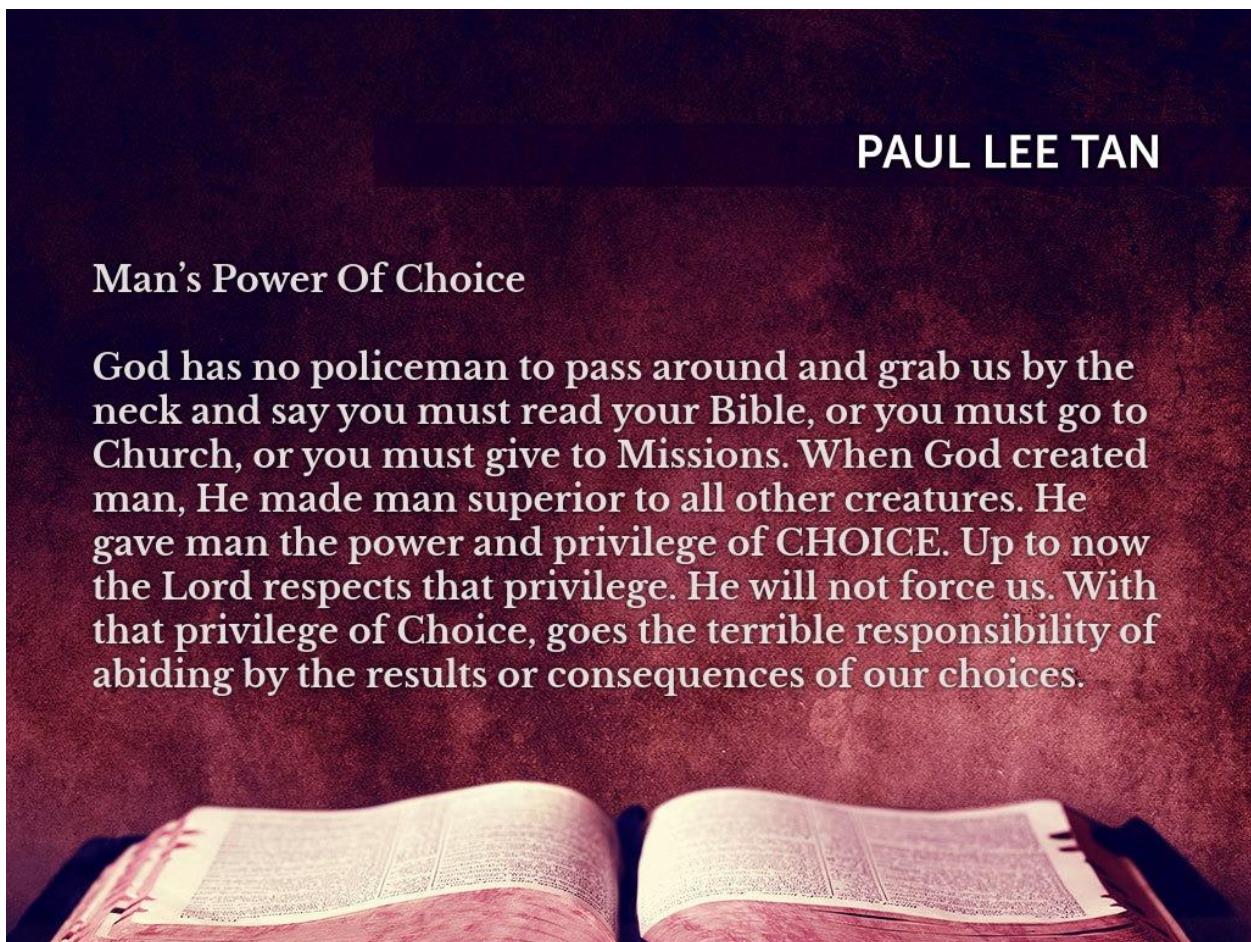
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Sermon Thesis:

Jesus came into the world to be Savior.

Introduction:



God has no policeman to pass around and grab us by the neck and say you must read your Bible, or you must go to Church, or you must give to Missions. When God created man, He made man superior to all other creatures. He gave man the power and privilege of CHOICE. Up to now the Lord respects that privilege. He will not force us. With that privilege of Choice, goes the terrible responsibility of abiding by the results or consequences of our choices.

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Sermon Outline:

- A. Peter and the other Apostles tell us why Jesus came into the world. They speak to some of the events that happened during His incarnate walk on earth.

Acts 5:30–31 (NIV)

³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.

- B. Our Lord Jesus has become Prince and Savior that we might come to repentance and have our sins forgiven.
- C. Many Samaritans came to believe and understand why Jesus came into the world.

John 4:42 (NIV)

⁴² They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”

- D. The half breed Samaritans gained hope through the Savior, just as you and I ought to gain hope to be saved.
- E. This hope of salvation comes from choosing Jesus. Many do not and miss out on the salvation God has achieved through His Son.

Acts 4:10–12 (NIV)

¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is

“ ‘the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.’

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

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- F. There is no other choice by which men can be saved.
- G. Jesus came to give us life through Him. You can only be justified before God through His Christ.

Romans 5:9–10 (NIV)

⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

- H. Many think why I need to be saved.
 - 1. They think I have a pretty good life.
 - 2. They do not understand the coming wrath of God.
 - 3. The justified are saved from God's terrible wrath.
- I. Jesus coming gives us citizenship in heaven and participation in the divine establishment of the Church and the eternal dwelling.

Philippians 3:20–21 (NIV)

²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

- J. Are you under the control of the one who whose power can transform you?
- K. Being under Christ Jesus control means living a Holy life. We are lead into this Holy life by the Gospel of the Savior.

2 Timothy 1:9–10 (NIV)

⁹ He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

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- L. The keys to death have been apprehended by Jesus coming into the world and completing obediently the task set before Him.
- M. Our salvation is achieved by God's grace. A grace needing to be obeyed because it offers us a means to be saved. A salvation that comes through a washing rebirth and the Holy Spirit, which is baptism.

Titus 3:5–7 (NIV)

⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

- N. The only name that allows a rebirth and renewal in the Spirit is the one who came to earth to save us. That is none other than Jesus the Christ.
- O. Coming to earth Jesus achieves a complete salvation. The one-time event of baptism is continued interceding for us throughout our lifetime.

Hebrews 7:24–25 (NIV)

²⁴ but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

- P. Jesus came as a permanent solution to our dilemma of sin.
- Q. The Apostles give witness and testimony to Jesus as the one sent to be Savior.

1 John 4:14 (NIV)

¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

- R. You and I need to proclaim the same to this world that needs saving.

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Conclusion:

Jesus came into the world to be Savior.

By this Gospel of Jesus you can be saved. Upon hearing it you must be born again by the washing of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit. You must be Baptized to be justified in the eyes of God.

John 3:5–7 (NIV)

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’”

Christ Knocking At Door

In Holman Hunt's great picture, called “The Light of the World”, we see one with patient, gentle face standing at a door which is ivy-covered, as if long closed. He is girted with the priestly breastplate. He bears in his hand the lamp of truth. He stands and knocks. There is no answer, and he still stands and knocks. His eye tells of love, his face beams with yearning. You look closely, and you perceive that there is no knob or latch on the outside of the door. It can be opened only from within. Do you see the meaning?

The Spirit of God comes to your heart's door and knocks. He stands there, while storms gather and break upon his unsheltered head, while the sun declines and night comes on with its chills and its heavy dews. He waits and knocks, but you must open the door yourself. The only latch is inside.

—J. R. Miller¹

This is why Jesus has come into the world.

Are you prepared to act on the reason why Jesus came into the world?

¹ Tan, P. L. (1996). *Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations: Signs of the Times* (p. 1204). Garland, TX: Bible Communications, Inc.

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Invitation:

Romans 10:17 (NIV) HEAR

¹⁷ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV) BELIEVE

⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Luke 13:3 (NIV) REPENT

³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.

Acts 17:30 (NIV) REPENT

³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.

Acts 26:20 (NIV) REPENT

²⁰ First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds.

Romans 10:9–10 (NIV) CONFESS

⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

1 Timothy 6:12 (NIV) CONFESS

¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Matthew 10:32–33 (NIV) CONFESS

³² “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.” ³³ But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

Acts 2:38 (NIV) BAPTISM

³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 6:3–4 (NIV) BAPTISM

³ Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

1 Peter 3:21 (NIV) BAPTISM

²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

Revelation 2:10 (NIV) FAITHFUL; STEADFAST

¹⁰ Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown.