INTRO: Everything Christ did was based upon TRUTH! And the TRUTH of the foundation of CHRIST'S REDEMPTIVE WORK is ABSOLUTE, UNCHANGEABLE, AND NON-NEGOTIABLE. But the entire REDEMPTIVE WORK OF CHRIST is founded on FOUR SIGNIFICANT PILLARS.

I. THE TRUTH OF THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST
   John 1:14
   A. Christ had to become human in order to provide redemption.
   B. Christ had to experience all that humans experience in order to relate to the pangs of humanity including facing temptation.
   C. Christ had to be born of the Virgin Birth in His incarnation in order to avoid having the FALLEN SIN NATURE.
   D. Christ had to go to the CROSS to die as a Human under the law of God.

II. THE TRUTH OF THE CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST
   Matthew 27:38
   A. Christ had to go to be crucified in order to provide redemption.
   B. Christ had to become a curse and provide the perfect sacrifice the crucifixion afforded.
   C. Christ had to shed His blood in the crucifixion if the sacrifice was to be effective under the program of God
   D. Christ had to be crucified in order to bare the sins of the world.

III. THE TRUTH OF THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST
   Matthew 28:6
   A. Christ had to come forth out of the grave in order to provide redemption.
   B. Christ had to prove Himself alive after His crucifixion for people to believe upon His name….and He did!

IV. THE TRUTH OF THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST
   A. Christ had to go back to the Father in Heaven in order to provide redemption.
   B. Christ's ascension, only mentioned three times in detail in the New Testament, was the exclamation point, completely and finally demonstrating that His redemption had forever solved the problem that sin created.
   C. Christ's ascension was Prophesied in the OT
      1. Prophecy given in Psalm 68:18
      2. Prophecy recognized in Ephesians 4:8
   D. Christ's ascension was Predicted by Jesus
      1. John 7:33
      2. John 8:21
      4. John 14:2,3
   E. Christ's Ascension was Proven in the Experiences of Stephen, Paul and John.
      1. By Stephen – Acts 7:55,56
         -Being stoned to death Stephen looked into heaven and saw “THE SON OF MAN STANDING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD.”
         -Paul was confronted with the RISEN CHRIST on the Damascus road to persecute Christians and because of it his life changed.
         -John was on the Isle of Patmos when he saw “A LAMB AS THOUGHT IT HAD BEEN SLAIN” in the midst of the Throne of God. This was the same LAMB he personally knew on earth and wrote about in John 1:29.

CONCLUSION:
Without these four pillars of truth we would not have redemption from sin to any degree! Because of these four pillars the redemptive work of Christ is complete and Jesus is alive, well, in Heaven and we can anticipate His return at any moment.