

**"JESUS CHRIST WAS BORN TO DIE"**  
**ROMANS 5:1-11**

**INTRO:** It is a true statement that **from the moment we are born, we are in the process of dying.** But while we are alive God has a plan and a purpose for each of us to fulfill and He works in us to perform that plan and purpose (Philippians 1:6 and 2:13). However, when we look upon the Lord Jesus Christ, we find that **THE VERY REASON FOR HIS BIRTH WAS TO DIE...TO DIE FOR THE SINS OF THE WHOLE WORLD...TO DIE FOR YOUR SINS...TO DIE FOR MY SINS. WHAT A MISSION AND PURPOSE FOR HIS LIFE! FROM ETERNITY PAST JESUS KNEW THAT HE WOULD EVENTUALLY BE BORN ON EARTH WITH THE PURPOSE OF GOING TO THE CROSS TO DIE FOR ALL MANKIND.** Today we shall study from the pages of scripture the very serious and significant concept that **JESUS WAS BORN TO DIE FOR US ALL.** But **WHY WAS CHRIST BORN TO DIE UPON THE EARTH?** Let's observe.

**I. JESUS WAS BORN TO DIE ON EARTH BECAUSE EARTH IS THE ONLY PLANET UPON WHICH THERE ARE PEOPLE LIVING ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE**

**NOTE:** A few years ago a pastor told his church to prepare to send missionaries to other planets to reach the people there for Christ. (Imagine that missions budget!). That was a big vision, but an unguided vision as there are **NOT ANY OTHER PLANETS UPON WHICH HUMANS LIVE.**

A. Of all the **BILLIONS OF DOLLARS** NASA has spent to send spaceships to other places, they have **NEVER** found one person **in space or any other planet.**

B. The scripture indicates that **GOD MADE THE EARTH ONLY** to be inhabited by people. Consider: Isaiah 45:18; Psalm 115:16; Jeremiah 27:5

C. Just as **BIRDS** were made for the **AIR** and **FISH** were made for the **WATER**, so **MANKIND WAS MADE FOR PLANET EARTH AND HE IS NOT HOME ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE UNIVERSE.**

D. It was the **EARTH ALONE** that God created for **MANKIND** who God created out of this earth, gave him the breath of life and he became a **"LIVING SOUL"** (Genesis 2:7).

E. It is the **INHABITANTS OF EARTH** that God is concerned about and has given us the **GREAT COMMISSION TO FULFILL** throughout the **EARTH** and **NO OTHER PLANET!** Cp. Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8

**ILLUSTRATION:** Verse one of **"BORN TO DIE"**

**II. JESUS WAS BORN TO DIE ON EARTH BECAUSE THE PEOPLE OF THE EARTH ARE BORN IN SIN ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE.**

A. Adam and Eve were the first inhabitants on **EARTH.** Before they sinned they were **"INNOCENT"** and **UNITED with God.** After they sinned they were **"GUILTY"** and **SEPARATED** from God.

B. Right after Adam and Eve sinned, God, through His **GRACE**, promised a remedy for Sin - Genesis 3:15; Leviticus 17:11; Hebrews 9:22; 10:10-14

C. The Remedy for Sin, Jesus Christ, was a part of God's **ETERNAL PLAN**, which He made **before creation**, that **Christ fulfilled** through **HIS DEATH ON THE CROSS** - Revelation 13:8

**ILLUSTRATION:** Verse two of **"BORN TO DIE"**

**III. JESUS WAS BORN TO DIE ON EARTH BECAUSE THE WAGES OF SIN FOR THE PEOPLE OF EARTH IS DEATH ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE**

A. All **UNSAVED PEOPLE** are **living in SPIRITUAL DEATH** and separation from God **NOW.**

B. All **UNSAVED PEOPLE** who die physically will **live in SPIRITUAL DEATH** (Called the "second death") and separation from God for **ETERNITY.** Romans 3:23; 5:12

C. The Physical Death of a Person, does **NOT** save him. One who dies physically apart from Christ **will spend eternity in HELL** under the wrath of God according to Romans 1:18

**ILLUSTRATION:** Verse three of **"BORN TO DIE"**

**IV. JESUS WAS BORN TO DIE ON EARTH BECAUSE ONLY HE COULD EFFECTIVELY PAY THE PENALTY OF SIN FOR ALL SINNERS AND PROVIDE FORGIVENESS AND ETERNAL LIFE ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE**

**OBSERVE ROMANS 5:6-11**

A. Jesus Christ died for us Paying our Debt of Sin - Vss. 6-8

B. Jesus Christ shed His blood to Save us from God's Wrath - Vs. 9

1. "Justified by His Blood"

a. "Justification" is a legal term meaning that based upon the atoning work of Christ believers are **pardoned from the guilt and penalty of sin** and **is covered in the righteousness of Christ.**

- b. "Christ's Blood" is the **determined atoning means of salvation.**
  - 2. "Saved from Wrath"
    - a. God's wrath is not just an impulsive outburst of anger by God, but the **settled, determined response of a RIGHTEOUS GOD against sin. John 3:36**
    - b. Christ delivers the believer from the **full fury of God's wrath** to the point that **no more wrath of God to bear. 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 5:9**
  - C. Jesus Christ died to Reconcile us to God - Vs. 10
    - Before our salvation we were actually **enemies of God**, but after our salvation we are **children and friends of God Colossians 1:21,22**
  - D. Jesus Christ died to give us the Atonement - Vs. 11
    - "ATONEMENT" is the entire work of Christ on the CROSS for us that takes away our sin, brings us together with God ("at-one-ment") and gives us eternal life at the very point of salvation.**
- ILLUSTRATION: **Verse four of "BORN TO DIE."**

#### **LESSON/APPLICATION**

Christmas is a time of gift-giving. But, the **GREATEST GIFT OF ALL** is the **GIFT OF GOD OF SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.**

- 1) Receive God's Gift if you have not done so already
- 2) Serve God for His Great Gift if you have received Christ.
- 3) Share God's Great Gift with others.