

# Building Bridges

Jn. 17:14-23



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18 As thou hast sent me into the world, **even so have I also sent them into the world**.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: **that the world may believe that thou hast sent me**.

22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and **that the world may know that thou hast sent me**, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me **before the foundation of the world**.

- Bridges are built to remedy a problem
- Building bridges requires a plan
- Built bridges results via perseverance

## I. CHRIST CAME TO BE THE REMEDY FOR OUR PROBLEM

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## A. The Creation – Purpose

Isa. 43:7 *Even* every one that is called by my name: for **I have created him for my glory**, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

## B. The Calamity – Problem

Rom. 3:23 For **all have sinned**, and **come short of the glory of God**;

1 Tim. 1:15 This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**; of whom I am chief.

## C. The Change – Provision

Phil. 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore **if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

## II. CHRIST CAME ACCORDING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF GOD'S PLAN

### A. The Plan was in Place BEFORE the Foundation of the World

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Rev. 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

## B. The Plan was Preeminent for the Lord, to Fulfill God's Word

1 Cor. 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;**

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore **if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature:** old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

18 And **all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;**

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 **Now then we are ambassadors for Christ,** as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

### III. CHRIST CAME REplete WITH PROVISIONS FOR OUR PERSEVERANCE

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#### A. The Scriptures

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## B. The Separation

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Jas. 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that **the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.**

1 Jn. 2:15 **Love not the world**, neither the things *that are* in the world. **If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.**

16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

## C. The Sanctification

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## D. The Sending

Jn. 17:18 As thou hast sent me into the world, **even so have I also sent them into the world.**

GO EVERYWHERE BUILDING BRIDGES THAT WILL BRING  
OTHERS TO CHRIST!

## Conclusion

Gal. 3:22 But **the scripture hath concluded all under sin**, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

1 Tim. 2:5 For *there is* one God, and **one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus**;

Jn. 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way**, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me**.

Rom. 3:22 Even the righteousness of God *which is* **by faith of Jesus Christ** unto all and **upon all them that believe**: for there is no difference:

1 Jn. 3:23 And this is his commandment, That **we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ**, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.