

# Think On This



## Jesus

### Jesus left the glory of heaven for us.

Jesus humbled himself by leaving heaven, coming to this world and taking on the form of flesh. His purpose for doing this was so that He could redeem mankind from their sins. (**Philippians 2:5-8, Hebrews 10:5-10 and 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:3**) Our Lord came to this earth to serve and save mankind. *“Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”* (**Matthew 20:28**) Paul describes our Lord’s immeasurable love by stating, *“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.”* (**2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 8:9**)

### Jesus showed us how to withstand sin.

In **Matthew 4:3-11** Jesus was tempted by the devil by the same avenues as used in the Garden of Eden and that is still being used today. (**lust of the flesh/verse 3, pride of life/verses 5-6 and the lust of the eyes/verses 8-9**) Our Lord did not give in to temptation but rather showed us how to defeat temptation by following the will of God. (verses **4,7** and **10**) Paul states, *“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”* (**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10:13**) The means by which we can escape involves focusing to Christ and His teachings which instructs us to strive against sin. (**Hebrews 12:1-4, 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:19 and 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:11-12**)

### Jesus endured suffering and shame for us.

Jesus endured mockery, being spit upon, scourging, public humiliation, and the pain and agony of the cross so that He could be our sin sacrifice. Peter states, *“Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth”; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”* (**1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:22-25**)

### Jesus provides VICTORY over death itself, thus giving us hope beyond the grave.

Paul states, *“O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”* (**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:55-57**) This victory over death itself through Christ led Paul to instruct, *“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”* (**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:58**)

In closing, let us remember the lesson from Paul as he states, *“For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.”* (**2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:14-15**) Will Christ’s love compel (E.S.V. & N.A.S.V. = control) us to live for Him daily?