



THE GREAT PARADOXES OF CHRISTIANITY

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INTRODUCTION: There are many great paradoxes in Scripture. A paradox is defined as: "a statement or group of statements that lead to a contradiction or a situation which (if true) defies logic or reason, similar to circular reasoning." Let me share five paradoxes of Christianity with you. Each describes what Christ has done for us! Let's study together.....

DISCUSSION:

I. Jesus came into the world, so that we could leave the world!

Notice the evidence of how Jesus came into the world.....

Matthew 20:28

I Timothy 1:15

Notice the evidence of how we will leave the world and where we will go.....

John 14:1-3

II Corinthians 5:1

II. Jesus was born of flesh, so that we could be born of Spirit!

Notice the evidence of how Jesus was born.....

John 1:14

I John 4:2-3

Notice the evidence of how we can be born again.....

John 3:5

I Peter 1:23

III. Jesus was raised in poverty, so that we could be made rich!

Notice the evidence of how Jesus was raised.....

Luke 9:58

II Corinthians 8:9

Notice the evidence of how we can be raised up.....

Ephesians 2:6-7

Philippians 4:19

IV. Jesus was rejected by men, so that we could be accepted by God!

Notice the evidence of how Jesus was rejected by men.....

Isaiah 53:3

John 1:11-12

Notice the evidence of how we can be accepted by God.....

Acts 10:34

Ephesians 1:5-6

V. Jesus was put to death on the cross, so that we could be made alive!

Notice the evidence of how Jesus was put to death and the reasons behind it.....

Matthew 16:21

Luke 24:46

Notice the evidence of how we can be made alive.....

Ephesians 2:1

Colossians 2:13

CONCLUSION: If you like mysteries, the Bible is full of them. The Bible is loaded with prophesy, suspense, and challenging things that can boggle the mind. However, these things that we have noted today are not put in the Bible by God to confuse or confound you. His is NOT the Author of confusion, but the author of peace (**I Corinthians 14:33**). These strange and wonderful things are evidence of God's great love for you and what lengths He will go to get your attention! Are you listening to His voice? Are you confirming His Word? Have you willingly submitted to the will of God? Have you been covered by the precious blood of the Lamb?

WORD OF THE DAY = "JESUS"