

# The Despised and Rejected Christ

## Introduction

### Isaiah 53:1-3

#### How Is Christ Rejected?

##### 1. His Divinity is Rejected

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, **that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.**

Luke 3:22 And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, **"You are My beloved Son;** in You I am well pleased."

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that **He gave His only begotten Son**, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

#### By Whom Is Christ Rejected?

##### 1. Atheists, Infidels, Modernists

1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but **he who denies that Jesus is the Christ?** He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

2 John 1:7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world **who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh.** This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

## 2. His Authority is Rejected

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Matthew 7:28-29 And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

## 3. His Name is Rejected

Ephesians 3:14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

Colossians 3:16-17 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

## 2. Popes, Councils, Conferences

1 Timothy 6:15 which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords,

**Acts 20:28-32**

## 3. Sectarian Names and Labels

Acts 4:11-12 This is the 'STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED BY YOU BUILDERS, WHICH HAS BECOME THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE.' Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

**Romans 7:1-4**

#### 4. His Church is Rejected

Matthew 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and **on this rock I will build My church**, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Acts 20:28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, **to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.**

#### 5. The Gospel is Rejected

Mark 16:15-16 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and **preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved;** but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, **for it is the power of God to salvation** for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

#### 4. Human Organizations

Matthew 15:13-14 But He answered and said, **"Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.** Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch."

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing **in the heavenly places in Christ,**

#### 5. Doctrines of Men

**Matthew 15:8-9**  
**Galatians 1:6-9**

Revelation 22:18-19 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: **If anyone adds to these things,** God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and **if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy,** God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

