

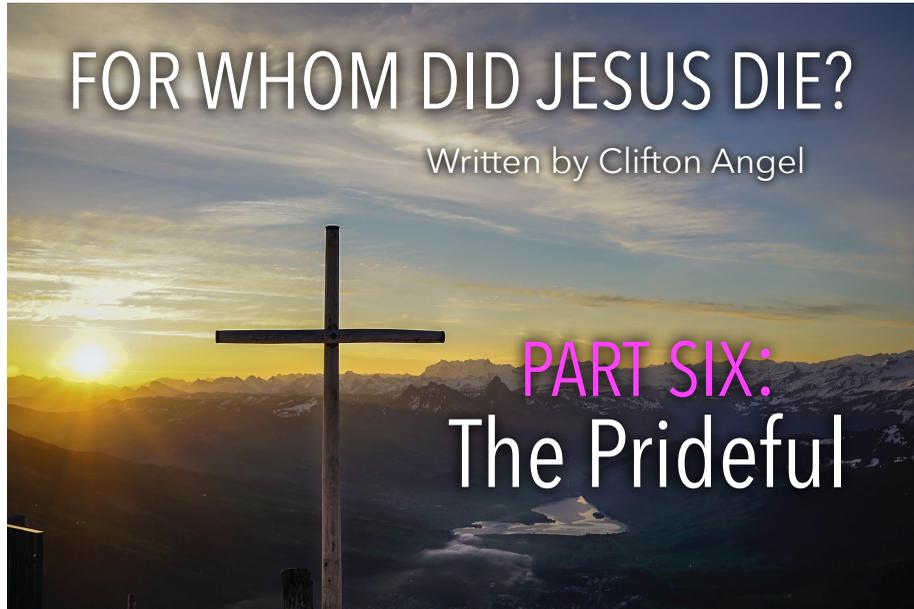
# The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST Dec. 20, 2020



## FOR WHOM DID JESUS DIE?

Written by Clifton Angel



### PART SIX: The Proudful

"Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall" (Proverbs 16:18). Jesus died to make a way for us to be saved from the path of destruction. Therefore, **Jesus died for the proudful.** God hates pride (Proverbs 6:17). Even so, He sent His Son to die for the proudful.

Pride comes in many shapes and sizes; however, we will focus on apparent, arrogant pride. This pride can be seen by all, but many are too afraid to stand up to it. It's the pride we see in Diotrophes, who "loveth to have the preeminence" (3 John 9). It's the pride we see in a man in

*This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).*

### VISITORS, WELCOME!

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for all ages & fellowship for lunch every Sunday!

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the church who wants to rule the whole assembly single-handedly. It's the pride that is in us that says, "It's my way, or the highway." Furthermore, for our study, it's the pride we see in Annas.

Luke, in his Gospel account, calls Annas the high priest along with Caiaphas, and in his writing of Acts, he calls Annas "the high priest" who gathered with his kindred in Jerusalem, which included Caiaphas, John, and Alexander (Luke 3:2; Acts 4:6). In the Apostle John's Gospel account, we learn that Annas was "father in law to Caiaphas," and Caiaphas is said to have been "the high priest that same year" (John 18:13). Those who took Jesus captive at Gethsemane first led Him to Annas, and John refers to Annas as "the high priest" four times and once more in the quotation of the man who struck Jesus in the face (John 18:15-22). Then, in verse 24, John calls Caiaphas the high priest. This certainly can be confusing. History tells us that Annas has not held the technical office of high priest since the year A.D. 15. It is also told us that his deposition was by the Romans; therefore, Annas might have been the one who should be the high priest; however, he was not. Yet, from the account of Jesus' trial, it is very clear that Annas and many of the Jews still thought himself such, even if he was not the one who assembled with the Sanhedrin. By this, we see the pride and arrogance of Annas, in that he still sought to influence and sway without having the technical position. Furthermore, with Caiaphas being Annas' son-in-law, it is possible that he was often a "puppet" for Annas' agenda.

Admittedly, the latter statement is speculation; however, it is not ...

... unthinkable. If Annas no longer assembles with the Sanhedrin to make important decisions regarding the Jewish people, why then did the captors of Jesus take him first to Annas? It is because of the falsely preeminent position in which he continued. Annas could have relinquished himself from such matters at any time within the 15+ years that he was no longer the sitting high priest; however, it is apparent that he continued to maintain his prideful position of desiring to be in control of the Jewish people (which was never God's intention of the high priest from the beginning, anyway).

Annas' prideful mindset was much like Diotrophes, who "loveth to have the preeminence" (3 John 9). Pride is a serious temptation for every person; yet, Jesus has made it possible for us to be washed from the sin of pride. For this reason, let us resist pride and abase ourselves before God.

*"Be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time."*

1 Peter 5:5-6

*"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."*

James 4:10

*"And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted."*

Matthew 23:12

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Wiley Tuggle; Clarence & Faye Edwards;  
Sammy Williams; Inez Neyman.**

### **Far East Missions Fishers of Men NetCasters**

#### Family & Friends

**Clara Cooper family**, Jan's sister-in-law passed last Sunday; **Rick Fiorino**, Dana's friend, on ventilator; **Michael Sykes**, Terri's husband, heart problems; **Tracy Medley**, Teresa's brother; **Ancel Norris**, Teresa's uncle, cancer treatments; **Richard Neal family**; **Alston Mottley family**; **Belva Collums**, Terry Bland's sister-in-law, in rehab following surgery; **Allie Kitchens**, Ferrell's niece, medical tests; **John Moore & family**; **Brethren in Philippines**, typhoons.

#### Birthdays

12/6 Sammy Williams  
12/13 Michael Sykes  
12/17 Kaiden Ferrell  
12/22 Dalton Owen  
12/24 Daniel Owen  
12/30 Renee Davis

#### Anniversaries

12/13 Jerry & Renee Davis

## Get Involved!

### **Bible Class Teachers for 2021**

1st quarter filled: Thank you, teachers!  
See Jeffrey to sign up for other quarters

*And if ye be Christ's,  
then are ye Abraham's seed,  
and heirs according to the promise*

—Galatians 3:27—

## Privileged to Serve

### Sunday, December 20

#### Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jerry Davis
Announcements	John Wofford
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Jim Jackson
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Tim Wilkes, II
Assist	

Closing Prayer	Joe Owen
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#### Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Tim Meredith
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Tim Wilkes, II

Closing Prayer	Marc Strickland
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### Wednesday, December 23

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	John Wofford
Invitation	Noah Davis
Prayer	Andy Ratliff

TECH:	Noah Davis
HALL:	