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## **4.2. The Significance of Christ and the True Parents on the Spiritual Path**

The Christian understanding holds that Jesus, through his suffering and death on the cross, made reparation for the sins of humanity.

As a result, people who believe in Jesus can be freed from their sins. They are thus also freed from a suffering they would otherwise have to bear themselves according to the principle of restoration through reparation.

In practical terms, this means that on the path to God, they experience less suffering and can reach unity with God faster than people who walk this path without Jesus.

### **The special power of the Jesus prayer**

Applied to concrete prayer, this means that the Jesus Prayer should be more effective than a prayer using another phrase.

The name "Jesus Christ" in the Jesus Prayer brings us into awareness of his presence. In spiritual unity with Jesus - which goes far beyond a merely mental belief - we receive the grace that was won through his course.

### **The meaning of the name "True Parents"**

According to the understanding of the Unification Movement, Adam and Eve were created by God as a couple and as the original ancestors of humankind.

Together, they were created as the perfect image of God — not Adam alone.

Ideally, the second Adam, Jesus Christ, was also supposed to begin a sinless human history as a married couple after the fall.

Therefore, the crucifixion was not the ultimate goal of Jesus' coming, but the result of the disbelief of the Israelites of his time.

Thus, God's providence remained incomplete.

The resurrection was merely the spiritual fulfillment, while the establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth is still pending.

Since spiritual rebirth is not possible without a mother, the Holy Spirit took on the role of the only begotten daughter of God and the true mother of humankind.

The Marriage of the Lamb, which was announced in the Bible, should have taken place between the second Adam and the second Eve.

## **The mission of Sun Myung Moon and Hak Ja Han**

On Easter Sunday 1936, 16-year-old Sun Myung Moon had a visionary encounter with Jesus, during which he was entrusted with the mission to continue the unfinished work.

His most important task was to find the God-prepared true Eve and thereby enable the marriage of the Lamb.

In 1943, Hak Ja Han was born in Korea as the only child of a special religious family. There were numerous revelations about her birth, proclaiming that she would appear as God's first-begotten daughter.

In 1960, the marriage of the Lamb finally took place, in which Sun Myung Moon, who represented Jesus, and Hak Ja Han were united.

Thus, for the first time in human history, there existed True Parents - a restored divine couple who renewed the lost legacy of Adam and Eve.

While Jesus came 2000 years ago as the Son of God, in whom the Father dwelled, today there are True Parents, in whom both God the Father and God the Mother - the feminine side of God - are present.

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