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Introduction

Most of the Bible from Genesis through Revelation is speaking of Jesus.
IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!

Peter, "speaking by the anointing of the Holy Spirit" on Pentecost day said to the Jews, and those gathered together in Acts 2:36, **"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."** Notice, it mentions "LORD first, and Christ last." God had made Jesus "LORD" right from the beginning of Genesis 1:2.

(1) The word "LORD" in the Hebrew is "Jehovah," meaning "self-Existent or Eternal." In the case of Jesus, who was called **"the LORD God"** in the Old Testament, the meaning is, "Eternal." Jesus always had eternal life, meaning "a life that will never end." The word "LORD" in the Greek is "kurios." meaning, "supreme in authority."

(2) The name "Jesus" pertains to His humanity. Jesus was a man, born in the flesh of man. Jesus was born of Mary, a virgin woman, and the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35). As a man in the flesh, Jesus defeated the Devil (Heb. 2:6-14). Jesus took the keys of death and hell from the Devil (Rev. 1:17,18).

In Philippians 2:9-11 it says, **"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name...That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth...And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."**

In English, His name is "Jesus." In Greek, His name is "Iesous." In Hebrew, His name is "Joshua." The true meaning of His name is **"Jehovah is salvation."** In Luke 1:30,31 it says, **"And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God...And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS."** In Matthew 1:21, the angel said to Joseph, **"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."**

(3) The name "Christ" pertains to His deity. In the Greek, the word Christ is "Christos." meaning "anointed." In Acts 10:38, it says, **"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."**

Jesus was born into this world of the Holy Spirit and a virgin woman, making Him "humanity." At about the age of thirty, God "anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit," giving Jesus power over all the works of the Devil.

This anointing of the Holy Spirit made Jesus "Christ." Jesus was not Christ until He received the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Because that Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit, He had power over the works of the Devil.

When Jesus arose again from the dead as "Christ," He became the firstborn from the dead. Christ is the head (beginning) of the body of Christ. Christ will reign forever and ever. Those who are "in Christ" when they leave this earth, will reign with Christ for all eternity.

There will be **"a new heavens and a new earth, wherein righteousness dwells"** (Isa. 65:17; 66:22; 2 Peter 3:13; Rev. 21:1,27). From LORD to Jesus, to Christ, to eternity. IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!

DO CHRISTIANS TRULY KNOW JESUS?

Jesus said in John 5:39, "**Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.**" Then in John 8:31,32, it says, "**...If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed...And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**"

The word "know," used in this last verse comes from a Greek word (ginosko), which also corresponds to the Hebrew word (yada'), which includes in its meaning "to know to the degree that what is known is reproduced in likeness." When Christians truly know Jesus, they will be like Him.

Let's look at some examples of the use of this word. In the Hebrew it is used in Genesis 4:1, which says, "**And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.**" The result of Adam knowing Eve reproduced another person in the likeness and image of Adam. Over in the New Testament the Greek word (ginosko) is used a number of times. In Luke 1:34, it says, "**Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?"** It is very clear that Mary was not talking about knowing a man in the natural. For Mary was espoused to Joseph, they were to become married at a later date. Therefore, it wasn't that Mary did not know a man in the manner of which we know people. She did know Joseph in the same way as any woman knows a man before they get married. She had to know him or she would not have been espoused to marry him.

Therefore, we must understand the meaning of the Greek word "ginosko" according to the way the Holy Spirit used it. The same applies to Matthew 1:25. Talking about Joseph knowing Mary before Jesus was born. It says, "**And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS**" (Matt. 1:25). Mary and Joseph were married at that time, yet Joseph still did not know (ginosko) Mary until after Jesus was born.

Now let us apply this same type of meaning to Matthew 12:33. Jesus said, "**Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known (ginosko) by his fruit.**" The tree is known by what kind of fruit it produces. The fruit must be a reproduction of the kind of tree it is. An olive tree will not produce cherries. These are two different kinds of fruit. Neither can apple trees produce bananas. There are many examples of the use of this word "ginosko" throughout the New Testament.

Another place where Jesus used this same word is in Matthew 13:11, which says, "**He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.**" Jesus is not talking about knowing about the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. Jesus is talking about experiencing the mysteries of heaven reproduced in our lives. There is another place where Jesus also use this same word. In Matthew 7:21-23 Jesus said, "**Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven...Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?...And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**"

What is Jesus telling us in these verses? There will be some who did cast out devils and did many wonderful works, but they never got to know Jesus in a way in which Jesus could reproduce Himself in their lives.

We need to have a relationship with Jesus that causes our lives to change and Jesus is reproduced in our lives.

We get to know Jesus from the Word of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit. It takes a

revelation by the Holy Spirit to reveal and impart into Christians the likeness of Jesus. Many Christians seem to have some of the likenesses of Jesus in their lives. But the fulness of the likeness of Jesus includes: (1) All of the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22,23). (2) All of the gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:7-11).

Jesus operated in all the fruit of the Spirit and all the gifts of the Spirit--He had the Spirit without measure. Can Christians today have the Holy Spirit without measure? YES. Those who teach otherwise do not know the truth (John 8:31,32). The same Holy Spirit that Jesus had is the same Holy Spirit that is given to every Christian when they receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4,5, 2:4). The word "baptism" means "completely submerged into." When a Christian is completely submerged into the Holy Spirit the complete power of the Holy Spirit is available to them. They are One Spirit with the LORD (1 Cor. 6:17, Eph. 4:4-6), they are complete in Him (Col. 2:9). The fulness of the Godhead dwells in them (Col. 2:10).

Jesus said in John 14:12, "**Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.**" To do the same works that Jesus did, Christians must have the same anointing that Jesus had, the fullness of the power of the Holy Spirit "*without measure.*" Those who believe that Christians cannot have the Spirit without measure have read the *italic additions* to John 3:34, which was added by man saying "*unto him.*" The New Testament reveals that the Holy Spirit is given to every Spirit-filled Christian "*without measure.*" The problem Christians have comes by Christians limiting the power from flowing through them. The power is in them, but they limit it by their doctrines, and theologies. They let men teach them the ways of man, and not the ways of God.

The Apostle Paul made this statement about himself, "**That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death**" (Phil. 3:10). To know Him is to experience the fulness of Christ in us. Yet, Paul said, "**Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus...Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before**" (Phil. 3:12,13).

The Apostle Paul knew he had not yet attained the position in Christ that was available to him. Therefore, He said, "**I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus**" (Phil. 3:14).

We must press on, "setting behind those things that hold us back," and go forward unto the high calling in Christ Jesus. When Christians totally and completely submit themselves to the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ, all the powers of heaven are at their command. Satan can have no place in the lives of those who are totally submitted to the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ.

This submission must be on a daily basis. Daily, walking in the light as He is in the light; where the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:7). When we are daily cleansed from all sin, Satan has nothing on us. When we are daily cleansed of all sin, we are vessels of honor, fit for the Masters use (2 Tim. 20). At that time in our lives, God can use us just as He used Jesus. The works that Jesus did we can do also, even greater works, because Jesus has gone to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit to be our helper, guide, comforter and teacher. All power is given to us on this earth through the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is in us to do the works of God. If we yield to the leading of the Holy Spirit and do not waver, Satan has no power over us. God's will can come to pass in our lives, just as it did in the life of Jesus.

Just a note to those who desire to do the will of God the Father in their lives. It is said that there has been in the past many who have submitted themselves to the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ. Such as Smith Wigglesworth, who it is said, raised many people from the dead, healed many who

were left by doctors to die. Through the ministry of John G. Lake, well over 100,000 people were healed, many of them were left to die by doctors. These are just two of the many Christians who submitted themselves unto the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ in the past century.

Christians who truly know Jesus (by experience, by Him reproducing Himself in their lives) will have all the powers of heaven available to them to do the works of Jesus in this life. Anyone who desires to do the works that Jesus did, CAN. The only person who can stop them is themselves. The power of God is available to anyone who will commit to the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ.

If you are reading this book and do not have the power of God working in your life, you can.

FIRST: You must be born again. To become born again is simple. Believe on the LORD Jesus Christ, and ask Him to come into your life and be your LORD and Savior. If you believe Him, and ask, He will come into your life and be your LORD and Savior. He will not turn anyone away that comes to Him, believing. Jesus said in John 6:37, **“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.”**

SECOND: You need the power of the Holy Spirit in you (Acts 1:8). To receive this power, pray to the Father and ask for the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues (Acts 2:4). If you are born again and ask for the baptism in the Holy Spirit, you will receive the baptism with the evidence of speaking in tongues. God is not a respecter of persons. Anyone who is born again will receive.

If for some reason you do not receive when you ask, go to someone who is in the ministry "who already has the baptism, with the evidence of speaking in tongues," and they will help you.

CHRIST IN YOU

Ephesians 2:10 says, "**For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.**" How many Christians today understand what this verse is talking about?

We are His workmanship. In 2 Corinthians 5:17 it says, "**Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**" If we are in Christ, then we are "a new creation."

When will we come to the place where we will agree with the LORD, "*we are in Him, and He is in us; we are not of this world?*" We are a new creature in Him, yet our soul is in the process of being changed, and our body is still the same; only our spirit is completely new. Therefore, we must present our bodies a living sacrifice, and renew our "**...mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God**" (Rom. 12:2). If we don't renew our mind we will live just like the rest of the world. We are not to live like the rest of the world. We are to live like Jesus lived, "*by the Word of God*" (Matt. 4:4).

We must understand who we are in Christ Jesus. Before we were born again, we were in the flesh (Rom. 7:5). But after we are born again we are no longer in the flesh but in the Spirit (Rom. 8:9). We have changed positions. We were in Adam, now we are in Christ. "**For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive**" (1 Cor. 15:22). We have passed from eternal death unto eternal life (5:24). We are heavenly creatures, "*hid with Christ in God*" (Col. 3:3). In Colossians 2:9,10, it says, "**For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily...And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.**"

We are in Him, and "in Him" dwells the fulness of the Godhead. We are one with God. We are His workmanship, created unto good works (Eph. 2:10). This was God's plan, God's idea from the foundation of the world. We are like Jesus, part man and part God. We are man and God united in one being. A human being and a heavenly being at the same time. We are in the One who created all things; by Him all things were created. Colossians 1:16 says, "**For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.**"

The Same God who created all things dwells in us. We are one with God. Doubt and unbelief have robbed us of the abundant life we received from Him. He didn't make us new creatures in Him so we could let the devil control our lives. He did it so the Holy Spirit could be in control of our lives.

Yet, many have not given the Holy Spirit an opportunity to have control in their lives. Many let others tell them that the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues is not necessary. They do not understand that there are many advantages for Christians who have received the Holy Spirit after they were born again. Ephesians 1:13,14, tells us that after we believe and are born again, we should receive the Holy Spirit as a seal of our salvation. The seal of the Holy Spirit is our down payment toward our heavenly inheritance. Once we are sealed with the Holy Spirit, He remains in us until the day of redemption (Eph. 4:30).

We need the seal of the Holy Spirit to stand in these last days, before the coming of the LORD (2 Thes. 1:3-12). In Acts 1:8, Jesus said, "**But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**" We need this power. We need all the power we can get from God. We need to witness unto Jesus wherever we are. This power comes when we are baptized with the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in tongues (Acts 2:4).

We must renew our minds to know who we are in Christ. In renewing our minds Jesus said in Matthew 6:33, "**But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**" The kingdom of God came into us when we receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God on this earth, carrying out the plan of God the Father while Jesus is making intercession for us.

We must renew our minds concerning "His righteousness." Unless we understand and live by His righteousness the Holy Spirit cannot work in our lives. He is with us, but He can only work according to the Word of God. The Word of God declares that we must believe unto His righteousness. That eliminates all our righteousness. Our righteousness is no better than filthy rags. It is Jesus' righteousness that gives us the power to cast out demons. By His righteousness, we have a right standing before God. Satan has nothing on us when we live by His righteousness. When Satan has nothing on us, he has no power over us.

In 1 John 3:2 it says, "**Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.**" In 1 John 3:3 it says, "**And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.**" In 1 John 3:5, it tells us, "**And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.**" In 1 John 3:7 it says, "**Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.**" In 1 John 3:9 it says, "**Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin {continue in sin}; for his seed remaineth in him...**"

"We must walk in the light as He is in the light." In 1 John 1:5 it says, "**This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.**" In 1 John 1:7 it says, "**But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.**"

Where there is no darkness, there is no sin. Where there is no sin, God abides in us. In our spirit, there is no sin. If we are born of God, God abides in our spirit, and in Him there is no darkness at all. We must stand up against the devil, knowing that we are in Jesus, and He is in us. "**Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world**" (1 John 4:4). Don't let the devil have even one thought in your mind. Destroy every thought that doesn't agree with who you are in Christ.

Walk in the light, as He is in the light. It is His righteousness that we live by, not ours. In 1 John 2:1,2, it says, "**My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous...And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.**"

In 1 John 1:9 it says, "**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**" In 1 John 5:18 it says, "**We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.**"

In 1 John 2:12 it says, "**I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.**" (1 John 2:12).

In 1 John 2:15-17, it says, "**Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him...For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world...And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.**"

In 1 John 2:22,23, it says, "**I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth...Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ**"

In 1 John 2:24,25, it says, **“Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father...And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.”**

We must get this settled in our mind and in our heart; **"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world"** (1 John 4:4).

In 1 John 5:4,5, it says, **“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith...Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?”**

In 1 John 5:13, it says, **"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."** In 1 John 5:10, it says, **"He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself..."**

Then in 1 John 5:14,15, it says, **“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:...And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.”**

"God is for us, not against us..." (Rom. 8:31). **"And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation"** (2 Cor. 5:18). **"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need"** (Heb. 4:16). *"For, we are not of this world, even as Jesus is not of this world. We are in the world, but the world does not know us, for we are not of this world. We are born of God, and dwell in Him; and in Him is no darkness at all."*

Hebrews 10:35,36, says, **“Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward...For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.”**

Righteousness, like the new birth is not something you feel. With the new birth, you have a witness within yourself, you know you are born again (1 John 5:10). Yet righteousness is similar to the baptism with the Holy Spirit. As with the baptism in the Holy Spirit there is evidence “by speaking in tongues.” We know we have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit by the evidence that we speak with new tongues.

We understand that the baptism with the Holy Spirit is also evidence that our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, that He dwells in us and we are one with God. Therefore, we can enter into the throne-room of God with confidence, knowing our prayers will be answered.

Our sanctification comes by the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The presence of the LORD and the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives brings our sanctification. If we have the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and we are not sanctified we could not continue to live.

Look at Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5. They were Spirit-filled Christians; but they lied to the Holy Spirit. They did not confess their sins when they were exposed by Peter, and they died. The Holy Spirit cannot dwell in a body that is not sanctified. Sanctification comes by His presence, and righteousness is obtained by a work of the Holy Spirit in those who believe.

Christians believe the Word of God unto righteousness and by the help of the Holy Spirit within them they are sanctified. Righteousness is maintained by confessing our sins (1 John 1:9). Sanctification is maintained by the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Do not let the devil have any place in your life. Confess your sins, repent from all acts of unrighteousness and the Holy Spirit will remain in you to help you, guide you, comfort you, and teach you all the things of this life in Christ Jesus.

Never doubt the Word of God. Doubt is a work of Satan, and any work of Satan in our lives

is sin. Do not give any place for the devil, reject all doubt of anything the Word of God tells us.

Jesus said in Luke 10:19, "**Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**" Never doubt the Words of Jesus, they are truth. You have power over all the works of the devil. This power comes with the baptism in the Holy Spirit. He is the power of God that destroys the works of the devil.

When you receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, you receive the power to destroy the works of the devil (Acts 1:8). This power remains in you. It is resident in you. When you agree with the Word of God, this power is able to bring to pass whatsoever you say with your mouth and believe in your heart. The power is in you, and Satan has no power over you if you believe in your heart and confess with you mouth (Mark 11:22-24).

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