

# The Living Truth Fellowship

MAGNIFYING JESUS CHRIST, THE LIVING TRUTH

## **JESUS CHRIST, THE DIAMETER OF THE AGES** **The Golden Thread in the Royal Tapestry of Truth**

Dear Brother/Sister,

God bless you in the wonderful Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Living Truth.

It is a joy for us to welcome you to this video production, which we pray will greatly enhance your relationship with The One and Only Man who loves you so much that he gave his life for you. One day you will see him face to face, and until then, he wants to be your best friend and guide you with his light through the darkness of this crazy world.

The hallmark of Jesus Christ's unique life was his unwavering trust in the written Word of God, His Father. In this journey we will take together, you will see countless Scripture verses that Jesus read and believed, as well as a large number of those that he as the ascended Lord gave by revelation to the Apostle Paul and others in the early Church.

Jesus so internalized the written Word of God that he perfectly obeyed it all, even to willingly enduring the excruciating torture and death of the Cross. What motivated him to that extent? His love for God and for mankind, as well as God's assurance to him that as the lynchpin of His redemptive program, Jesus would one day lead the everlasting celebration of all those who chose to believe in him.

We are making this unique presentation available *free of charge* because we want as many people as possible to see it and benefit from it. The biblical principle of cheerful financial giving is to do so *in response to a blessing*. We have about \$40K invested in JCDA, not including my time in putting the class together and teaching it, or Franco's countless hours of editing it with his artistic expertise. If the teaching touches your heart, please give generously to TLTF so that others around the world can also enjoy it. Thank you!

All of us who participated in producing JCDA hope that you enjoy the fruit of our labors, including the superb graphics and the powerful music designed to help you imbed in your heart the Truth you will hear. Take time to listen to each song and reflect upon how it magnifies Jesus Christ to you. We hope you find the teaching presentation both enlightening and entertaining. ENJOY!!!

Yours in the tender love of Christ,

John A. Lynn  
Franco Bottley

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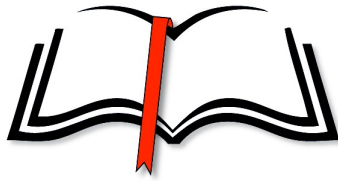


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## SEGMENT ONE

### **Magnifying Jesus Christ, The Living Truth**

Welcome to this exciting course of study about Jesus Christ, far and away the most famous, most controversial, and most polarizing human being who ever lived. *Biographies* comprise one of the most popular literary genres, and in this presentation we are embarking on the ultimate biographical journey.

All human beings unconsciously acknowledge Jesus Christ every time we check the date on our phone, laptop, iPad, watch, or the magnetic calendar on the refrigerator (B.C./Anno Domini). History is really "His (God's) -story" and Jesus Christ is the fulcrum of His-story.

CHRISTmas is the most famous day of the year all over the world—and the only day on which most people on earth think of the same man.

Anyone who leaves his own home on a daily basis usually hears his name: ("Jesus Christ!" or "For Christ's sake!" or "For the love of Christ").

He is the subject of the Bible from Genesis 3:15 all the way through the Book of Revelation.

And yet I submit that The Man from Galilee—the only begotten Son of God—has been given short shrift, even by the *well-meaning* CHRISTian Church that bears his name. I assert that his magnificent accomplishments have been minimized, that his unparalleled heroism on our behalf has been obscured, and that the beauty of his godly heart has been buried by a tidal wave of religiosity that has carried him out of reach for most Christians.

In this presentation, we will call upon the written Word of God, which Jesus Christ loved, to speak loudly and clearly to us about the most unique human being who has ever lived.

### **Why the KJV?**

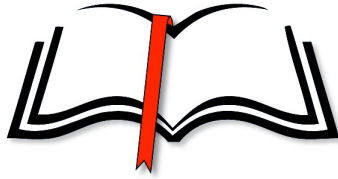
Get your own KJV Bible and PUT YOUR EYES ON THE WORDS!

The Bible is the Word of God. It tells us about the life and death—and resurrected life—of the greatest **man** who ever lived. His name is Jesus Christ. **CHRISTIANITY is about a PERSON: JESUS CHRIST. It is not RELIGION, but RELATIONSHIP.**

For centuries people of all religions have debated the identity of this unique man, and how he did the things he did. We assert that the answers lie in the Bible. If so, the question is: **"What does the Bible say?"** In this presentation, we will read the clear verses that support the following truths about the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?**

Jesus Christ is the completely unique (one of a kind) human being. Why?



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Jesus is the only man ever born by way of God creating a human seed in the womb of a virgin (Matt. 1:18; Luke 1:35). Thus Jesus would be born without the sin nature that every other human being inherited from the First Adam. Therefore, Jesus is the only-begotten “Son of God” (John 3:16 - KJV) and the “Son of Man” (John 5:27).

Jesus is the only man who is called “the Last Adam” (1 Cor. 15:45). As the only-begotten Son of God, Jesus was the genetic equivalent to the first “Son of God,” Adam (Luke 3:38). As the only man born without inherent sin, Jesus was thus the only man equipped to be the Savior and Redeemer of mankind. Romans 5:12–21 is the classic comparison of these two Adams and the respective impact each has had on mankind.

Jesus is the only man who had perfect faith (trust) in God, and who, by his free will choices to trust God, lived a sinless life, always doing the will of his Father (John 8:29). Jesus was not a robot, programmed to obey God. If so, he could not have been genuinely tempted to sin, just like all men he came to save (Heb. 4:15). The absence of a sin nature was not the reason why Jesus did not sin, because the First Adam also had no sin nature, and he sinned royally. Jesus lived a sinless life because he *chose* to obey His Father.

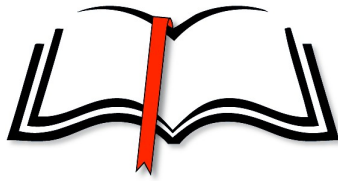
Jesus is the only man who died as the perfect sacrifice for our sins (Heb. 10:12–14; 1 John 4:10). By his virgin birth, Jesus was the genetically perfect sacrifice for the sin of mankind. By his lifelong obedience to God, all the way to his dying breath on the Cross, he became the behaviorally perfect sacrifice for the sins of mankind (Heb. 2:17). Thus, he is the complete propitiation for fallen men to be redeemed.

Jesus is the only man God ever raised from the dead in order to confirm that he was who he had said he was—the Son of God (Acts 17:31; Rom. 1:4). The Resurrection of Jesus Christ was God keeping His promise to His Son, and also His affirmation to all men that Jesus is “...**the** way and **the** truth and **the** life...” (John 14:6).

Jesus is the only man whom God highly exalted as “Lord” and “Head of the Church,” and to whom God has given all authority in heaven and on earth (Dan. 7:13 and 14; Phil. 2:9; Acts 2:36; Eph. 1:22; Matt. 28:18). As Pharaoh exalted Joseph to his right hand and gave him all authority in Egypt (Gen. 41:37–46), so God has given Jesus functional equality with Himself. As the “Lord,” Jesus Christ is now God’s “right hand man” (Eph. 1:20), carrying out the work that will eventually restore this fallen world.

Jesus is the only man who is now the Mediator between God and mankind (1 Tim. 2:5). It is Jesus Christ to whom God has given the power to “save to the uttermost” all who call upon his name, because he “ever lives to make intercession for us” (Heb. 7:25).

Jesus is the only man who will gather together all Christians to meet him “in the air” (1 Thess. 4:17) and give each one a new body like his own (Phil. 3:21). As the promised “seed” of the woman (Gen. 3:15), Jesus Christ will produce fruit after his kind, a race of people living forever.



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Jesus is the only man who will one day return to the earth, destroy all evil men, eventually destroy Satan and his evil spirit cohorts, and rule the earth as King for 1000 years (Rev. 19:11–20:7). At his first coming to the earth to Israel, Jesus was the sacrificial Lamb of God, but he will come again as the Lion of Judah to save his people, Israel, and destroy all God's enemies.

Jesus is the only man who will raise from the dead every human being who has ever lived (John 5:21, 25). As God has given Jesus "life in himself," so he will raise up all people who believed God.

Jesus is the only man who will judge every man and woman of all time (John 5:22, 27). He will righteously judge all people, granting everlasting life to those who deserve it, and annihilating all the wicked (Acts 17:31; John 5:28-29).

Jesus is the only man who will restore on a new earth the Paradise that the First Adam lost (1 Cor. 15:24–28). As "the Last Adam," Jesus was God's Contingency Plan to salvage His original plan that Adam's disobedience temporarily thwarted, that is, a perfect race of people living forever on a perfect earth.

Jesus is the only man who is our Savior, our Redeemer, our Mediator, our Lord, our constant Companion, our Best Friend, our Big Brother, the Light of our lives, our Peace, our Joy, our Hope, and our Mentor in the art of faith. He is the Lover of our souls, and that is why we *love* him and confess him as Lord (Rom. 10:9). Amen.

In this presentation, my goal is that he will come alive for you from the pages of God's written Word, envelope you with his relentless love, and minister to your heart as only he can do. He *is* The Man of your dreams.

## WHY JESUS CHRIST?

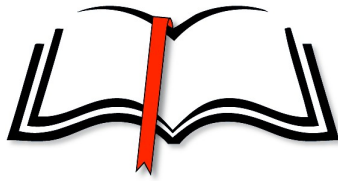
### Twofold Statement of the Problem for mankind:

**Sin** (currently ruining life) and **Death** (the grievous end of life).

### Romans 5:12-21 – The Story of Two Adams

The First Adam's disobedience (sin) brought **SIN and DEATH** to himself and all his offspring. The only antidote to **DEATH** is **LIFE**. After Adam and Eve, the only way to life is via *birth*. The only way to birth is via *seed*. The Last Adam, **JESUS CHRIST**, is the Promised Seed of Genesis 3:15. If *birth* were the only way anyone else could come into existence, how could God come up with the genetic equivalent to the first Adam? Answer: The "virgin birth." God put a perfect human "seed" in Mary. Thus God made Jesus genetically perfect, and gave His Son the potential to be behaviorally perfect, which was his job/choice.

Jesus had a two-fold *mission* to solve the two-fold problem of sin and death: **LIVE a sinless life. DIE a gruesome death.**



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**LIVE.** His sinless life paid the price for the sinful behavior (the fruit) of man. GOD IS SPIRIT, which left Him with a major image problem. Jesus is God's Public Relations Man. He is God's definition of Himself. It's easy to beat up on an invisible God and blame Him for all kinds of bad things He doesn't do. Jesus showed us the HEART OF GOD. He crystallizes the invisible God. Without Jesus, "God" is an abstraction, which is why so many people have made up so many things about Him. Jesus brings God into concretion. He makes God REAL to us.

**DIE.** His death paid the price for the sin nature (the root) of all men.

Jesus had to be a *human being* so that he could *die*. He had to die so that he could pay the price for man's sin (Rom. 6:23), and so that God could raise him from the dead and so he could then finish the job of creating a new race for a new age. **He is the only man ever to conquer DEATH**, and thus he can, and will, give **life** to all who believe in him as the Son of God.

The motto of TLTF is: **Magnifying Jesus Christ, the Living Truth**. That's GOD's motto, too! How do we know? The Bible tells us so! Jesus is God's favorite subject! Why? **Because *only Jesus* could have retrieved God's shattered dream of a perfect race living on a perfect earth**, and he is now in the process of doing exactly that.

Bottom line: **A human being died so that you could have everlasting life in Paradise**—and so that you could this life's **GREATEST ADVENTURE**.

## 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

### Hebrews 1:1-3

**1 Peter 1:20** ("foreordained before the foundation [*katabole*=overthrow] of the world [*kosmos*]" refers to Genesis 1:2 ("...the earth became without form and void..."). The LOGOS was in the mind of God.

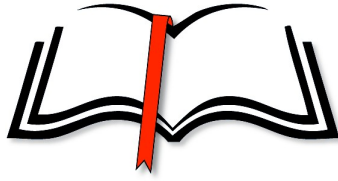
**John 17:24** – "...for you loved me before the foundation [*katabole*= overthrow] of the world [*kosmos*]."

**Ephesians 3:11** – "according to the PURPOSE OF THE AGES that he accomplished in Christ Jesus"

Jesus is The Way all the way unto the Father, and The One through whom God worked to accomplish the redemption of mankind. Jesus is the one and only Agent of redemption, the one "basket" in which God put all His "eggs." He is the GOLDEN THREAD tying together the Royal Tapestry of Truth, the Word of God, as it spans the ages during which God is bringing to pass His plan to save all who believe.

HOW DO WE KNOW THAT JESUS CHRIST IS WHO HE SAID HE IS?

**The RESURRECTION of Jesus Christ is God's proof to us** that Jesus is who he said he is: the Son of God.



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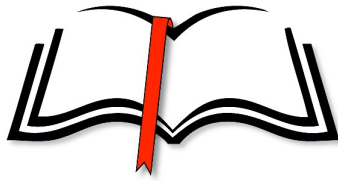
**Romans 1:1-6**

**Acts 17:16-34**

**2 Corinthians 1:18-20**

Jesus is God's **"YES!"** to mankind. YES, I am all love. YES, I am all good all the time. YES, I am always on your side. YES, I am always fighting to give you my best. The biggest **YES: You are guaranteed everlasting life in Paradise!**





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## SEGMENT TWO

### **The Hebrew Scriptures: God's Blueprint For The Redeemer**

#### **Part One**

Genesis—Malachi are not the “Old Testament,” but rather “the **Hebrew Scriptures.**” The Hebrew Scriptures were written in large part, if not primarily, for Jesus. Each of these 39 “books” points to a different aspect of the life of the Redeemer of mankind and the Messiah to Israel. We will read a number of pertinent excerpts, and do our best to see them through the eyes of a Hebrew lad/teenager/young man named Jesus, and understand what His heavenly Father unfolded to him.

**Keep in mind that these words he read were the basis for his total TRUST/FAITH in God and his obedience to His Father.** Think about what it must have been like for him as the whole picture of his life and mission came into focus.

Genesis-Malachi shows: The bloodline of the King/Messiah/Redeemer; his birth in Bethlehem, his sinless life; his death on the Cross, his burial for three days and nights; his resurrection, his ascension and exaltation, his second coming to the earth to Israel, his raising all “O.T.” believers to new life; his 1K-year reign in glory as king of the world; his judgment and destruction of the wicked; his creation of a new heavens and earth.

All of that comprised “**the joy that was set before him,**” and that is what kept him going all the way through the Cross.

What about the promises God made to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, et al? They are on hold for now during this current “Administration of the Secret” (Eph.3:9). Later on we will see who JC is and what he is doing now for *the Christian Church* as a whole. But first we will see who he was, and who he will be, to *Israel*.

**Jesus Christ is God's Ultimate Promise Keeper (“YES!”).**

**Every prophecy about what the Messiah would do, first as the Lamb of God and later as the Lion of Judah, was dependent upon the free will choices Jesus made to obey God's “Master Plan” step by step and live out the blueprint God gave him for his life.**

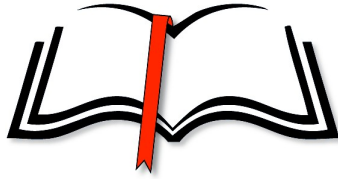
In essence, God gave him a good reputation to live up to. Could having that responsibility possibly weigh on you? Instead, Jesus turned his uniquely *gigantic* responsibility into all-out commitment.

**John 5:30-40**

**Luke 24:25-27**

**Romans 15:5-13**





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Let us now look at some excerpts from the “Hebrew Scriptures,” keeping in mind that ***there was a first time Jesus read these words***, a first time he truly understood that they were referring to *him*, and a first time he realized that *none* of it would happen if he did not go the distance on the path set before him.

## **Genesis 3:1-15**

**3:15** – Six major truths that underlie the rest of Scripture

1. Coming One will be a man (seed) – Luke 1:35 / a man fell, a man must redeem mankind; man’s only hope, and God’s only hope.
2. Seed results in fruit. JC will produce everlasting fruit after his kind.
3. Born of a virgin (no idea of that then).
4. This man will suffer and die.
5. He will recover—Resurrection.
6. He will annihilate the Devil.

## **Genesis 3:21**

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### **Part Two**

**Genesis 11:1-9** - Then comes Abraham at the 200-year mark

**Deuteronomy 32:8-12**

**Psalms 82:1-8**

**Genesis 12:1-3**

**15:1-6**

**17:1-8**

**Genesis 22:1-18**

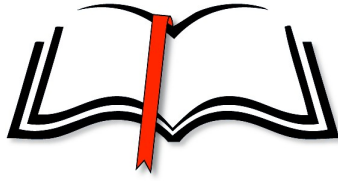
**Genesis 41:37-46** - Suffering and Glory

**Exodus 12:1-14**

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### **Part Three**

**David** was a focal person in the bloodline of the Messiah.



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## 2 Samuel 7:12-26

### Psalm 2

### Psalm 16

22:1ff

45:1-7

80:14-19

102:12-28

110:1ff

118:15-29

From Isaiah on, there is much prophecy about the **Tribulation** and the **Millennial Kingdom**. The destiny of Israel, and all mankind, was riding on Jesus, and he got that.

### Isaiah 2:1-4

9:2-7

11:1-10 - Our Super Hero. *Win one for the Gibbor!*

50:4-11

52:13-53:12

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## Part Four

### Jeremiah 23:1-8

31:31-40

33:6-22

Ezekiel 16:1-7 God's love for Israel in her infancy

8-14 Yahweh's chosen bride

15-34 Israel playing the harlot

35-52 Israel scattered across the earth

53 "HOWEVER!"

59-63 Future restoration of kingdom. AMEN!

### Ezekiel 22:30-31

36:16-38 Why the Millennial Kingdom?

(1) So God can keep His promises to Israel.

(2) So Israel will be the "kingdom of priests" they failed to be.

(3) So God can say, in essence, "I told you so. The carnal man is enmity against God, and nothing short of total regeneration will suffice."

### Ezekiel 37:11-14

Throughout his ministry, Jesus echoed what he saw in the Hebrew Scriptures. For example, Matthew 5:1ff: "The meek will inherit the EARTH, not heaven." He knew that God would not be able



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to keep any of these *future* promises unless he fulfilled the *current* ones.

**Daniel 7:13-14**

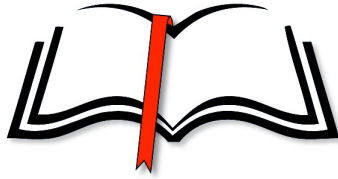
**Zechariah 12:1-6**

**13:1-2**

**14:1-4, 8-9**

**Malachi 4:1-3**

**John 5:16-30**



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## SEGMENT THREE

### **Jesus Christ Our Captain**

The epistle to the Hebrews was written to formerly Jewish converts to Christianity. In *The Companion Bible*, E.W. Bullinger makes a great case for why Paul is the author, and why the date of his writing it was in the early 50s, shortly after the beginning of his ministry. God's goal was to show the Jews that the promised Messiah in the Hebrew Scriptures had to suffer and die, and that Jesus of Nazareth was The Man of whom all the Messianic prophecies spoke. Many Hebrew Scriptures references in Hebrews.

The Jews were looking for a powerful deliverer, the Lion of Judah, not a suffering servant, a lamb who was slain. And many today still are. In showing that the blood of Christ was a sufficient sacrifice for sin, Paul points to *the permanence of salvation* that he would later expound upon more fully in his epistles to the Christian Church, particularly Romans.

In Hebrews, we'll see the focus on Jesus Christ as the perfect reflection of God's heart, the supreme sacrifice, the mediator of a **better (new) covenant to Israel** (he being the high priest thereof), the supreme example of faith/trust, and the one who will help you and me stand for God amidst the trials of life. The epistle to the Hebrews begins and ends with Jesus Christ, the Captain of our salvation.

### **Hebrews 1:1-2:18**

[3:1-4:13] Comparison showing that Jesus is better than Moses, the Jewish hero; then an exhortation not to be like faithless Israel of old.

### **4:11-16**

**5:1-14** – Verses 7-9 essentially the theme of Hebrews

### **6:1-12**

[6:13-9:28] Explains what it means that Jesus is a High Priest after the order of Melchisedec, and shows parallels between the two. Lays out how Jesus came not from the tribe of Levi, but from Judah, and, by the sacrifice of his own blood *once and for all*, became both King and High Priest of a new covenant based upon the “power of an indestructible life.” The New Covenant was *ratified* (confirmed) at his death, but it will not be *instituted* until he comes back to earth as the King for Israel.

[10:1-18] Shows that the Hebrew Scriptures are where Jesus found his **identity** (who he was), his **mission** (what he was to do based upon who he was), and his **destiny** (what he would receive if he did it). It shows him as the sinless High Priest whose genetic and behavioral perfection made him the complete, once-for-all sacrifice for the sin/sins of all men.



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**10:19-25**

**10:32-39**

**11:1, 6**

[7-31] – Jesus was the composite of all the characteristics of the heroes in the Hebrew Scriptures. FAITH was the bedrock of his life.

**11:32-40**

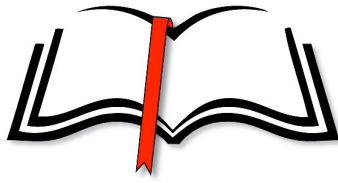
**12:1-13**

[14-29] – Warning against refusing to obey God, especially in light of the sacrifice Jesus made.

[13:1-4] – Practical tips

**13:5-8; 15-17; 20-21**

**Jesus Christ is The Man, the Lover of your soul, our Player/Coach, our Mentor in the art of faith, and our CAPTAIN. He is the Lord of our past, our present, and our future. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.**



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## SEGMENT FOUR

### **Who Jesus Christ *Is* Determines Who He *Is Not***

#### **Part One**

The most important question ever asked: **"Who do you say that I am?"** Notice he didn't ask, "Who do you say that I am not?"

Most Christians would answer as Peter did when Jesus asked him that question: **"You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."**

**2 Corinthians 4:3-4** – Jesus is the IMAGE of God. In other words, God looks like Jesus.

If you followed the above question with the question, **"Is Jesus God?"** most Christians, and especially those in positions of leadership in a church, would emphatically say "Yes." That is because they have been taught an inexplicable doctrine called the "Trinity."

And if words have meanings, is it not valid to question such Trinitarian statements as the following:

#### **WORDS HAVE MEANINGS**

- Jesus is 100% God and 100% man.
- Jesus is all God and all man.
- God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are one God.
- Jesus is the eternally begotten Son of God

#### **REALLY?**

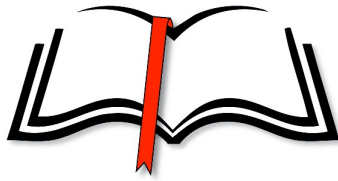
Do those statements make sense to you? Do you think they should?

**What does the Bible say about the Trinity? *Absolutely nothing.***

This may shock you, but, as every honest Trinitarian will admit, the word "Trinity" is nowhere in Scripture. Neither are the curious terms, "God the Son" nor "three-in-one" nor "all God and all man," nor any of the other extra-biblical terminology that Trinitarian theologians use in their convoluted and desperate defense of this inconceivable doctrine.

No honest Trinitarian scholar will say that he can either understand or explain the Trinity. How then can it be "the cornerstone of the Christian faith"? Here are eight quotes from avid **Trinitarians**:

Theology professor Louis Berkhof states: "The Church confesses the Trinity to be *a mystery beyond the comprehension of man*. The Trinity is a mystery, not merely in the biblical sense of what is a truth, which was formerly hidden but is now revealed; but in the sense that **man cannot comprehend it and make it intelligible**" (*Systematic Theology*, 1996, p. 89).



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Even as some demand that we believe in the Trinity, they admit that it is a mystery beyond understanding. Notice this startling statement from *A Handbook of Christian Truth*: "The mind of man cannot fully understand the mystery of the Trinity. **He who has tried to understand the mystery fully will lose his mind; but he who would deny the Trinity will lose his soul**" (Harold Lindsell and Charles Woodbridge, 1953, pp. 51-52).

What about 1 Peter 3:15, where the Apostle Peter instructs us that we are to "always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you"? How can we reconcile that with belief in a doctrine that is, as *The Encyclopedia Americana* puts it, "**beyond the grasp of human reason**"? (1980, Vol. 27, "The Trinity").

Cyril Richardson, professor of church history at New York's Union Theological Seminary, though a dedicated Trinitarian himself, said this in his 1958 book, *The Doctrine of The Trinity*: "My conclusion, then, about the doctrine of the Trinity is that **it is an artificial construct...It produces confusion rather than clarification**; and while the problems with which it deals are real ones [HUH?], the solutions it offers are not illuminating. It has posed for many Christians **dark and mysterious statements, which are ultimately meaningless**, because it does not sufficiently discriminate in its use of terms" (pp. 148-149). He also admitted, "**Much of the defense of the Trinity as a 'revealed' doctrine, is really an evasion of the objections that can be brought against it**" (p. 16).

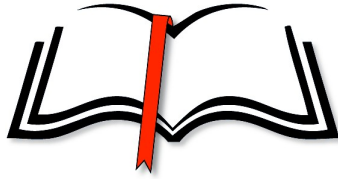
*A Dictionary of Religious Knowledge* (1885) states regarding the Trinity: "Precisely what that doctrine is, or rather precisely how it is to be explained, **Trinitarians are not agreed among themselves**" (Lyman Abbott, Editor, "Trinitarians").

In his 1995 book, *God in Three Persons: A Contemporary Interpretation of the Trinity*, Millard Erickson, research professor of theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, writes that the Trinity, "**is not clearly or explicitly taught anywhere in Scripture**, yet it is widely regarded as a central doctrine, indispensable to the Christian faith. In this regard, it goes contrary to what is virtually an axiom of biblical doctrine, namely, that **there is a direct correlation between the scriptural clarity of a doctrine and its cruciality to the faith and life of the church**. "In view of the difficulty of the subject and the great amount of effort expended to maintain this doctrine, we may well ask ourselves what might justify all this trouble" (p. 12).

Professor Erickson further states that the Trinity teaching "is not present in biblical thought, but arose when biblical thought was pressed into this foreign mold [of Greek concepts]. Thus, the doctrine of the Trinity **goes beyond and even distorts what the Bible says about God**" (p. 20).

Professor Erickson later points out: "It is claimed that the doctrine of the Trinity is a very important, crucial, and even basic doctrine. If that is indeed the case, **should it not be somewhere more clearly, directly, and explicitly stated in the Bible?** If this is the doctrine that especially constitutes Christianity's uniqueness...how can it be only *implied* [NO] in the biblical revelation?...**For here is a seemingly crucial matter where the Scriptures do not speak loudly and clearly.**





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"Little direct response can be made to this charge. **It is unlikely that any text of Scripture can be shown to teach the doctrine of the Trinity in a clear, direct, and unmistakable fashion**" (pp. 108-109).

\*The above quotes are from *Is God A Trinity?* a booklet published in 2011 by the United Church of God.

**To read any theologian's "explanation" of the Trinity is to be transported to realms where words, shorn at last of their semantic burdens, pirouette and regroup in combinations hitherto undreamed of.**

In other words, it is pure gobbledygook. The only way anyone can believe in the theology of the Trinity is by suspending any appeal to reason, logic, or linguistic principles. To prove that point, let's see how a leading theological work defines the Trinity.

Excerpts from *The New Bible Dictionary*. ("Told ya.")

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## Part Two

**So if there is no such thing in the Bible, why do most Christians believe in the Trinity?** Historical research provides the answer to that question, which begins in ancient Babylon and winds through Greece and Rome until it is formally hammered out in the 5th century A.D. by the Roman State Church and then enforced at the point of a sword for 1000 years.

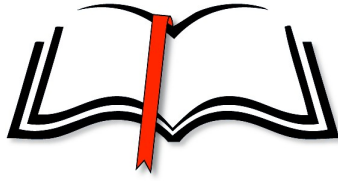
### **Why the Lie?**

Who Jesus IS determines who he is not. Thus far we have seen that he is the only begotten Son of God, the Last Adam, a lamb from out of the flock, a male human being who began as a seed in the womb of Mary. If he is even one of those things, he cannot also be God.

In logic, *one point* of dissimilarity is enough to prove that two things are not identical.

### **One God & One Lord**

- God had no beginning (Gen. 1:1) - Jesus was born (Matt. 1:18; Luke 1:35)
- God is spirit (John 4:24) - Jesus is not a spirit (Luke 24:40)
- God is not a man (Num. 23:19) - Jesus is a man (1 Tim. 2:5)
- God does not get tired (Isa. 40:28) - Jesus got tired (John 4:6)
- God cannot be tempted (James 1:13) - Jesus was tempted (Heb. 4:15)
- God is all-wise (Rom. 11:33) - Jesus grew in wisdom (Luke 2:52)
- God knows everything knowable (Job 21:22) - Jesus did not (Mark 13:32)
- God was always perfect (Ps. 18:30) - Jesus attained perfection (Heb. 2:10)
- God cannot die (Deut. 33:7) - Jesus died (Luke 23:46)



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To defend the Trinity, one must set aside *reason, logic, language, and Scripture* and embrace nonsense, illogic, gibberish, and fables.

**Why would God make the most important truth there is so absolutely impossible to clearly see in Scripture, and to understand and explain to others?**

Would He not instead have made it crystal clear? Yes, and HE DID.

**John 17:3** – The Dynamic Duo

**1 Corinthians 8:6**

**1 Timothy 2:5**

**1 John 4:1-3**

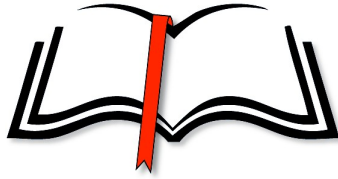
**2 John 3, 7-9**

**John 10:30-39**

**1 Corinthians 15:22-28**

**Revelation 22:1-3**

**A Closing Story** (From the last chapter of *One God & One Lord: Reconsidering The Cornerstone Of The Christian Faith*)



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## SEGMENT FIVE

### **What Did Jesus Know And When Did He Know It?**

#### **Part One**

During the summer of 1973, corrupt political practice was on the front page of every newspaper in the United States of America. Under investigation by a special Senate sub-committee was the President himself, Richard Milhouse Nixon. He had engineered what became known as the "Watergate" cover-up, and the committee was grilling his associates under the bright lights of the television cameras. It was under those burning klieg lamps, in front of a national television audience, that then Republican Senator Howard Baker asked the now-famous question, "What did the President know and when did he know it?" Similarly, we must ask the same question of the Scriptures: **What did Jesus know and when did he know it?**

Each human being must determine whether he will live his life according to a standard that he himself devises, one that someone else devised and passed along to him, or the standard that God Almighty devised: His written Word. Along with millions of other people, you and I have chosen the Word of God, as found in the Bible, as the flawless communication of the Creator to His created ones. Therefore, when it comes to determining truth regarding a particular matter, we ask: "What does the Bible say?" So far, so good. But we must take it further and add to that question the words, **TO WHOM?**

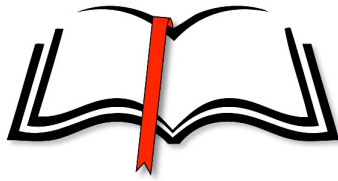
The truth that **Jews** (the bloodline of Israel), **Gentiles** (all people who are neither Jews nor Christians), and **the Church of God (Christians)** are the only three categories of people ever to live on the earth can be gleaned from Scripture as a whole, but in the following verse it is succinctly stated. Set in the context of maintaining one's Christian conscience and glorifying God in behavioral matters such as eating and drinking, it often goes unrecognized for the valuable nugget of truth it casually offers to the careful reader.

#### **1 Corinthians 10:32 (KJV)**

**Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:**

As Adam was neither a Jew nor a Christian, it is clear that Gentiles came first. Then, in Genesis 32, Israel was born out of Jacob. Had the people of Israel fulfilled God's calling for them, there would have been no third kind of people, but they failed miserably, even killing the Messiah He sent to them, and God's program for them was temporarily suspended. Then, on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2, via the theretofore unheard of "New Birth," about 3000 Jews became the first Christians. As we will see, the time period in which Paul wrote, biblically designated as "the administration of the Secret" (Eph. 3:9), and in which we are now still living, is the only administration on the spectrum of Scripture from Paradise lost (Genesis) to Paradise regained (Revelation) during which all three of these groups of people co-exist.

Properly translated as "administration" (or "dispensation"), the Greek word *oikonomia* is used only



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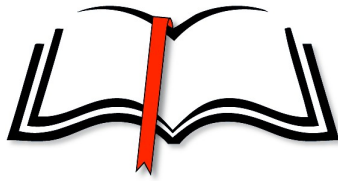
nine times in the New Testament. Coming from the Greek words "house" and "law," it means "the law of the house." Scripturally, it refers to the standard by which God dealt with those on earth during that particular time. **The "administrations" set forth in Scripture are the thrilling record of God's righteous and resourceful responses to the free will decisions of mankind.** They magnificently show how our loving God relentlessly worked, first, to bring to pass the birth of the "Promised Seed" whose coming He had announced immediately after the Fall of Adam and Eve in the original Paradise, and then help His only begotten Son fulfill his function as the Redeemer, all the way to his dying words, "It is finished."

One of the most stupendous verses in Scripture has seemingly gone almost unnoticed by the vast majority of Christians throughout the centuries. It is **1 Corinthians 2:6-8**, which says that if Satan had known the "Secret" (*mysterion*=secret) designed by God to be the central doctrine of Scripture for Christians, and upon which we will elaborate, **HE WOULD NOT HAVE CRUCIFIED JESUS CHRIST!**

But in His perfect wisdom, our awesome God kept the "Sacred" (as Rotherham renders it) Secret—could also be called "the Secret of God"—a secret from Satan, who then did crucify Jesus. When the risen Lord Jesus then learned and progressively revealed the Sacred Secret to the Apostle Paul, who wrote it in the Church Epistles, Satan realized his crucial mistake. Recognizing his grave error (as in "digging his own"), his goal then became to keep the Sacred Secret a secret from the world, and especially from those who choose to believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and are thus equipped to defeat him in daily spiritual combat just as Jesus did. This indispensable truth was the first thing Satan almost completely eradicated from the consciousness of Christianity, and he did so shortly after Paul's death in about 70 A.D. Yet he could not expunge it from the pages of God's written Word, where, as the "Hope Diamond" of Christianity, it continued to gleam brightly, particularly in Paul's epistle to the Ephesians, the apex of revelation to the Church, the Body of Christ.

For about 1800 years, this glorious Secret lay nearly dormant in the collective consciousness of Christendom. Church history shows that, during that time, only a very few Christians, scattered chronologically and geographically, recognized the basic truth of a pre-Tribulation "Rapture" or "Gathering Together" of the Church. Then, about 1830, an English-Irish man named John Darby led a movement that made known the basic truth of a dispensational view of Scripture on a much more widespread scale. Shortly after the turn of the century, his work was amplified by C. I. Scofield, and since then millions of Christians have seen the biblical validity of a dispensational view of Scripture and how it is the only approach by which to resolve the otherwise myriad of contradictions therein.

So what is this "Secret," which if Satan had known, *he would have allowed Jesus to live?* Simply put, it is that on the Day of Pentecost, recorded in Acts 2, **a completely new group of people appeared on earth.** Up to that moment in the Temple, there were only Jews and Gentiles populating the planet, but in a record-setting multiple birth, the twelve apostles and a number of other people were the first to be "born again." This new group is called the "Body" of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23) because each member is directly connected to the Head, the Lord Jesus Christ, and each member has a specific function coordinated thereby. As the Body of Christ, these believers are collectively referred to in Ephesians 2:15 as **"one new man."**



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The Secret is that The Man Jesus, who could only be in one place at a time while he lived on the earth, has now diversified himself in a body of incredibly diversified people, not only geographically, but also in personality and individual abilities. Each member of this new creation is directly and irrevocably connected to the Head of the Body, the Lord Jesus Christ, who has infused each "body part" with the gift of holy spirit, whereby each is equipped to do battle against our spiritual enemy. Each can do the works that Jesus did and thereby "re-present" him all over the world.

The distinguishing characteristic of this Administration of the Secret is that these unique people have a unique salvation, unlike the salvation experienced by anyone in any other administration. They have been **saved by grace through faith** (Eph. 2:8) in the finished work of Jesus Christ, and are thus **born again of incorruptible seed** (1 Pet. 1:23 - KJV), making their salvation absolutely permanent, no matter what their behavior is from then on. These people, known as "Christians," are now, collectively, the "Temple" of God, His dwelling place (Eph. 2:21 and 22).

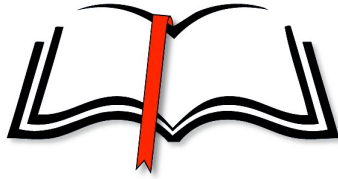
Part of the Secret is the true hope that Christians have. Contrary to what many have been taught, but in accord with Scripture, all Christians will one day, with no "sign" preceding the event, be **caught up to meet the Lord in the air** (1 Thess. 4:17). After a period of about seven years in "heaven," all Christians will accompany the Lord Jesus back to the earth to fight with him at the Battle of Armageddon (we win, by the way), and then be with him during his Millennial reign on earth. As a simple study will show, the final dwelling place for all Christians, as well as all those saved Jews and Gentiles, will be on the new earth, not in "heaven."

We must recognize and distinguish between which parts of the Bible are addressed to or speaking about **Israel** (past, present, future), **Gentiles** (past, present, future), or **Christians** (present, future). If we do not, God's magnificent written revelation to mankind, that which He has magnified above His name (Ps. 138:2 - KJV) and that which contains **all things pertaining to life and godliness** (2 Pet. 1:3 - KJV), will never make sense, nor will one be able to apply it for successful Christian living.

But how does our exposition of Scripture differ from other pre-Tribulational, pre-Millennial, "Dispensational" perspectives? And why do we firmly believe that this approach is more appealing to scriptural logic in resolving its otherwise apparent contradictions, as well as more applicable to daily Christian life?

The differences we will set before you stem from our drawing a finer biblical line between that Scripture written to or about **believers from the bloodline of Israel** and that Scripture written to or about **Christians**, those who, from the Day of Pentecost until the "Rapture," confess Jesus Christ as Lord as per Romans 10:9. Not only are the **Hebrew Scriptures** (Genesis through Malachi) written to and about *only Jews and Gentiles* (non-Jews), but so are the **Four Gospels** (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John), which actually conclude the Old Testament, and so is the **book of Revelation**.

**Nowhere in the Genesis-Malachi, the Four Gospels (prior to the resurrection of Jesus), or the book of Revelation is there a direct reference to what we today know as Christianity, nor to the people we today call "Christians."**



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Why not? Because it was "**...not made known to men in other generations...**" (Eph. 3:5). Besides that, it was "**unsearchable**" (Eph. 3:8). Why? Because it was "**hidden in God**" (Eph. 3:9). If the italicized statement in the above paragraph is new information to you, your mind may be racing with such questions as:

- Isn't the Church the "Bride" of Christ referred to in the Hebrew Scriptures?
- Wasn't Jesus talking to Nicodemus about being "born again" in John 3?
- Wasn't Jesus talking about Christians when he said, "...I will build my church..." (Matt. 16:18)?
- Isn't John 14:1-3 talking about the Rapture?
- Doesn't the "Comforter" refer to the holy spirit that came on Pentecost?
- Aren't the references in Revelation 2 and 3 to the "church" at Ephesus, etc. talking about Christians?

The answer to each of these questions is **NO**, and we encourage you to look more deeply into the body of our work in *The End Times* and *One Day With The Creator*, and on our website, and give us the opportunity to present to you what we believe the Word of God says about these critical matters, and how its truths apply to your daily life.

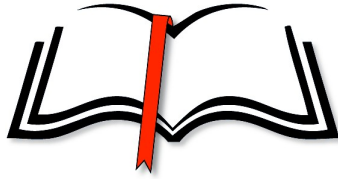
To whet your appetite, consider that Jesus said he was sent "...only to the lost sheep of Israel" (Matt. 15:24). He never met a Christian because there were none until the Day of Pentecost, as recorded in Acts 2. What Jesus said was directed specifically to Jews and Gentiles, not Christians. The Four Gospels are the record of the fulfillment of all the Messianic prophecies in the Hebrew Scriptures *regarding the first coming of Christ to the earth to Israel—his suffering*. The book of Revelation is the record of the fulfillment of all the rest of the Messianic prophecies in Genesis thru Malachi *regarding the second coming of Christ to the earth to Israel—his glory*.

The book of Revelation is the complement to what is written in the Hebrew Scriptures (which includes the Four Gospels, as Jesus came during the Law administration), and is a literal "Book-end" to Genesis. All that began there is concluded in Revelation. A study of the book of Revelation shows conclusively that all of the language therein is "Jewish," that is, it strictly follows that of the Hebrew Scriptures and the Four Gospels. None of it is akin to the language of Christianity as found in the Church Epistles. The Christian Church is not specifically mentioned anywhere in Revelation, although by putting together other parts of the Word we do know that we Christians are among those who accompany the Lord Jesus when he comes again to the earth to rule in his Millennial Kingdom.

In between the events recorded in the Four Gospels (which conclude with Jesus' rejection by the nation of Israel, his death, resurrection, and ascension) and those recorded in the book of Revelation (which chronicles the period of Israel's tribulation known in Scripture as "...the time of Jacob's trouble..." [Jer. 30:7 - KJV], and then being rescued by their Messiah, the Lion of Judah) is the time period in which we are now living: "the administration of the Secret."

There is a glaring contradiction created by non-dispensational thinking that is simply and elegantly explained by recognizing that **not even Jesus knew "the Sacred Secret."** Prerequisite to grasping that eye-opening truth is recognizing that Jesus was actually who he said he was, *the Son of God*, and not "God the Son," as purported by those who believe the strange, convoluted doctrine of the





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"Trinity," which, like mercury, cannot be grasped, primarily because it is nowhere in the Word of God. In regard to understanding what I am about to explain, it becomes clear that if we mistakenly believe that Jesus is God, we "cannot get there from here." *And that is why the previous segment preceded this one.*

Besides diminishing both the love of God and the heroism of Jesus, the dogged belief that Jesus is God, and therefore "omniscient," renders countless Bible verses unintelligible. It has also in part led to what is known theologically as "Preterism," which is the erroneous assumption that all the prophecies about Jesus' second coming TO THE EARTH TO ISRAEL were somehow fulfilled in 70 A.D. That is biblically ludicrous, but this is not the venue to debunk it. Suffice it to say that **Matthew 24:30** says that "all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory," and **Revelation 1:7** says that "every eye will see him."

To answer the question, "What did Jesus know?" we need look only at what *he said* during his earthly ministry. He knew everything revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures (Genesis through Malachi), and he knew it flawlessly, as evidenced by the first recorded words of his earthly ministry, which was specifically directed to ISRAEL, the people who for centuries were supposed to have been reading the prophecies of his coming and thus recognize him as the promised Messiah.

## Luke 4:16-20

## Isaiah 61:1 and 2

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### Part Two

Throughout his earthly ministry, Jesus made a number of statements that simply cannot be understood apart from an administrative view of the Bible. Let us consider four of them, which refer to events that would precede the inauguration of his Millennial Kingdom.

## Matthew 10:23

## Matthew 16:28

C.S. Lewis: "This is Christianity's most embarrassing verse."

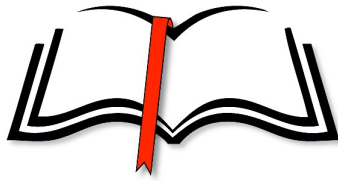
## Matthew 24:34

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## Luke 11:49-51

Just as he made plain during his ministry, **Jesus was speaking to Jews, not Christians**, and these clear and straightforward statements refer to the literal, future Kingdom of which he spoke so often. He believed that his Kingdom would be established about *seven years after his death and resurrection*, based upon his flawlessly accurate understanding of "Old Testament" prophecies that we now know are to be fulfilled in the future according to the book of Revelation.





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***But what he said did not come to pass when he said it would.*** The Jewish people to whom Jesus spoke are long gone, and still he has not returned to the earth. So how do we reconcile those statements with the rest of Scripture? How do we understand them without Jesus' integrity being compromised? Never have we found any other explanation we think makes sense, and I ask you to consider the one I set forth here.

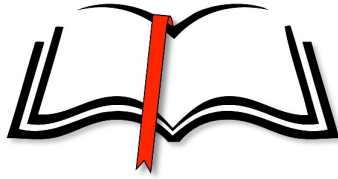
As the book of Acts and the rest of the New Testament make known, "the Kingdom" was not established at that time, but was deferred to an unknown future time (e.g., Acts 1:6-7). The problem then becomes explaining how Jesus could have been so mistaken about something that was such an integral part of his message: the soon coming of the Kingdom. If Jesus always did the will of God and spoke truly from his Father's heart, how could he not have known that the Kingdom was not coming when he said it was?

Like the prophets of old, **Jesus could not go beyond what was previously written in Scripture or had been particularly revealed to him.** Drawing from what the prophets had written, he would have expected certain events to take place in a certain order. His first coming was to involve his suffering, and end in death. After being resurrected, he expected seven years of Tribulation (Dan. 9:24-27; Jer. 30:7) before returning to earth to establish his Kingdom and fulfill the New Covenant with Israel (e.g., Jer. 31:31-34). Although many Christians mistakenly believe that the Church is part of the New Covenant, God's Word clearly shows that the New Covenant will be with the same people to whom God gave the Old Covenant, and that, of course, is Israel.

The words Jesus used when he said "...this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened" were simple and straightforward. "All" those things were not fulfilled, and that generation is dead and gone. If the end of the world had come during that generation, everyone would applaud how accurate and simple to understand Christ's words were. However, as we have pointed out, he could speak only what he knew, and he could know only what God revealed to him. *The truth is that this current, and parenthetical, **Administration of the Grace of God** has delayed Christ's coming TO THE EARTH TO ISRAEL, and a dispensational view of Scripture resolves this contradiction simply and elegantly.* Other explanations seem exceptionally convoluted and contrived.

So was Jesus actually *wrong*? No. In fact, he was absolutely right—as far as he knew. Jesus was not wrong—he was *uninformed*, and that was because he *could not have been* informed. It was not only wise of God to conceal the Sacred Secret from Jesus; it was also loving. How so? Because God's not making it known to Jesus allowed him to speak from his heart with complete conviction and honesty, and that convinced Satan, who took the bait and sealed his own doom. Do I think Jesus could have kept the Secret? Sure, but had Jesus known it, he would have had to accompany statements like the four we cited above with a "Wink, wink" or an unspoken mental asterisk.

To close this segment, let's look at some electrifying verses that are constantly quoted but little understood.



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**John 3:1-10**

**Psalms 2:1ff**

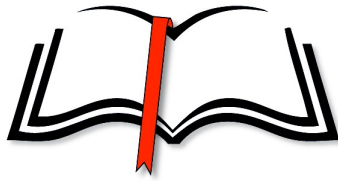
**Acts 13:29-37**

**Isaiah 26:17-19**

**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

At some point in time *after* God raised Jesus from the dead, and either before or after his ascension (we think *before*, based upon some things he said), God told His Son the Sacred Secret. Do you think Jesus was offended and retorted, "I could've kept that secret!"? No. It is more likely that he said something like, "Awesome! Now I can be all over the world, in essence, by dwelling and working within each member of my Body who chooses to follow my lead. Rather than being only one place at a time, I can now bring truth, light, love, and life any place on earth where a Christian works with me and becomes like me."

If you are a Christian, why not give your all for the One who gave himself for you? It is only via his Body, the Church, that the Lord Jesus can make known God's manifold wisdom to mankind.



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## SEGMENT SIX

### **A Tale of Three Bodies**

**The job that God asked Jesus to do, and to which he said Yes, is so big that it took three bodies for him to accomplish it.**

### **Luke 4:14-21**

#### **“WANTED: REDEEMER OF MANKIND”**

The written Word makes known the Living Word. The Bible is just as true as Jesus is, and vice versa. If he lived, and was who he said he was, the Word is what it claims to be. *Both the God-breathed Written Word and the God-created Living Word* contain THE LIFE OF GOD (Eph. 4:18)

- Truth..... **John 17:17 / John 14:6**
- Light..... **Psalm 119:105 / John 9:5**
- Power/Wisdom ..... **Romans 1:16 / 1 Corinthians 1:24**
- Liberty ..... **John 8:32 / Galatians 5:1**
- Healing ..... **Psalm 107:20 / Matthew 9:35**

### **Jeremiah 36:1-7, 16-32 (written Word)**

### **Isaiah 52:13-14**

### **Psalm 40:1-10**

### **Hebrews 10:1-10**

JC lived a sinless life in Body #1, and he is now the exalted Lord in his new body, Body #2. He is the Head of the Church, of which you are a member in particular, and a fully equipped, fulltime minister of the Gospel. Via the gift of holy spirit, you are constantly connected to him. Now there is MORE JESUS, like there was MORE WORD in Jeremiah 36, and YOU are a part of Body #3.

### **1 Peter 2:21-24**

[Thanks to my friend Gloria for her insight in this closing section.]

The Greek word for "stripes" has some very interesting implications. The Greek word is *molops*, from *ops*=the face, and *mol*=black mark or blow mark. A related verb is *optomai*=to gaze (as with wide-open eyes, at something remarkable).

It is not simply in acknowledging and honoring Christ's suffering that we are healed. It is deeper. We are to gaze at His face with wide-open eyes, as at "something remarkable." Our fascination with Him will ignite something like the genuine version of the spiritual counterfeit called a "spell." Dictionary: "any dominating or irresistible influence; fascination."

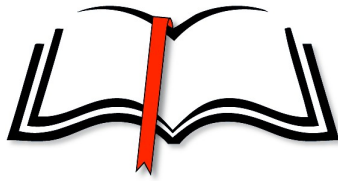


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C.S. Lewis metaphorically depicted Christ's crucifixion, death, resurrection, and ascension as "the deeper magic" in the *Chronicles of Narnia*, where Aslan the Great Lion sacrifices himself for his subjects. Today, it seems the counterfeit "magic" gets all the glamorous coverage, when indeed Christ's work was truly the greatest *genuine* supernatural "spell" that has ever been cast upon earth. For those who choose to allow the love of Christ to influence them, it changes EVERYTHING.

And when we gaze with eyes wide-open upon His face, and see that it is something truly remarkable, we are irresistibly fascinated beyond our pain, beyond our heartaches, beyond our rage, beyond our frequent sufferings. Something happens that only God and Christ understand—*and we are healed.*



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## SEGMENT SEVEN

### **The Four Gospels: Jesus Christ's Autobiography**

In the Hebrew Scriptures, God is both “God” (*Elohim*) and “Lord” (*Yahweh*). First use of *Yahweh* in Genesis 2:4 is re: mankind. In His relationship with man, God wore many hats: *Yahweh Provides* (Gen. 22:14); *Heals* (Ex. 15:26); *Banner* (Ex. 17:15); *Sanctifies* (Ex. 31:13); *Shepherd* (Ps. 23:1); *Righteousness* (Jer. 23:6); *Peace* (Judges 6:24); *Present* (Ezek. 48:35).

Jesus' earthly ministry personified all those functions as he gave people “previews of coming attractions” about the Millennial Kingdom, when he will expand those functions worldwide. Now, as the HEAD of the Church, he “wears those hats” for us, his Body parts.

JC is the subject of the written Word from Gen. 3:15ff, **but** there are *only four sections* that could be called “biographical”—actually, they are his *auto-biography*, because it was he who gave the revelation to the four Gospel writers. Think about that word: *bios* = life / *graphe* = scriptures/writings. Lat. *graphicas* = painting, drawing. In English, “graphic” means “giving a clear and effective picture.” Synonyms: “striking, telling, picturesque.” Was that Jesus, *or what?*!

The Four Gospels conclude the Hebrew Scriptures because they are the record of *the fulfillment of all the prophecies about JC's first coming to the earth to Israel*. **Jesus spoke only to and about Israel, not to or about anyone who could be “born again of incorruptible seed.”** Therefore, *you* are not the pronouns in Matthew, Mark, Luke, John.

### **Why Four Gospels?**

We find the key to answering that question in the Hebrew word *tsemach* = a sprout from the root. *Tsemach* is the brightest star in the Zodiac, and is in the constellation of Virgo.

### **Isaiah 11:1-4; 53:1-2**

#### **Matthew: King**

**(Jeremiah 23:5-6)** —The King raised up to rule in righteousness.

Royal Genealogy (1:1ff) from Abraham and David down. 60 references from the H.S.! “kingdom of heaven” = 32x, never in M,L,J; “that it might be fulfilled which was spoken”/“it was spoken” = 23x, none elsewhere.

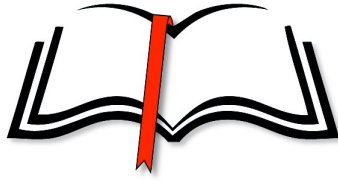
#### **Mark: Servant**

**(Zechariah 3:8)** —The Servant brought forth in *Yahweh's* service.

No genealogy—get to work (1:14ff). 73x called “Lord” in M,L,J, never in Mark (7:28 should be “sir”/9:24 not in texts); detailed references to his activities—what and how he said and did.

#### **Luke: The Man**

**(Zechariah 6:12)**—The Perfect Man growing up out of his place.



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Human Genealogy upward to Adam (3:23-38) ; much about his tenderness, compassion to outcasts and sinners; many references to women and how he interacted with them; always dependent upon the Father--in prayer; 6 miracles and 11 parables occur only in Luke, e.g., Good Samaritan.

## John: The Son of God

- **(Isaiah 4:2)**—*The tsemach of Yahweh* in his intrinsic glory.

One theologian: “Jesus walks the earth with the prowess of the Resurrected Christ, but with respect to God he is the ever-obedient agent.” Never praying, but “saying” or “speaking” to his Father. Records the words of Jesus more than any other Gospel—because Jesus is the *living Word*. Many key words used more in John than in M,M,L combined--e.g., “believe, the Father, glory, glorify, life, love, true, truth.”

**John 20:30-31** – All of John’s Gospel shows this great truth.

Now let us look at a few excerpts.

**Luke 2:41-52** – Only Luke records anything about his childhood.

Note: We believe that Joseph died during Jesus’ lifetime, because, culturally speaking, he was conspicuously absent on three occasions: (1) Wedding at Cana (John 2) , (2) When Mary and Jesus’ brothers thought he was nuts (Mark 3) , and (3) At the cross: Mary looking up at his mutilated body and unrecognizable face (John 19:25-27) . It is interesting that Mary got born again on Pentecost and will be at the Gathering Together, but Joseph will get up later at the Resurrection of the Just.

John 20:30 (...“many other miraculous signs not recorded”...) . Why the ones chosen in each Gospel? To show how the Lord Jesus will deal with you and me as we present to him the facets of our lives, both good and bad.

**Jesus is the most human being ever**, and the four portraits of him painted by M,M,L,J (King, Servant, Man, Son of God) enable him to come alive to us, if we open our hearts to him, follow his example, and do our best to **obey the words he later gave to Paul for us members of his Body**.

**His Temptations** – “It is written” – his total commitment to the Word of God and thus his unwavering trust in his Father.

**Luke 4:16-30**

**Mark 1:35-42**

**Mark 3:1-5**

**Luke 18:15-17**

**Luke 18:35–19:10**



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**John 9:1ff, 35-38**

**Mark 14:1-9**

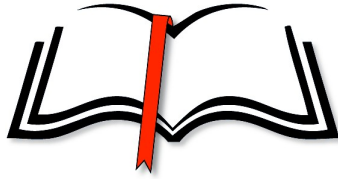
**John 12:23-27**

**Luke 22:39-53**

Think about Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John as they received revelation from their risen and ascended Lord to write the story of his life. Consider how they each must have reflected upon their personal relationship with Jesus from the moment they first met him until he ASCENDED! Wow!

Acts 1:3 – “...many infallible proofs that he was alive...” He will do no less for you and me, for it is we who now represent him in a dying world. Acts 1:1: “all that Jesus BEGAN both to do and teach...” He longs to continue to **do and teach**, in cooperation with you and me. May he make himself more real to you each day.





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## **SEGMENT EIGHT**

### **If You've Seen Jesus, You've Seen the Father**

And if you have not seen Jesus, I assert that you have a vague, nebulous "God."

### **Deuteronomy 29:29**

#### **STOP TALKING TO PEOPLE ABOUT "GOD"**

Why?

- (1) He is inconceivable
- (2) People are mad at Him
- (3) "God" doesn't bring people to a decision like *Jesus Christ* does.

### **Exodus. 33:7-34:7**

### **Psalms 115:1-8**

### **John 1:14; 8:25-30; 14:7-11**

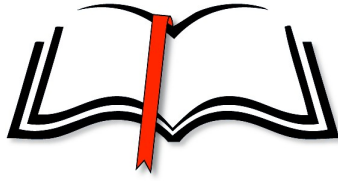
### **Hebrews 1:1-3**

### **2 Corinthians 3:17-4:6**

### **Luke 5:1-8**

### **Matthew 11:28-30**

### **2 Corinthians 1:18-20**



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## SEGMENT NINE

### **Experiencing Jesus, The Healer of Broken Hearts**

The Bible is the story of two Adams, each of which lives in every Christian. It is only by getting to know the Last Adam that we will truly get to know the First Adam and how his insidious sin nature relentlessly works against us. The Last Adam is the Savior from the sinful nature of the First Adam that dwells in us.

**It is only by trusting that the Last Adam has our back that we will boldly face the First Adam within us and honestly confront his sinful subtleties.**

Take Jesus' hand and let him lead you into and through the sin that "dwells" in you and afflicts you.

Jesus Christ is the subject of Scripture from Genesis 3:15—Revelation 22. That he **died a torturous death** for us is spectacular, but so is the fact that he **lived a sinless life**. How? By always entrusting himself to God (1 Pet. 2:23).

### John 14:21

### 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

**Love for another person** is what has motivated the greatest sacrifices and the greatest achievements of mankind. Let alone what will sustain us if we are ever tortured as Christians, **love for The Man who died for us is the only thing that will motivate us to "die" daily**, that is, to do the will of the Lord rather than our own. That is when we see his resurrected power take us to newness of life.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Let him be himself with you, and be yourself with him. Share your whole life with him, and make your life an expression of his.

"Mental health is the ongoing process of dedication to *reality* at all costs." Greek *aletheia*=truth=reality. Let's GET REAL.

Jesus Christ is The Truth (reality), and the more of him we experience, the more whole we are. His scandalous freedom was born out of a profound holiness and purity of heart. He experienced the pain of being misunderstood, rejected, etc. but NEVER did he speak or act in order to look good, feel good, or be in control. ALWAYS did he speak and act from the **inside out**—from the abundance of the Word in his heart.

### Revelation 19:11

### Matthew 23:1-15



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**Mark 10:17-23**

**Luke 13:10-17**

**John 2:15-18**

**The life of Christ was one long intervention—and it still is!** He longs to cleanse us moment-by-moment. For that to happen, we as members of the Body of Christ must cooperate with him.

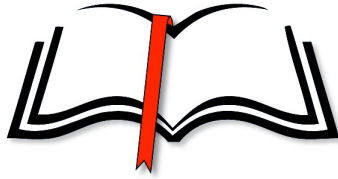
**Matthew 18:15-18**

Scripture says that the fear of man brings a snare, and that is because **the fear that others may think badly of us makes us act falsely rather than truly**. It makes us cover up our flaws rather than bring them into the light so they can be healed.

**2 Corinthians 3:17-4:2**

**Psalms 139:1-7, 21-24**

Excerpts from *That Man Is You*, by Louis Evely



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## SEGMENT TEN

### **Jesus Christ and YOU (A Man Named Peter)**

Grasping the LORDship of Jesus Christ is the key to your everlasting life (**Romans 10:9**), and to powerful daily living (**1 Peter 3:15**). Your relationship with Jesus Christ (who you've never met) is the bottom line of your Christian walk. The problem: **our persistent humanity**.

God has provided us with a real life example of someone with whom we can easily identify. Peter personified **Proverbs 24:16** ("A righteous man falls seven times, but rises again...")! That's how we learn to walk. Peter provides us with true inspiration as to where we can go if we follow the Lord's leading. Religion too often says we must be perfect. Jesus looks on your HEART, and works with you, just like he did with Peter, *who ended up getting two books in the Bible!* So let us begin with Peter's first encounter with Jesus.

### **John 1:35-42**

### **Luke 5:1-10**

### **Matthew 14:22-33**

### **Matthew 16:13-23**

### **Matthew 17:1-9**

### **John 13:1-9; 21-24; 33-38**

### **Luke 22:(24-30) 31-34**

### **Matthew 26:31-46**

### **John 18:1-11**

### **Luke 22:54-62**

### **John 20:1-10**

**John 21:1-23** The Lord Jesus will work with you in like manner. If you had a spiritual dream that was shattered, or you have lost heart, he will energize you to function in your personal ministry. "The Lord knows the way through the wilderness. All you need do is follow."



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## Peter's Powerful Ministry

- Acts 1 – Picked the replacement for Judas
- Acts 2 – “Ye men of Judea...”
- Acts 3 – Healed the lame man at Temple gate
- Acts 4 – “You rulers of the people...”
- Acts 5 – Stood forth in the revelation about Ananias & Sapphira
- Acts 9 – Raised Dorcas from the dead
- Acts 10 – Received a great revelation from the Lord
- Acts 12 – Sleeping in jail, angel comes and springs him

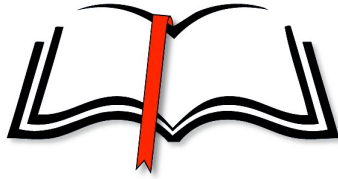
Acts 15:7-12 – The last recorded words of Peter.

## Galatians 2:11-21

The hallmark of Peter's life was humility—***pulling your foot out of your mouth and putting it in front of you one more time.***

## 1 Peter 5:1-11

**How far do you want to go with the Lord Jesus? *He will never lead you where his grace cannot keep you.*** Let us follow the example of Peter and let the Lord Jesus guide us, correct us, pick us up, and help us stand for him for a lifetime.



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## SEGMENT ELEVEN

### **Jesus Christ, The True Lover of Your Soul**

As we are seeing, the relationship between God Almighty and His only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, is absolutely vital to understand, and that is why for 2000 years Satan has made it his main doctrinal target to distort and obscure. The Devil knows that **if we correctly understand who God is and who His Son is, and how they love one another and relate to one another, it will enhance our own relationship with each of them and empower us to live for them.** As we have seen, the convoluted idea of the “Trinity” is the primary means by which the Enemy has nullified people’s understanding and appreciation of the heart-to-heart relationship between the Father and His precious Son.

Where did Jesus learn how to love sinners? From his Father.

**It took far more love for God to give His only Son that it would for Him to have somehow become a baby and then a man, and die Himself, which is impossible anyway.**

God had Jesus’ back every step of the way, showing him His faithfulness and helping him build his trust (faith).

Jesus had something to say about love: *“Greater love has no man than that he lays down his life for another.”* Jesus also *did* just that, both in his daily interaction with the spectrum of humanity he encountered, and finally on the Cross. He lay down his life so that he might find greater life in resurrection.

“Worship” = “to give honor or pay homage to.” Our English word comes from “worth” ship.

### **Philippians 3:3**

Because God has exalted Jesus and made him Lord, and because we understand the distinction between them, we are to worship, honor, exult in, boast of, and serve BOTH our God and our Lord, building intimacy with both our Father and our Big Brother. The Word informs us exactly why we honor each one.

This is like the pattern given us in Genesis 41:37-46 re: Joseph and the Pharaoh, which we covered earlier. It was *God’s idea* to exalt Jesus, and when we honor him, we honor God (John 5:23). Conversely, if we diminish the role God intended him to play in our lives, we dishonor both him and God.

Jesus saw clearly his future ministry to Israel during the Millennial Kingdom, but he did not know what he would do as the Head of a worldwide Body of believers he would equip to minister in his stead.



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**(1) Who is Jesus to The *Ekklesia* (2) What is he doing now?**

**Galatians 1:11-12** – The Revelator - **No dichotomy between Jesus and Paul**

**Ephesians 1:15-23**

**Colossians 3:1-4; 16-17, 23-25**

**Acts 2:29-36**

[“lord” = *kurios* = boss] **Now** there is “**one God and one Lord**” (1 Cor. 8:6). In the Church Epistles, other than quotes from the Hebrew Scriptures, **the word “lord” (used about 365 times) NEVER refers to God, always to Jesus.** E.g., **Romans 10:9; 1 Peter 3:15.**

**Philippians 2:5-11**

**As “Lord,” what is Jesus doing now?** Let’s see verbs with the subject of “Lord,” which thus refers to Jesus.

**Romans 1:3-7** (Gives us “apostolic grace”=the privilege to be sent forth)

**2 Corinthians 3:17-18** (Changes us from the inside out as we look to him)

**Ephesians 5:19** (Receives our songs of praise)

**6:8** (Rewards us)

**6:23-24** (Gives us peace and love)

**Philippians 2:19** (Connects us with other members of the Body)

**Colossians 2:6-7** (Builds us up and strengthens us)

**1 Thessalonians 1:3** (Gives us hope)

**3:11-12** (Helps our love for one another increase)

**2 Thessalonians 2:16-17** (Comforts and encourages us)

**3:3** (Protects us from the evil one)

**3:5** (Directs our hearts into the love of God and his patience)

**3:16** (Gives us peace)

**1 Timothy 1:12** (Appoints us to service)

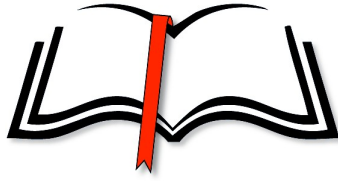
**2 Timothy 2:7** (Gives us understanding)

**3:11** (Delivers us from persecution)

**4:8** (Will give us the crown of righteousness)

**4:14** (Repays our enemies)





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**4:17** (Stands with us and gives us power)

**4:18** (Delivers us from evil)

## **1 John 1:1-4**

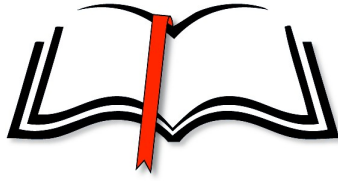
**Truth has a name: Jesus.**

**Love has a name: Jesus.**

**Peace has a name: Jesus.**

**Joy has a name: Jesus.**

He is the embodiment of the fruit of the spirit, the divine nature of God, and when we sanctify him as Lord and vigorously press in to his heart, as he asks us to do, we will become whole.



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## SEGMENT TWELVE

### **Who You Are IN CHRIST**

Countless people around the world today live with an “identity crisis.” No Christian need have that problem, however, for the Word of God is clear about who you are as a “son” of God. The more we see the magnitude of who we are and what we have IN CHRIST, the more our faith will appropriate the riches of His glory.

#### **Genesis 2:4-7**

The first use of *Yahweh*, the Name God chose for Himself. About 2500 years later, he defined His Name for the first time.

#### **Exodus 34:5-14**

The covenant contract, like a marriage, that God made with Moses, the mediator between God and Israel, was thus extended to Israel, the Bride of Christ. A covenant requires *two parties*, and apparently God wanted Moses to know with Whom he was entering into this contract: ***Yahweh***. Deuteronomy 28 shows the conditional nature of the Mosaic Covenant.

It is vital to understand that **Jesus is the Bridegroom to Israel**, as the Hebrew Scriptures clearly show. The *ekklesia* is NOT THE BRIDE, and Jesus he has no “covenant” with us, the Church.

**We, those who answered the call of Christ, are his *Body*, and thus ONE WITH and IN CHRIST. What we have is far beyond a *covenant* agreement like God has with the believing bloodline of Israel.**

God not only named Himself, He also named His Son. (Matthew 1:21 – “Yeshua” “...because he will save his people from their sins”) *Yeshua* means, “*Yahweh* our salvation” or “*Yahweh* who saves.” Thus, Jesus was “God, Jr.”, THE CHIP OFF THE OLD (really old) ROCK. As he walked among men, Jesus vividly exemplified all the *Yahweh* characteristics of His Father that he read about in the Hebrew Scriptures. Thus he could say, “He who has seen me has seen the Father.” Jesus is the heart and will of God revealed.

Of course what Jesus did not understand—because he couldn’t, because it was hidden in God—was that he would become the Head of a multi-variegated, multi-diversified body of people who would come to be known as “Christians.” Each one who chose to do so could *re-present him* (and thus God) all over the world, manifesting his resurrection power just as he had. As members in particular of that One Body, each would be permanently **IN HIM** and have the same rights and privileges that he earned by his obedience, all the way to the Cross.

**IN JESUS CHRIST, you and I are also named after our Father and filled with his divine nature.**

The indispensable truth about which parts of Scripture are written TO WHOM: **Israel (past or present) or Christians (present and future) cannot be overstated.** Now let’s look at some of the



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revelation the Lord Jesus gave to Paul for us who are born again of God's spirit.

## OUR IDENTIFICATION WITH CHRIST

### **1 Corinthians 10:1-6**

ISRAEL was baptized INTO MOSES, a type of Christ. Likewise, YOU AND I have been immersed in Christ Jesus and are now soaked through and through with his divine nature. What we do about it is our choice, moment by moment.

### **Romans 6:3-12**

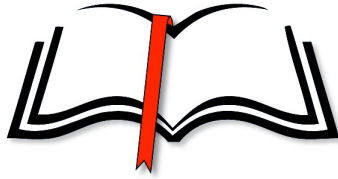
### **Romans 8:15-18**

### **2 Corinthians 5:17-6:1**

### **Colossians 2:8-15**

### **1 John 3:1-3**

### **Ephesians 1:1-14; 2:1-22; 3:1-11**



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## SEGMENT THIRTEEN

### **Resurrection Revolution! (Death Unto Life)**

**JESUS CHRIST is THE PROMISE OF GOD.**

**His greatest promise to you and me is EVERLASTING LIFE.**

Think of the JOY in the hearts of both God and Christ at the moment God snatched his Son from the bowels of death. Think about the three days and three nights of eager anticipation on God's part. *That might have been the only time when "a day was like a thousand years" for Him.* How excited was God to tell Jesus all about the Sacred Secret, the Gathering Together, and all that the risen Lord then passed on to the Apostle Paul?

Why did Jesus have to die? Statement of the Problem: Because thanks to the first Adam, all men are born dead in sin, which means that, unless they embrace the finished work of the Last Adam, *the seeds of physical death will eventually bear fruit forever.* The antidote to death is LIFE. Life begins with BIRTH. Birth begins with SEED. Jesus Christ is the Promised Seed. He is The Friend who came to deliver us from our mortal Enemy, DEATH.

**John 5:24-29** – Death unto life! Jesus reversed the age-old pattern of life unto death. *His Resurrection started the Revolution, and he is recruiting other revolutionaries who want to follow in his steps.*

### **John 11:32-44** - Preview of Coming Attractions

The Greek word *archegos* means "the first one in line in a rank or file." Each of its four uses in Scripture refers specifically to Jesus in the context of his death and resurrection:

**Acts 3:15** "You killed the **Prince** of Life"

**Acts 5:31** "...him God exalted...to be a **Prince** and a Savior"

**Hebrews 2:10** "...in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the **Captain** of their salvation perfect through sufferings."

**Hebrews 12:2** "...looking unto Jesus, the **Author** and Finisher of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross..."

Jesus was not the first "Christian," nor did he have any idea of the "Master" Plan that was up God's sleeve, but His life did set the pattern of how we as Christians are to live. He has raised us to new life so that we can follow his lead and "lay down our lives" in self-sacrificial living, just as our Lord did.



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## **Luke 9:21-24**

## **Philippians 3:7-14**

That is the Christian Gospel. It is not about **self**-fulfillment or **self**-help or **self**-esteem or **self**-worth or **self**-love or pain-free living or perpetual happiness. It is about joyfully doing the hard work of **self-sacrifice**, just like our Lord did. **The Cross** is about the death of SELF and total reliance upon the grace and mercy of God and Christ.

## **2 Corinthians 5:10-16**

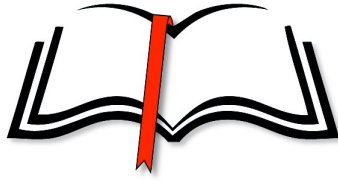
## **Philippians 3:17-4:1**

## **1 Corinthians 15:35-58**

## **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

**Post-Rapture Chronology:** Tribulation / Resurrection of the Just / Millennial Kingdom / White Throne Judgment and Resurrection of the Unjust / New heavens and earth

## **1 Corinthians 15:24-28**



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## SEGMENT FOURTEEN

### **The Son Is Always Shining**

#### **John 9:5**

We English-speaking folks get the linguistic blessing of a terrific homonym. That's right, because, as we will see from the Word, God metaphorically represents His "**Son**" in our immediate celestial universe by the "**Sun**."

**Just as The Sun is the "Star of the show" in our world, so God intended people to look to His Son as the Star of His panoramic show.**

My goal: Every time you see the Sun, you think of the Son.

#### **Psalm 19:1-6**

#### **Isaiah 60:1-3**

#### **Malachi 4:1-2**

#### **Luke 1:76-79**

#### **Matthew 27:45**

Clearly, the Creator wants all men to embrace the many relevant parallels He put in place between the celestial Sun and the Son of God, and act on these truths. No wonder that Satan, the master counterfeiter, has obscured that glorious truth from so many, and even gotten them to worship the Sun instead of The Son.

**Without The Sun, no life can exist on earth. Similarly, without The Son, there is no everlasting life on a new earth.**

The Sun is the ultimate source of power and energy. Likewise, Jesus is the power of God for the benefit of mankind (1 Cor.1:24).

Often the Sun is blocked from our view by clouds and rain, and there is nothing we can do about that. We know, however, that it is still shining. As Christians, we *can* stop anything from getting between us and the Son. In fact, it is up to us (with his help) to remove any "veils" between him and us, walk in his freedom, and reflect his glory (2 Cor. 3:17-18).

Furthermore, our Sun sets each day, bringing a period of darkness until the next morning's sunrise. Not so with the Son, *who shines on us day and night*. For us, there's no such thing as a *Sonless* day. Figuratively speaking, whenever we look up, we can see him.



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It is the Sun that enables us to see everything else clearly. Sonlight helps you see and know what is going on around you, both good and bad. While negotiating life's obstacles, always wear your Son-glasses.

It is clear that how a person relates to the Sun determines whether it is healthful or harmful to him. The Sun gives life to those who relate to it properly, but it will eventually destroy those who do not. Likewise, Jesus Christ is the Rock who is our firm foundation, *and* the Rock who will one day crush those who oppose him.

Not all of God's plan of redemption for mankind is set forth in His celestial message, and that is because He could not reveal even a hint of the "**Sacred Secret**" until after Jesus Christ had gone the distance for us and conquered death. The basic truths in Genesis through Malachi and in the Book of Revelation are emblazoned across the heavens, but *there is nothing about the Body of Christ, by which Jesus would diversify himself around the world. God left that message for you and me to proclaim as living epistles.*

## **Philippians 2:14-16**

***The Body of Christ is to be the prism through which the entire spectrum of Christ's true colors is visible when Sonlight shines upon and through it!***

It is *we*, the variegated members of the Body of Christ, who are commissioned to show his True Colors to a dark and dying world.

Sonlight shining through a magnifying glass can start a raging conflagration. Jesus is our Sonlight, and we are to magnify him and thus light a fire in the hearts of those in our world. Perhaps we who stand for the biblical Truth about Jesus Christ and have a "Sonny" disposition can kindle a blaze in millions of people to the end that their hearts burn within them like those Jesus touched when he walked this earth.

***The key to each of us doing so is our personal relationship with our Lord Jesus.***

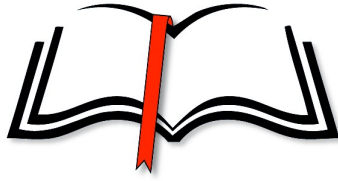
## **1 Peter 3:15**

## **2 Peter 3:18**

## **Matthew 11:28-30**

## **Acts 4:1-14**

## **2 Corinthians 1:18-20**



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Because Jesus said “YES!” to God, he is now God’s constant “YES!” to you and me. His “YES!” took everything he had. From the moment he was taken from Gethsemane on Monday night, through his torture until Wednesday morning, along every step of the way through the streets of Jerusalem and up to the Mount of Olives, our precious Lord had to lock his mind on the promises of God in order to persist to his last breath. Because he did, he now helps you and me to do likewise, and live for his glory while anticipating his glorious appearing.

## **I Will Persist Until I Succeed**

(Adapted from “I Will Persist Until I Succeed” in *The Greatest Salesman in the World*, by Og Mandino)

In the Orient, young bulls are tested for the fight arena in a certain manner. Each is brought to the ring and allowed to attack a picador who pricks him with a lance. The bravery of each bull is then rated with care according to the number of times he demonstrates his willingness to charge in spite of the sting of the blade. Henceforth will I recognize that each day I am tested by life in like manner. If I persist, if I continue to try, if I continue to charge forward, I will succeed. I will persist until I succeed.

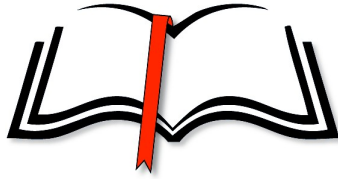
I was not delivered into God’s family in defeat, nor does failure course in my veins. I am not a sheep waiting to be prodded by my shepherd. I am a lion, and I refuse to talk, to walk, to sleep with the sheep. I will hear not those who weep and complain, for their disease is contagious. Let them join the sheep. The slaughterhouse of failure is not my destiny. I will persist until I succeed.

The prizes in life are at the end of each journey, not near the beginning, and it is not given to me to know how many steps are necessary in order to reach my goal. Failure I may still encounter at the thousandth step, yet success hides behind the next bend in the road. Never will I know how close it lies unless I turn the corner. If that is of no avail, I will take another, and yet another. I will persist until I succeed.

Henceforth I will consider each thought brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ as but one blow of my blade against a mighty oak. The first blow may cause not a tremor in the wood, nor the second, nor the third. Each blow, of itself, may be trifling, and seem of no consequence. Yet from childish wipes the oak will eventually tumble. So it will be with my thoughts of today. I will be like into the raindrop that washes away the mountain, the ant who devours a tiger, the star that brightens the earth, the slave who builds a pyramid. I will build my castle, my mental fortress, the mind of Christ, one brick, one thought at a time, for I know that small attempts repeated will complete any undertaking. I will persist until I succeed.

I will never consider defeat, and I will remove from my vocabulary such words and phrases as “quit, cannot, unable, impossible, out of the question, improbable, failure, unworkable, hopeless, and retreat,” for they are the words of fools. I will avoid despair, but if this disease of the mind should affect me, I will walk on in despair. I will toil and I will endure. I will ignore the obstacles at my feet and keep my eyes on the goals above my head, for I know that where dry desert ends, green grass grows. I will persist until I succeed.





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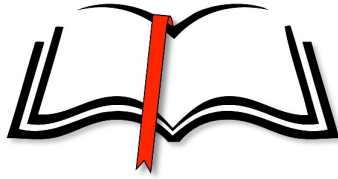
I will trust, and trust, and trust again. Each obstacle I will joyfully consider as a challenge to my life and occasion to grow closer to my Lord. I will persist and develop my skills as the mariner develops his, by learning to ride out the wrath of each storm. I will persist until I succeed.

Henceforth I will learn and apply another secret of those who excel. When each day is ended, not regarding whether it has been a success or a failure, I will attempt to achieve one more victory. When my old man thoughts beckon my tired body to stop, I will resist the temptation to do so. I will try again. I will make one more attempt to close with victory, and if that fails, I will make another. Never will I allow any day to end with a failure. Thus will I plant the seed of tomorrow's success and gain an insurmountable advantage over those who cease their labor at a prescribed time. When others cease their journey, I will walk on, and my harvest will be full. I will persist until I succeed.

Nor will I allow yesterday's success to lull me into today's complacency, for this is the great foundation of failure. I will forget the happenings of the day that is gone, whether they were good or bad, and greet the new Sun with confidence that this day will be the best day of my life. As long as there is breath in me, that long will I persist, for now I know one of the greatest principles of success: If I persist long enough, I will win. I will persist. I will win.

Because Jesus Christ persisted in trusting God, he has won. Because he has won, so have we. Jesus Christ has blazed a trail of trust to the heart of God. You and I are walking in his steps. I am certain that Jesus Christ is coming back for us, and that's why *I* will be seeing *you*, and *we* will be seeing *him*... at the top.

**Go forth following The Son!**



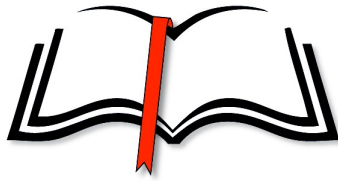
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## Appendix A

### **Jesus Christ: The Golden Thread in the Royal Tapestry of Truth**

- In Genesis he is the Seed of the woman.
- In Exodus he is the Passover Lamb.
- In Leviticus he is the High Priest.
- In Numbers he is the one lifted up who gives healing.
- In Deuteronomy he is the Prophet from among his brothers.
- In Joshua he is the Captain of the LORD's host.
- In Judges he is the Stone that crushes the heads of his enemies.
- In Ruth he is the Kinsman-redeemer.
- In 1 Samuel he is the ark and mercy seat before whom pagan gods bow.
- In 2 Samuel he is the King declared by prophets and anointed with oil.
- In 1 Kings he is the True Temple where people meet God.
- In 2 Kings he is the great miracle worker.
- In 1 Chronicles he is the descendant of Adam who will rule forever.
- In 2 Chronicles he is the child-king hidden and protected from his enemies.
- In Ezra he is the Teacher well-versed in the Law of Moses.
- In Nehemiah he is the one who remembers us with favor.
- In Esther he is the gold scepter of mercy in the hand of God the King.
- In Job he is the Mediator between God and man, for whom Job longed.
- In Psalms he is the Stone the builders rejected.
- In Proverbs he is the Word fitly spoken.
- In Ecclesiastes he is that which gives life meaning.
- In Song of Solomon he is the lover and our beloved.
- In Isaiah he is the son of the virgin.
- In Jeremiah he is the source of living waters.
- In Lamentations he is the one whose compassions are new every morning.
- In Ezekiel he is the one who gives life to dry bones.
- In Daniel he is the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven.
- In Hosea he is the faithful husband who buys back his unfaithful wife.
- In Joel he is the one who pours out YAHWEH's spirit on all people.
- In Amos he is God's plumb line, making the straight and crooked obvious.
- In Obadiah he is the deliverance on Mt. Zion.
- In Jonah he is the sign—three days and nights in the heart of the earth.
- In Micah he is the peace that causes all nations to beat their swords into plow blades.
- In Nahum he is God's refuge to the good and God's vengeance to the wicked.
- In Habakkuk he is the Righteous One who lived by faith.
- In Zephaniah he is the one who will restore the fortunes of Judah.
- In Haggai he is the desired of all nations.
- In Zechariah he is the smitten shepherd.



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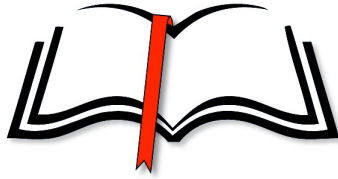
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- In Malachi he is the “sun of righteousness” risen with healing in his wings.
- In Matthew he is The King.
- In Mark he is The Servant.
- In Luke he is The Man among men.
- In John he is The Son of God.
- In Acts he is the Giver of holy spirit.
- In the Christian epistles, he is our righteousness, our sanctification, our justification, our heavenly standing, our self-adequacy, our completeness, and our coming glorification.
- In Revelation he is The King of kings and The Lord of lords.

## **Appendix B**

### **The Redemptive Names of Jesus Christ**

- Anointed One (Acts 4:26)
- Author and Finisher of faith (Heb. 12:2)
- Bread of life (John 6:35)
- Bright Morning Star (Rev. 22:16)
- Faithful and True (Rev. 3:14)
- Firstborn from the dead (Rev. 1:5)
- Head of the Church (Eph. 4:15)
- High Priest (Heb. 3:1)
- Image of God (Col. 1:15)
- Judge (Acts 10:42)
- King of kings (Rev. 19:16)
- Lamb of God (John 1:29)
- Last Adam (1 Cor. 15:45)
- Lion of Judah (Rev. 5:5)
- Light of the world (John 9:5)
- Living One (Rev. 1:18)
- Lord of lords (Rev. 17:14)
- Mediator between God and man (1 Tim. 2:5)
- Mighty Hero (Isa. 9:6)
- Our Passover (1 Cor. 5:7)
- Prince of Peace (Isa. 9:6)
- Promised Seed (Gen. 3:15)
- Redeemer (Job 19:25)
- Righteous One (1 John 2:1)
- Rising Sun (Luke 1:78)
- Savior (Titus 2:13)
- Servant (Matt. 12:18)
- Shepherd (John 10:11)



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- Son of David (offspring of David) (Matt. 1:1)
- Son of God (John 1:49)
- Son of Man (John 1:51)
- Teacher (John 3:2)
- Cornerstone (Acts 4:11)
- Sun of Righteousness (Mal. 4:2)
- The Rock (1 Cor. 10:4)
- The True Vine (John 15:1)
- The Truth (John 14:6)
- The Way (John 14:6)
- The Word of God (Rev. 19:13)

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