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Prayer

Our righteous God we thank you this evening, we exalt Your name for the privilege given unto us to be counted among the living tonight, as we go into Your word, we pray that you'd teach us by Yourself in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Study

I welcome everyone in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I hope you all had a wonderful day. Tonight the topic of our study is Who Is Christ To You?

This is a rhetorical question that every Christian should be able to answer deep inside their heart, we must leave the baby stage of spirituality and hold on to the artillery of the Kingdom. The Lord Jesus Christ wants to reveal Himself in full to those who are willing to have a glimpse of His supernatural nature.

Matthew 16:13-19 KJV

When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? [14] And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. [15] He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? [16] And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. [17] And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. [18] And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. [19] And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

The Lord Jesus Christ just finished giving His disciples serious warnings about the teachings of the scribes and pharisees, telling them to beware of it, then He decided to ask them a question which is "who do men say that I the son of man, am?" Looking at this statement the Lord already know who He is so whatever any other person says He is does not change the fact of Whom He is, If they like they should say He is David, Jonathan, Daniel, or Adam does not change Him. In different portions of the scriptures we have Jesus Christ calling Himself the Son of man and one might keep wondering what that means, it simply means.

1. **His title of humanity:** He became flesh, he was truly human, 1 John 4:2 KJV Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: it is one of His humble way of making us know and not forget His attributes as a human being the way we are.

2. **His title of humility:** as God himself one of the Trinity coming down to the Earth in the flesh through his lowly birds makes him the son of Man because he has an earthly father and mother the way we do, so He did all we are doing as humans, He felt hungry too Luke 4:2 KJV Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. He slept, Matthew 8:24 KJV And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. For Him to have referred Himself as the son of Man, this shows humility for He is 100% God and 100% Man. So the Lord asked who do men say I am and they told Him that some say He is John the Baptist just like Herod who said John the Baptist has come back, some said Elijah because they thought what was written in the Old testament to mean that Elijah will come physically, so they kept on saying all kinds of things but what people outside Jesus were saying is not as important as what they (the disciples) are saying about Him personally. Hence Jesus Christ then asked them, "who do you say I am?" in other words, people have been saying all kinds of things which does not sum up but those of you that has been following me for long, "who do you know me to be?"

There are important lessons to be learnt from these verses.

The moment we claim to be Christ's disciples we then begin to seek for the revelation of who He is to us, He has the supernatural force to reveal who He is to

us in different ways yet at the same time conveying the same message, In this case, whom people around us take The Lord Jesus Christ to be does not matter to us, in fact, it does not change His divinity, if they call Him an ordinary prophet, that's to them, if they say that He is a teacher that does not have honour, it doesn't pull an hair, if they say Jesus is The son of Mary and He is human being like us and not God that is their own view but in all this, if the world is saying different things about Christ because they do not know Him nor have fellowship with Him, those of us who have been learning about Him, praying to Him, singing and worshipping Him, who do we say He is? God can be different person to different people at the same time, we must then seek to know who He is to us personally until we catch this revelation which the flesh and blood cannot not reveal to us except our heavenly Father, the keys of the kingdom will not function in our hands.

We must catch Christ revelation according to whom He is, well communicated and transmitted into our Spirits, out of all the disciples, it was only Peter that caught the revelation of Christ identity, Abraham knew God to be "El Shaddai" - Genesis 17:1 which means God Almighty. Moses knew God to be I "I Am that I Am" - Exodus 3:14-15.

Matthew 16:16 KJV And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. Now Peter is saying here that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, then Jesus was so glad for that revelation given to Peter and He blessed him, knowing that it is not by human knowledge and wisdom that I got to have that understanding. Before Christ can be revealed in us, which would birth the release of supernatural keys we must have gotten a personal revelation of Him and this can only happen by His Spirit. 1 Corinthians 2:10 KJV But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. The problem many people have is that Christ has not been revealed to them by the Holy Spirit, they only carry about the surface knowledge of whom Christ is, the ones revealed to others, and not the one that the Holy Spirit has revealed to them. When we get deeper in our walk with Christ we would begin to see Christ the way God wants us to see Him, and not by what we were taught, therefore, by then knowledge and understanding about Him would be real to us and well communicated to our spirits.

An adequate revelation of whom Christ is earned.

Peter a solid place and reference point as to the Church of Christ on Earth; which the gate of hell shall not prevail, it earned him keys, they granted him access to the throne room in heaven, we have to reflect on these things to know how advantageous it would be to us if we can give more time to God and allow the Spirit reveal whom Christ is to us for us to enter into spiritual breakthroughs and promotions. We should not just relent in seeking Him, we must understand that the riches of God's knowledge and wisdom are very deep, we must therefore dig dip everyday into the word! for God still speaks, do you know whom Christ is to you?, As he told you? If not, you can know it as you reflect the more on His word and build a very cordial relationship with Him then you'd see yourself walking in supernatural dimensions that controls the physical.

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