Revealing

in Six Studies

The Person of the Lord Jesus Christ

Through the Word of God
(King James Version)



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Study No. 1

THE SON OF GOD

This is a TITLE of the Lord Jesus Christ. What does it mean? How is He the Son of God? We know that "God is a Spirit" [John 4:24]. A Spirit cannot procreate! But the Scriptures say clearly that He is the Son of God, so we should know exactly how and why that is so.

All Readings are from the KJV (English)

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son..."

The Lord Jesus is speaking of Himself as **the Finished Work of God**, of the time when the Gospel can be preached because all our sins are put away and He is on the Right Hand of God on His Throne.

Romans 1:4 "And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead"

A clear statement of Fact! When the Lord Jesus rose from the dead, God declared Him to be the "Son of God". He obeyed all the Word of God. He fulfilled the Scriptures. He was God's First Perfect Man. His First Perfect Son! So He is the "only begotten Son" of God, because He was brought forth from the grave; from among the dead in Hell.

Romans 8:29 "For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren"

This was the Will of God from Eternity, that the Family which Christ would create for God would have Christ as their Pattern and Guide as to how to live lives that were always pleasing to God. That is our inheritance!

Colossians 1: 15 "Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature"

The Lord Jesus is equal with God on the Throne. Everything about Him declared the Person of God on the Throne who we cannot yet see. Through His Resurrection from the dead, He is the Firstborn of God's new creation of sinless mankind! Believe it! He has washed you clean from your sins by His poured out sinless Blood!

Colossians 1:18 "And He is the head of the body, the church; who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead..."

In addition to Him being the Firstborn of the Family of God, He is the Head of the Church, which is His Body. The Family of God (on the Throne) and the Church of God (Jesus Christ) are the same people!

Hebrews 1:5-6 "For unto which of the angels said He at any time, Thou art My Son, **this day** have I begotten Thee, And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to Me a Son? And again, when He bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, He saith, And let all the angels of God worship Him."

"This day" is the day when the Lord Jesus rose from the dead. He was begotten - brought forth - from the place of the dead. When He took on flesh and blood, and lived on the earth, He was in the lower position of behaving toward God in a Father/Son relationship. We must worship Him for His Humility!! He was still God, equal with God on the Throne and the Holy Spirit, but for your Salvation, He humbled Himself and was sent to die as a Sacrifice for your sin.

Revelation 1:5 "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead..."

The only One who can fully declare exactly who God is, humbled Himself to obedience unto death, waiting until God brought Him out of Hell. He is God's Firstborn Son of God's sinless Family!

These Scriptures record how God's Daily Delight was sent into the world with flesh and blood. Here He was "brought forth" into a human family. Of course we know that He had to pour out His Blood to pay the Price (to God) for our sins. He could only do that in a human body! :

Matthew 1:21 "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS..."

v23 "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son..."

v25"And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called His name JESUS."

This is when the Lord Jesus was born into the world as a Baby. Mary carried Him and brought Him to birth. In the flesh, in human terms, He was her firstborn son. He was part of a Jewish family and community. He was "brought forth" from her womb into a world lost in sin. It was the physical beginning of God's Plan of Salvation for the whole world. But to make sinful human beings into children of God, He had to die first, and then rise again from the dead as an Obedient Man – the First! By faith, we receive His Life and the Power to become the sons of God.

On the Third Day He rose from the dead:

John 20:17 "Jesus saith unto her, Touch Me not; for I am not yet ascended to My Father: but go to My brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto My Father, and your Father; and to My God, and your God."

These are the first words that the Lord Jesus spoke after rising from the dead. He waited several hours for Mary Magdalene to come to the tomb. He delayed going up to Heaven to God. He wanted to tell her that they were all now part of His new Family, of which He was the Firstborn!

He had been "brought forth" from the darkness of Hell into to world now cleansed from its sin!!

Hebrews 1:5 "For unto which of the angels said He at any time, Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee, And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to Me a Son?"

- i) Psalm 2:7 "I will declare the degree: the LORD hath said unto Me, Thou art My Son; this day have I begotten Thee."
- ii) 2 Samuel 7:14 "I will be his father, and he shall be My son..."

Two Old Testament Scriptures are fully revealed by the Holy Spirit! We need the New Testament to understand all the Scriptures!

- i. The Lord Jesus spoke of the day when God on the Throne promised that He would rise again from the dead.
- ii. And God on the Throne proclaimed that He would behave as a Father to the Lord Jesus and the Lord Jesus would behave to God on the Throne as if He were His Son.

This is the way that you can be a child – a son or a daughter – of God: Receive the Lord Jesus, God's Firstborn of His New Family, so you are in the Same Family! The Lord Jesus Christ is now the First Perfectly Obedient Man. He is alive from the dead; brought out of Hell and the grave. When you take Him into your life, HE is your Life! You live out HIS Life in you by the Holy Spirit!

It is by His Resurrection that the Lord Jesus Christ was made the Son of God. The epistles often speak of the relationship between the Father and the Son in the understanding that Christ is God's Son because He rose from the dead.

Galatians 1:1 "Paul, an apostle, (not of man, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead;)"

Colossians 1:12 - 18 "Giving thanks unto the Father ... hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son ... who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead..."

We NEED a God in human flesh!

Job understood the great need of man for a God like him in human flesh. His complaint all along was that he was too far removed from God in Heaven:

Job 9:32-33 "For He is not a man, as I am, that I should answer Him, and we should come together in judgment. 33. Neither is there any daysmanbetwixt us, that might lay His hand upon us both."

A "daysman". Someone who perfectly understands Man and perfectly understands God. Someone who can stand between the frail, helpless, sinful man and the Holy, Righteous, Eternal God!

"in judgment". Not for punishment but for a right solution for his life before God.

Literally, a daysman is someone who stands with you in your day – the day of your case.

Mankind was made in the image of God, but not as a spirit. We were made of human flesh, which is frail; it is weak. When we die, if we are to live again with God we need to be resurrected in a new human body of sinless flesh!

I have added this because Mario wrote a letter to his friend Mark:

Mathew 16:15-18 "He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 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. 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."

Mateo 16:15-18 "Él es dijo: Y vosostros, ¿quién decís que soy yo? Respondiendo Simón Pedro, dijo: Tú eres el Christo, el Hijo del Dios viviente. Entonces le respondío Jesús: Bienaventurado eres, Simón, hijo de Jonás, porque no te lo reveló carne ni sangre, sino mi Padre que está en los cielos. Y yo también te digo, que tú eres Pedro, y sobre esta roca edificaré mi iglesia; y las puertas del Hades no prevalecerán contra ella."

The Old Testament Scriptures say many times that God is the Rock. It refers either to God on the Throne, if Christ is speaking prophetically in the Psalms, or to Christ Himself, as when He was with the Israelites in the wilderness. Now that Christ is alive from the dead, He is the Foundation of the Church. He is the Rock. He spoke to Peter – a stone – about Himself. The gates of Hell did not prevail against Him – He came out of Hell. He was brought forth / begotten from among those who were dead in Hell. *The doctrine that Peter is the rock is false Catholic doctrine and is blasphemous!*

Matthew 17:1-5 "And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, And was transfigured before them: and His face did shine as the sun, and His raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with Him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if Thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, **This is My beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased; **hear ye Him**."

Mateo 17:1-5 "Seis días después, Jesús tomo a Pedro, a Jacobo y a Juan su hermano, y los llevó aparte a un monte alto; y se transfiguró delante de ellos, y replandeció su rostro como el sol, y sus vestidos se hicieron blancos como la luz. Y he aquí les aparecieron Moisés y Elías, hablando con él. Entonces Pedro dijo a Jesús: Señor, bueno es para nosostros que estemos aquí; si quieres, hagamos aquí tres enramadas: una para ti, otra para Moisés, y otra para Elías. Mientras él aún hablaba, una nube de luz los cubrió; y he aquí una voz desde la nube, que decía: **Éste es mi Hijo amado**, en quien tengo complacencia; **a él oíd**."

This Record of the disciples' experience shows us that **God will not tolerate any comparison** with the Lord Jesus Christ! He is not to be confused or likened to any other person! Jesus Christ is UNIQUE!

Study No. 2

THE WORD OF GOD / LA PALABRA DE DIOS (Spanish) Part One

John 3:5 "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

What is the "water"?

1 Peter 1:23 "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

James 1:18 "Of His own will begat He us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures."

(How similar to John 1:13 "...which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.")

Ephesians 5:26 "That He might sanctify and cleanse it [the Church] with the washing of water by the word."

We see that the "water" in John 3:5 is the Word of God. It is also a seed that grows; it is a word of truth. It is the means by which God adopts us into His Family by the Holy Spirit.

This is why ...

John 4:13 - 14 "Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water [from the earthly well] shall thirst again: 14. But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

The water is the Word of God, which, by the Holy Spirit's action, brings a person into Eternal Life – born again by "water and the Spirit". The Holy Spirit is NEVER referred to as "water". This is a very common error amongst Christians!

Here are TWO Examples of this error – John 7 and Matthew 25:

ONE

John 7:37 – 39 "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. 38. He that believeth on Me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 39. (But this He spake of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

These verses show that the Lord Jesus gives the living water (the Word of God) to those who believe on Him and receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit **pushes out** the living water (the Word of God in the believer) so that others can hear the Gospel of Truth!

The Holy Spirit <u>activates</u> the Word already in the believer on the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is NOT the Water! This is very important to know the difference!

TWO

Matthew 25:1 – 13 "v2. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: 4. But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 7. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. 8. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. 9. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves..."

Here the Word of God is the OIL. Not the anointing Oil of the Holy Spirit, but the OIL for the LAMP. <u>See Exodus 35:8</u>. See also <u>Psalm 119:105</u> "Thy word is a lamp unto My feet, and a light unto My path." The Lord Jesus Christ Himself lives on earth in human flesh by the Word of God.

Why did the Lord Jesus speak to Nicodemus of water?

Isaiah 55:1-3 "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto Me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. 3. Incline your ear, and come unto Me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David."

The Jewish ruler knew the Scriptures! Buy: exchange one thing for another. Exchange your old fleshly, sinful life for a life filled with the Word of God, to make you joyful and well nourished, and free from sin – forgiven fully, as David was!

(Note that in Matthew 25:1 - 13 the foolish girls were told to "go and buy" – the Word of God, because the Lord Jesus Christ has come to earth, is available to everyone. Exchange your empty, vain and ignorant life for the Word of God!!)

Jeremiah 2:13 "For My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken Me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

TWO evils. One – forsaken the only One from whom the living waters, the Word of truth, flowed. Two – made other vessels – worldly things and activities – which cannot mix with the Word of God, or provide satisfaction expressed in Isaiah 55 and John 4.

Revelation 21:5 - 6 "And He that sat on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said unto me, Write: These words are true and faithful. 6. And He said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely."

God upon the Throne promises to give the Lord Jesus Christ to those who admit their need for refreshing Life because the dryness in their lives is the result of sin!

The Lord Jesus Christ Himself IS the Fountain of the Word of God – the water of life!

Study No. 3

THE WORD OF GOD FULFILLED

The Word of God is Water to your soul:

Ephesians 5:26 "That He might sanctify and cleanse it [His Church] with the washing of water by the word."

The Word of God keeps you clean:

John 15:3 "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."

The Lord Jesus Christ is revealed in the **Psalms** – His cries to God, His prayers of intercession, as He bore our sins. It is a wonderful revelation and should draw the humble heart closer to its Saviour.

Psalm 119:1, 3, 9, 10, 11, 30, 32 as some examples

- v1. "Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD"
- v3. "They also do no iniquity: they walk in His ways"
- v9. "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse His way? by taking heed thereto according to Thy word."
- v10. "With My whole heart have I sought Thee: O let Me not wander from Thy commandments."
- v11. "Thy word have I hid in Mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee."
- v30. "I have chosen the way of truth: Thy judgments have I laid before Me."
- v32. "I will run the way of Thy commandments, when Thou shalt enlarge My heart."

In these verses we see the Word of God referred to as "the law", "His ways", "Thy word", "Thy commandments", and "Thy judgments". All these were adhered to fully by the Speaker.

Who else but the Lord Jesus Christ, God in human flesh, could say those words to a Holy God in Heaven? He was declaring His sinlessness and interceding for sinful mankind. Can you see it?!

Here is an Amazing Statement! But it is KEY to your Salvation! [NB: It is EXACTLY the same in the Hebrew text!]

Psalm 138:2b "for Thou hast magnified Thy word above all Thy name."

The Lord Jesus Christ is showing us that the Word of God is paramount to God in His Mission to give His fallen creation Eternal life:

Matthew 4:4 "But He answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

We need to know how the Lord Jesus Christ fulfilled the Word of God. Then we will understand how the Word of God can be the Power of God in our lives...

Here I asked for clarification on the Spanish "el VERBO" as in John 1:1 / Juan 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word…" / "En el principio era el Verbo" as different from "la PALABRA". Because of Part Two of "The Word of God" study! It was confirmed to me that "el Verbo" is the SPOKEN Word, whereas "la Palabra" is the WRITTEN Word. Hallelujah – as I hoped!!

The Lord Jesus Christ Fulfilled the Written Word of God:

Matthew 5:17 "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil."

Q. How did He fulfil the law and the prophets?

A. By His Obedience.

Q. Who did He obey?

A. GOD. His Focus was on fulfilling the Will of God alone. He was blind and deaf to all else.

Sin is actually committed against the LORD. Therefore Christ gave His Total Obedience to <u>God</u>.

Leviticus 6:2 "If a soul sin, and commit a trespass against the LORD, and lie etc, etc, etc."

Genesis 20:6 "And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against Me..."

Our Salvation was agreed upon by Two Eternal Persons – God on the Throne, the Ancient of Days, and the Son of Man, seen in the Future as God in human flesh, given full authority and dominion over everything.

Daniel 7:13 "I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the ancient of days, and they brought Him near before Him.""

Psalm 74:19 "O deliver not the soul of Thy turtledove unto the multitude of the wicked:"

Christ is crying out to God on the Throne, calling Himself God's "turtledove" – Someone inseparable from the other. The turtledove is a small dove-like bird, always in pairs; inseparable. Christ directed all His thoughts and desires on doing the Will of God alone.

Psalm 119 reveals Christ's focus on the Written Word of God. Every verse except two describes the Word of God in one of eight different ways. Christ fulfilled every one – for YOU!

- v.1 Law
- v.2 Testimonies
- v.3 Ways
- v.4 Precepts
- v.5 Statutes
- v.6 Commandments
- v.7 Judgments
- v.9 Word
- v.1 "Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD."

The Law – the whole Standard of a legal structure for right actions. Used to solve disputes. Christ solved the dispute over our sin! He shed His Blood to atone for our sinful souls!

v.3 "They also do no iniquity: they walk in His ways."

His Ways – His behaviour, the expression of His thoughts and actions; all pure, all without malice, no wrong in them.

Isaiah 55:8-9 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."

v.4 "Thou hast commanded us to keep Thy precepts diligently."

Thy Precepts

Isaiah 28:9 - 10 "Whom shall He teach knowledge? and whom shall He make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. 10. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:"

Dictionary meaning of "precept": a moral instruction.

God's view of Precepts – knowledge (of the Holy); knowledge (of His obedience) and doctrine (teaching of the Truth).

v.5 "O that My ways were directed to keep Thy statutes"

Thy Statutes – written laws. Governments keep a "Statute Book"; laws of that Country passed by the government and enacted by the legislative authority. Christ, as God in human flesh, willingly submitted to being sent by God and, like a Servant, obeyed the Written Laws of God.

v.6 "Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all Thy commandments." **Thy Commandments** – "Do this!", "Don't do that!", "Go there!", "Don't do that!" Spoken and written.

"Love not the world"; "Pray without ceasing"; "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God" These are Commandments for the Body of Christ!

v.7 "I will praise Thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned Thy righteous judgments."

Thy Judgments – Just Reward for good or bad. Recompense according to the sentence given; punishment. Christ was judged – punished – by God when He hung on the Cross. He was cursed, and took the punishment for all Mankind. All your sins – transgressions, foolishness, vanity, selfishness, carelessness, uncleanness, ungodliness ... – were laid upon Him. He carried them all away down into the lowest Hell. His Reward from God for this Extraordinary Submission to the Will of God is the Church, which is His Body, and His Bride.

v.9 "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse His way? by taking heed thereto according to Thy Word."

Thy Word – Spoken and Written. Christ obeyed all the Written Word of the Law and also He heard from God when to speak, what to speak and what to do, at all times during His Ministry and when it was time to give up His life on the Cross; when to come out of Hell.

v.2 "Blessed are they that keep His testimonies, and that seek Him with the whole heart." v.14 "I have rejoiced in the way of Thy testimonies, as much as in all riches."

Thy Testimonies – the Evidence of God's Word in action. The Evidence of God's Word in action in Him!

In the Book of Revelation there is a mysterious verse: Revelation 19:10c "for the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy."

What does it mean? The answer is coming!

Q. What is the Result of Christ obeying / fulfilling the whole Word of God? A. Righteousness for everyone who believes.

Romans 5:19 "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of One shall many be made righteous."

Q. What is the Result to <u>Christ</u> for His obeying / fulfilling the whole Word of God? A. A disfigured Body and a wounded Face.

Isaiah 52:14 "As many were astonied at Thee; His visage was so marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men:"

Psalm 39:11 "When Thou with rebukes dost correct Man for iniquity, Thou makest His beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity. Selah.

Psalm 119 also records the Lord Jesus Christ declaring Himself as God's Servant (vs17, 23, 38, 65, 84, 124, 125, 135), and as a Stranger (v19).

He said there was no cause for man's hatred of Him (v161), that He had more understanding than all His teachers (v99) and that He would rise again (vs62, 93).

And the meaning of Revelation 19:10c?

The angel (who was one of the seven angels Christ used in the 42 months of Plagues and Judgments) said, "I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus".

True believers, then, "have the testimony of Jesus". Do you?!

It means that they have the **Evidence** of their Salvation alive in their everyday lives.

The Name "Jesus" means <u>God humiliated in human flesh</u>. These true believers are always aware of that wounded Figure on God's Right Hand; He won their precious Salvation.

The "brethren" of the Lord Jesus Christ – in this context – are those who have been born again into the Kingdom and Family of God – by the water of the Word and by the Holy Spirit.

The Evidence of His Finished Work lives in them. The Humiliation that God in the flesh suffered and endured and resulted in His terrible wounds was only in order for Him to bear away your sin.

"for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." The angel is saying that the **Evidence** is equal to the **Spirit of Prophecy**!

How is that? I said that this Evidence is meant to be alive in your life. The truth is, you can only live out the Reality of the Evidence by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is that Person of the Godhead who told us in the Word through the prophets of everything concerning the Lord Jesus Christ which He fulfilled.

That is the Reason why we are looking at Psalm 119.

The Prophecies were fulfilled in His Physical Earthly Human Body:

The Four Gospels record how the Lord Jesus Christ was subjected to horrendous injuries and suffering, besides blasphemy and utter derision, envy and hatred. In turn, He stood before Caiaphas, Pilate, Herod and his soldiers, Pilate again, Pilate's soldiers. He endured the Cross; He endured Hell.

Caiaphas. Matthew 26:67, Mark 14:65, Luke 22:63 – 64, John 18:19 – 23; Psalm 2:2

Pilate. Mark 15:4 – 5, 14 – 15; Luke 23:6 – 7

Herod. Luke 23:11; Psalm 22:6

Pilate. Matthew 27:11 – 14; Luke 23:16 – 18, 20 – 24; John 19:1; Psalm 22:16

Soldiers. Matthew 27:28 – 31; John 19:2 – 3

The Cross. Matthew 27:34, 40 - 43, 46, 50; John 19:28 - 30; Psalm 3:1 - 2; Psalm 6:1 - 3, 7; Psalm 13:1; Psalm 22:1, 7 - 8, 18; Lamentations 1:12 - 14

Hell. Psalm 69:1 – 2, 14 – 15; Psalm 40:1 – 2; Psalm 16:9 – 10; Jonah 2:2 – 6

The Lord Jesus Christ was sent by God on the Throne and the Holy Spirit to be the Perfect Sacrifice for the sin of the whole world.

His Life was Perfect; His Sacrifice was Perfect. He was <u>unable</u> to do wrong:

Hebrews 4:15 "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

2 Corinthians 5:21 "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."

Compare these two Scriptures – they show Christ's inability to do wrong – to anyone:

Leviticus 6:4-5 "Then it shall be, because he hath sinned, and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, or lost thing which he found, 5. Or all that about which he hath sworn falsely; he shall even restore it in the principal, and shall add the fifth part more thereto, and give it unto him to whom it appertaineth, in the day of his trespass offering."

Psalm 7:4 – 5 "If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with Me; (yea, I have delivered him that without cause is Mine enemy:) 5. Let the enemy persecute My soul, and take it; yea, let him tread down My life upon the earth, and lay Mine honour in the dust. Selah"

His Blood had to be shed as atonement for the sinful soul of mankind. As He was achieving the Will of God, He was counted as a transgressor and cursed and also cast out of God's Presence. When He was forsaken, He directed His prayers, His cries of His complaint and His prayers of intercession <u>only</u> to God on the Throne without any comfort or assurance from God.

Romans 3:22 "Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference."

He exercised His Faith in that thick darkness on the Cross and in Hell. He held on to God's Promise to Him that He would rise again from the dead, and receive a Church, a "Bride" – people who loved Him beyond themselves. So He hung there on the Cross ... So He waited there in Hell ...

And the Result is your Salvation; your Righteousness in Him; your Eternal Life!

Philippians 3:9 "And be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:"

Romans 10:3-4 "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. 4. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth."

John 17:22 "And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are One."

[This is a different glory to this:

John 17:5 "And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was."

When He went back to Heaven, He was again the King of glory, but in a wounded human Body!]

This is the Glory which He said God had given Him:

John 1:14 "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

We learned that His Title "Son of God" means that He was begotten from the grave; begotten from the dead – He rose again. He was officially the "Son of God" by His Resurrection from the dead. The disciples saw That Glory – the Evidence of His Obedience on His Face and Body – as He stood before them, raised from the dead!

Because your Saviour perfectly obeyed the Written and Spoken Word of God, which brought Him to Death and Resurrection, now you can live by His Faith and His Resurrection a life of Righteousness, fully approved by God on the Throne.

It is God's Righteousness in Christ, in you! Believe and Live!!

The Lord Jesus Christ received from God, His Eternal Equal, a "glory" from being perfectly obedient to the Word of God, as though He was someone much lower than God. This given glory He has passed on to us. We, if we belong to Christ, are to be obedient to the Word of God, crucified to the flesh and raised up in newness of life, alive to the moving of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit of Prophecy will be with those who make it into God's Eternity as they see for themselves the Evidence of their Salvation on the Face and Body of the Resurrected Lamb.

This is what all these Scriptures and Revelations teach you!

Study No. 4

THE SON OF MAN

This is a TITLE of the Lord Jesus Christ. What does it mean? How is He the Son of Man? He called Himself the "Son of Man". He mentioned it many more times than calling Himself the "Son of God". Why?

Matthew 8:20 "And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head."

He had no place in this world. He didn't belong to this corrupt and evil world. He only knew the purity of Life in Heaven. How would you feel in the same circumstance?!!

Luke 19:10 "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

He came down from Heaven to this earth. His Birth at Bethlehem was not His beginning.

Luke 5:24 "But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (He saith unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house."

God on the Throne gave Him the Authority to forgive sins for Him to operate on earth as God in the flesh.

The word "of" in the "Son of man" is not used as possessing, as with His title "Son of God". He is God's Son – He belongs to Him as the Head of God's Family.

The word "of" in the "Son of man" is used in the sense of a description or condition. For example, "the hour of prayer" means it is the time for that purpose. He is the Son (of God) FOR man! Think about it!

The Lord Jesus Christ called Himself the "Son of Man". He came from Heaven; He was born into the world in sinless human flesh and blood.

Matthew 1:18-25-v23 "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

Emanuel – God with us. The Title "Son of Man" means that the Lord Jesus Christ is **God with us** – God in human flesh. He is man's Perfect God. We have no need for another god! He, Jesus Christ, is the God every human being should have – to worship, love, obey and serve. He is the Very Best Gift that God has given us.

God with us

Here is another Scripture referring to His Nativity – God manifest in the flesh:

Isaiah 9:6 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God ..."

"Wonderful" / "Admirable" – the Hebrew only refers to God. Someone you love may be called wonderful by you, but <u>this</u> word only refers to God! **He** is Wonderful.

He is Secret!:

Judges 13:17 – 18 "And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, what is Thy name, that when Thy sayings come to pass we may do Thee honour? 18. And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after My name, seeing it is secret?"

"Counsellor"

This Name of the Lord Jesus Christ proves that He is for us and not against us!

He is available at all times – without a waiting list; without the need for an appointment! – to listen to the deepest secrets or to the most desperate need.

He is available to guide into all Truth, to lead into Eternal Life. Not one of us knows the Way on our own:

Proverbs 11:14 says, "Where no counsel is, the people fall"

Proverbs 12:15 "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise."

Proverbs 14:12 & 16:25 "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death"

Proverbs 20:24 "Man's goings are of the LORD; how can a man then understand his own way?"

Jeremiah 10:23 "O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

Jesus Christ is the only One who can teach us the Ways of God. That is why, when He ascended into Heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit who would speak only of Him, that is, Jesus Christ!

Why the title "Son of Man"? Why did the Lord Jesus use it for Himself?

Daniel 7:13 – 14 "I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought Him near before Him. 14. And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."

In referring to Himself from the beginning of His Ministry, as seen in Matthew 8:20, as the "Son of Man", the Lord Jesus was pointing the religious people – those who knew the Word of God – to the prophecy in Daniel 7:13 – 14. A person called the Son of man was given all authority over all people in an everlasting kingdom. That person had to be equal with the Ancient of days seated on the Throne, but He was in a different form – human flesh! Devils knew that He was an eternal being!

All throughout His Ministry He referred to Himself as being "sent" by God, as being One of a Pair – "I and My Father are One" [John 10:30] and as the "Son of Man".

At the end of His Ministry on earth He was dragged from the Garden to Caiaphas the High Priest:

Matthew 26:57 "And they that had laid hold on Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled."

Caiaphas charged the Lord with a solemn command, as if under oath:

Matthew 26:62 - 63 "And the high priest arose, and said unto Him, Answerest Thou nothing? what is it which these witness against Thee? 63. But Jesus held His peace. And the high priest answered and said unto Him, I adjure Thee by the living God, that Thou tell us whether Thou be the Christ, **the Son of God**."

This is the Answer which the Lord Jesus gave:

Matthew 26:64 "Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see **the Son of man** sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven."

A direct reference to Daniel 7:13!

But also the Lord was pointing to the Future. Daniel had spoken of a time way in the Future. The First Fulfillment was when Christ rose from the dead and told His disciples:

Matthew 28:18 "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth."

This is what Daniel saw in vision 500 years before – the Son of Man receiving all Power over Everything from God, the Ancient of Days.

But there is also a further Fulfillment of the Prophecy yet to come!

Revelation 5:13 "And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever."

This is what so enraged Caiaphas! Christ was saying to him, 'You and these with you shall be made to acknowledge Me equally with God on the Throne as the Source of all Power – even though you will be in Hell'. [This will be when the Day of The LORD begins]

Psalm 2:12 "Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him."

The wrong choice will have devastating eternal consequences! Paul spoke of running a race to WIN! It means making a choice to run the Way of the Cross, and continuing on to the End!

We saw that when we speak of the Lord Jesus Christ as "The Son of God", we are speaking of RESURRECTION. <u>His</u> Resurrection; His rising again from among the dead— He was declared to be the Son of God by the Resurrection from the dead [Romans 1:4].

When we speak of the Lord Jesus Christ as "The Son of Man" – meaning the Son FOR Man, because He is <u>God with us</u> – we are speaking of God in the flesh, on earth and at the end time. Therefore we see Him as both SAVIOUR and JUDGE.

He comes TWICE for everyone!

He came ONCE for the whole world; to bring Salvation through Repentance to all.

He will come the SECOND TIME for those who have accepted His Gracious Gift – to take them away.

He will come the SECOND TIME to the earth – after executing the Plagues and Judgments for 42 months – to reign as King in Judgment with a Rod of Iron.

A Revelation on the Nativity of The Lord Jesus Christ!

Firstly, He was not born into the world on 25th December. That is the birthday of the pagan (Satanic) Sun God. Christ, the Saviour came into the world in September/October. That is, fifteen months after Zechariah the priest had fulfilled his duties in the Temple at Jerusalem.

Exodus 12:1-3 "And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shal take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house."

PASSOVER meant the Start of the Year.

1 Chronicles 24 verses 1 to 19 records the appointing of the divisions for service of the sons of Aaron by the distribution of David. V5 "Thus were they divided by lot..." vs 7 - 18 records the 24 divisions – **two for each month** ... "The seventh to Hakkoz, **the eighth to Abijah**, v10.

Luke 1 (verses 5 to 80) is the whole story of how John the Baptist was born : v5 "There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of **the course of Abia**: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth"

vs 6 & 7 say that they were righteousness before God; that they were childless as Elisabeth was barren; that they were both in old age.

vs8–9 "And it came to pass, that while he executed the proest's office before God in the order of **his course**, According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord."

vs10–22 tell how Gabriel came to him as he served in the Temple with the Message that a son would be born to them and they were to call his name John. And Gabriel struck the priest dumb because of his unbelief.

vs23–24 "And it came to pass that, as soon as **the days of his ministry were accomplished**, he departed to his own house. And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months..."

Then vs26–38 tell of Gabriel's Message to Mary and of her bringing forth the One who would be called the Son of God, saying,

v36 "And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is **the sixth month** with her, who was called barren."

vs39–40 "And Mary arose **in those days**, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; and entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth."

vs56–57 "And Mary abode with her **about three months**, and returned to her own house. Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son."

Luke 2 vs1 – 7 tells how Mary gave birth to the Saviour ...

vs6 – 7 "And so it was, that, while they were there [Bethlehem], **the days were accomplished** that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son..."

THEREFORE:

The course of **Abia** (Abijah) fell in June/July, **four months** after **Passover** which was in our terms February/March – the Beginning of the year.

Elisabeth conceived in July/August when Zachariah had returned from Jerusalem.

Six months later, Mary, having just conceived by the Holy Ghost, visited Elisabeth, around December, staying for **about three months**, and returned to Nazareth in March/April.

So **six months later**, in September/October, she gave birth to the sinless Man who was the Lord from Heaven!!

The Early Church did not celebrate the Lord's Birth. They were too occupied in preaching Christ Crucified, the Risen Lord who had atoned for the sin of the world by the shedding of His sinless, precious Blood!

Study No. 5

THE WORD OF GOD

Part Two

Psalm 138:2b "Thou hast magnified Thy word above all Thy name"

This is an AMAZING Scripture, as we said before (Study No. 3). It is actually the core of the Whole Revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ as "The Lamb", the One sent from God and the Holy Spirit to save YOU!:

The Name of the LORD God embodies everything that He is – His Character is the very essence of how His Holiness works; it dictates how He behaves, how He works, therefore He always acts and speaks according to His Pure and Good Nature.

His Nature is to be Holy, to be Gracious, to be Righteous, to be Just, to hate Wickedness, to love Righteousness, to be Patient.

YET – for some Reason – He has chosen to put the importance of His Name aside in order to elevate the importance of His Word, the Spoken Word and the Written Word.

Ask yourself WHY?! What is That Reason?

This is a Description of That Eternal Person Who, from "the beginning" communicated with Mankind:

John 1: 1 "In the beginning was the Word"

At a certain time That Eternal Person agreed to be sent by God and the Holy Spirit to take on human flesh. He came as a humble, obedient servant:

John 1:14 "And the Word was made flesh"

Hebrews 10:5 "A body hast Thou prepared Me:"

Hebrews 10:7 "Then said I, Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God"

Isaiah 50:4 "He wakeneth morning by morning, He wakeneth Mine ear to hear as the learned".

He came as though He was inferior to God, behaving to God on the Throne as though God were His Father, and He were His Son:

Hebrews 5:8 "Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered;"

Isaiah 53:11 "by His knowledge shall My righteous servant justify many"

The "knowledge" which That Eternal Person learned was OBEDIENCE; the method He learned was through SUFFERING.

All that you learned from Psalm 119 – the eight descriptions of the Word of God which the Lord Jesus Christ fulfilled in Himself by His total and unswerving Obedience – should be alive in your heart and mind now as you consider this Scripture:

Revelation 19:13 "and His name is called The Word of God"

This is the Vision which John had of the Lord Jesus Christ coming to judge the world. Forty-two months of horrific terrors of plagues, punishments and judgments will already have been poured out on the world. It will be organised chaos! The Terrors will be targeted, specific, plagues and punishments upon those who had rejected the Communicator, the Obedient One; the Suffering One.

This will include all the Jews except those who will be part of the promised Remnant, those Gentiles who turned their backs on Him who died for them and turned to ungodliness, and those who professed Jesus Christ but would not agree to be yoked to Him in obedience and the fellowship of His suffering.

So He comes out of Heaven on a white horse. His Name is not proclaimed as "The LORD God" or "God Almighty" but as "The Word of God".

It was the Written Word which drove Him to the Cross; He fulfilled all the prophecies, all the laws of sacrifice – in Himself.

The Spoken Word of God was in His ear from the time He agreed to be slain in the place of every sinful man.

Revelation 13:8b "... the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

The Word of God was so great in His Life as He prepared for and fulfilled His Mission for God that in a sense it is now <u>etched into His whole Being</u> – His Body, His Heart, His Mind. He IS the Word of God, not as the Communicator – "In the beginning was the Word" – but as the embodiment of the Written Word of God through His continual Obedience throughout His Sufferings.

This is how He is the Saviour, Sanctifier, Healer, Baptiser (in the Holy Ghost) and Judge – for YOU!

Make sure that He is YOUR Saviour, YOUR Sanctifier, YOUR Healer, YOUR Baptiser in the Holy Spirit, for He WILL be YOUR Judge!

You have the whole Word of God when you have the Lord Jesus Christ fully in your life. By the Holy Ghost within you, the Word of God is fully alive and alight.

The Word of God comes TRIED to you; it has been PROVED to be right for every human being.

The Lord Jesus Christ Himself proved it by His Obedience to God.

Psalm 12:6 "The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times"

Psalm 18:30/2 Samuel 22:31 "As for God, His way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried..."

Therefore it is your duty to Him to love and obey the Written Word of God in thankfulness to Him who gave His all for you!

Revelation 3:18 "I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire..."

<u>He</u> was tried in the fire of God's Holiness, His hatred for sin, and offered as a burnt Sacrifice – wholly consumed!!

In the light of This Powerful Revelation, the Spanish should actually read "y su nombre es: LA PALABRA DE DIOS"! But this understanding is from this special Revelation!

Study No. 6

THE SON OF MAN THE JUDGE

We saw from the Old Testament prophecy and Vision of Daniel that the Lord Jesus Christ was seen as the Son of man. He came in His human Body to the Throne of God, called the Ancient of Days. He was given ALL Authority and Dominion over Everything!

Daniel 7:13 – 14 "I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought Him near before Him. 14. And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."

This is exactly what He told His disciples when He had been raised from dead and was about to ascend to God. His following words are called "The Great Commission".

Matthew 28:18 "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth."

We saw from the Study on "The Son of Man" (Study No. 4) that the Lord Jesus spoke of TWO Functions which He had been sent by God to fulfil:

The First Function He was sent to fulfil was to SAVE Mankind:

Luke 19:10 "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Luke 5:24 "But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (He saith unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house."

The Second Function He was sent to fulfil is to JUDGE Mankind. His Position of JUDGE was an Appointment put upon Him by God on the Throne.

The JUDGE:

Revelation 1:12 – 17a "And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; 13. And in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. 14. His head and His hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire; 15. And His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and His voice as the sound of many waters. 16. And He had in His right hand seven stars: and out of His mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and His countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. 17. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead."

Revelation 19:11 "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war."

Revelation 20: 11 – 15 "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

And He revealed to the Jews that He is the Judge of All:

John 5:22 "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son"

John 5:27 "And hath given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of man."

The next two Scriptures take us through the Revelation of how Christ operates His Position of Judge:

John 8:15-16 "Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man. 16. And yet if I judge, My judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent Me."

John 8:26 "I have many things to say and to judge of you: but He that sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of Him."

If He Himself doesn't judge then how is He the Judge?! Here is the Answer!

John 12:48 "He that rejecteth Me, and receiveth not My words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."

It is the Written Word itself which Jesus Christ uses to judge the quick and the dead!

John 12:49 – 50 "For I have not spoken of Myself; but the Father which sent Me, He gave Me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. 50. And I know that His commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto Me, so I speak."

It was the same even from the Old Testament times:

God on the throne said to Moses concerning Christ who was to come, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto My words which He shall speak in My name, I will require it of him."

New Testament Judgment – the "quick", those who are part of the Body of Christ:

1 Corinthians 3: 11 – 15 "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13. Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

An Appeal to the churches at Rome and Corinth, because Christ is the Judge of all Mankind:

Romans 14:10 "but why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ."

2 Corinthians 5:10 "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

The Law:

Deuteronomy 19:15 "One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established."

The Lord Jesus Christ suffered many false witnesses and, at the last, came two false witnesses.

vs18 – 19 "And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, if the witness be a false witness, and hath testified falsely against his brother; 19. Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you."

According to the Law, Caiaphas and the counsel should have taken them and crucified them! But they went free and could have repented if they desired to turn from their wickedness!

The Angels will gather the wicked from the Earth at the very end of Christ's Thousand Year Reign. They will be brought before the Judge on His Throne:

Matthew 13:41 - 42 "The Son of man shall send forth His angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; 42. And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

The Final Judgment, Executed By God's Appointed Judge:

Revelation 20:12 – 13 "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works."

The Scriptural Explanation of Jesus Christ's appointment by God as the Judge of All:

God is Just. Everything He does is Legal, Right and Just. God on the Throne was not made flesh! Because God is Spirit, He appointed Christ as the Judge, as He knows what it is to live in human flesh. (That also makes Him fit to be appointed our Great High Priest.)

When Christ came as God in human flesh, He experienced first-hand the weaknesses, the limitations, the strengths and abilities of the flesh; He observed first-hand the failings and the determinations of sinful human flesh. He knew who could love and who could hate and who could be indifferent to God and to the Word of God!

Therefore God appointed Him as the Judge. He is "God" in Revelation 20:12

And He will be dispassionate in His Judgment. He will use the Books of the Written Word of God as the standard of the Life which God expected Man to live by. The Words which the lost dead had rejected or ignored in their lives will be presented to them so that they know exactly where they have done wrong. The Book of Life will also be opened and they will see where their names have been blotted out.

The Lord of Hosts, the King of Eternity, Equal with the Ancient of Days, submitted Himself to Him as though He were a little child, a servant, a slave.

For YOU.

He had no <u>word</u> to say except what God gave Him to say; He did no <u>action</u> or <u>deed</u> except what God directed Him to do.

He had no <u>opinion</u>, no <u>view</u>, no <u>motive</u>, no <u>agenda</u>, no <u>ambition</u>, no <u>thought</u> or <u>desire</u> for Himself.

He submitted Himself to wholly God and men

For YOU.

The Ancient of Days, God upon the Throne, made the arrangement for His Equal to behave towards Him as though He were His Father ...

For YOU.

The Holy Spirit, when He was assured that the sins of all mankind were put away by the Blood of Jesus Christ, agreed to come to the earth in Christ's place ...

For YOU.

God sent Christ, giving Him a human Body, to SAVE you. Christ gave His ALL for you in that human Body.

As Christ obeyed the whole Word of God, He expects every human being to do the same, because He has sent the Holy Spirit to give us the Power to live that obedient life; to life by the Faith of Jesus Christ.

The Books of the Word of God will be opened on that Day of Judgment. Christ will know what Scriptures each person before Him had heard and rejected. He will show the unbeliever, the doubter, the rebellious, the unjust, the unclean, where the name which could have been there has been blotted out of the Book of Life.

That is why the Word of God is vitally important to a believer. It should be food and drink. It is more important than Prayer or Worship. A sound understanding of the Word of God enables a believer to pray more effectively and to worship with more understanding of God and Christ.

Think on this:

Revelation 3:5 "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels."

Those resurrected from death and hell and the sea on That Day will not be overcomers!

Make sure that you are an overcomer! that your name remains in the Book of Life; the Lamb's Book of Life! The Lord Jesus Christ has provided <u>all the means</u> for every person to overcome the world, the flesh and the devil; the fleshly, carnal, self-centred life can be crucified as the Saviour was. The sinless Blood He shed can make the vilest sinner clean!!

Take your time allowing these powerful Revelations to soak into your whole life.

When you are full of this Word and ready for the Revelation of Jesus Christ in the Book of Revelation and in the Psalms, please contact me!

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