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TEACHINGS FROM THE BIBLE.

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Dear Brethren: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ***Galatians 1:3***

Who Do You Say That I AM ?

LORD JESUS MESSIAH asked this question of HIS Disciples, and we can find the report of this and their replies in **Matthew 16: 13-20**

*Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, saying, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." 15He *said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16And Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17And Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. 19"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven." 20Then He warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ.*

It is also referred to in the Gospel of Mark chapter 5:, and in Luke chapter 9:

The answer given by Peter in this passage is nothing he could have understood in himself but came from HOLY SPIRIT, and this revelation (that JESUS is MESSIAH) was not to be revealed to the Jews as is stated in verse 20.

This was because the Jews had rejected HIM and would not accept that HE IS the SON of GOD… WHY ?

Because Israel long expected a Man like Moses, an Earthly Messiah (an anointed One) who would drive the Romans out of Israel, they did not understand that JESUS their Heavenly MESSIAH was not born of a human Father, but that FATHER GOD HIMSELF was HIS FATHER through the power of HOLY SPIRIT through Mary, and that HE (JESUS MESSIAH) came not to drive the Romans out, but to drive sin out and bring Salvation to all who would believe in HIS Name.

They therefore would not and could not accept that JESUS was and still is the SON of the LIVING GOD which validates HIS place as equal with FATHER GOD and part of the ALMIGHTY GOD HEAD, FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT, which the Saints of HIS Household truly believe.

This condition will be clearly evident when a large part of Jewish Society accepts the Antichrist as their Messiah during the first three and a half years of the seven year Tribulation.

But when the Antichrist finally has access to the third Jewish Temple in Jerusalem, he blasphemes and declares himself to be god, desecrating the Sanctuary and taking his seat upon the Mercy Seat, and those in Israel who are Jews indeed, who have, through the preaching of the 144,000 Jewish Evangelists (who will be raised up by LORD JESUS), and now believe that JESUS is truly their MESSIAH, a group which will make up about One Third of the Jewish Population, having been chosen by the LORD GOD to recognise JESUS and their Messiah, the SON of the LIVING GOD, these will flee into into the Wilderness to a place which GOD has prepared for their safety, where they will be protected by HIM for the final three and a half years of the Tribulation as described in the Book of Revelation Chapter12:.

So JESUS asks the question " who do you say that I AM"? Of HIS disciples, disciples who would in time become the 12 Apostles, the "Foundation Stones" of GOD'S Church, because it is upon that which Peter revealed in his answer to JESUS that HIS Church would be built, and this is true even today,

This Church would be made up of People who, like Peter, would receive this Revelation from ALMIGHTY GOD (Matthew 16:*16, And Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." and accept it. (this is the Rock upon which JESUS would build HIS Church.*

This knowledge is Spiritually given and is not something which can come from your unsaved thoughts and imagination, nor your unsaved Soul.

Peter did not think this up in his own head, and neither could any one of us down through the ensuing years of the CHURCH AGE, this most important revelation comes only through the influence of HOLY SPIRIT through HIS interpretation to the Saints in the preaching of the Gospel of JESUS MESSIAH and through the choice of FATHER GOD of every believer.

It is possible for you to believe in your own mind that JESUS was merely a good manor even that HE was the Messiah, a Jewish one at that, but still only a man, and not the SON of GOD as HE IS.

But it is **not** possible for you in your own strength or thought process, to believe that JESUS is indeed GOD, nor can one publicly confess HIM, if you try to believe on your own strength without the empowering influence of the HOLY SPIRIT and without the Gift of Grace from FATHER GOD. In this state you are solely a taster of the Gospel and not a possessor of GOD'S revelation of HIS ONLY SON Hebrews 6:4-6

For in the case of those once having been enlightened and having tasted of the heavenly gift and having become partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5and having tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6and having fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.

Public Confession of JESUS as your LORD and SAVOUR is the mechanism by which your Soul is Saved and your Spirit is Born Again. And this confession must accompany you for the rest of your life, it puts your new position in JESUS on full display, who you are in JESUS and whom you now serve as we are clearly told in ...***Romans 10:8-11***

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, 9that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10for with the heart a person believes, leading to righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, leading to salvation. 11For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes upon Him will not be put to shame."

But sadly, most of that which calls itself GOD'S Church do not accept that JESUS MESSIAH is indeed GOD and again equal in the GOD HEAD, (FATHER, SON (JESUS/YAHWEH) and HOLY SPIRIT) and these people who stand in this disbelief are sadly just like the majority within Israel today.

Romans 10: states that you believe in HIM and just as Abraham did, it is accounted as Righteousness, but it is in confessing JESUS to be the SON of the LIVING GOD, which results in SALVATION.

This truth is evident in the RITE of Christian Baptism when performed according to Christian Doctrine, where before being Baptised, the recipient confesses their belief that JESUS is the MESSIAH and the SON of GOD, before witnesses.

This confession places JESUS MESSIAH as the Second Person of the GOD HEAD (the TRINITY) and is collectively GOD the FATHER, GOD the SON and GOD the HOLY SPIRIT.

So it was FATHER GOD who sent HIS SON (JESUS) to be born into the body of a Human Man born of Mary through the power of HOLY SPIRIT.

HE came and lived a sinless life and HE came to be the final SACRIFICE for Sin, thus bringing to a close the sacrificial system in Israel and fulfilling the Law of Moses in order to bring in the gift of

SALVATION by Grace alone through Faith alone in MESSIAH alone, and this not of yourself but is a Gift from GOD. Let us read **Ephesians 2:4-13**

But God, being rich in mercy because of His great love with which He loved us, 5even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9not of works, so that no one may boast. 10For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. 11Therefore, remember that formerly you—the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "Uncircumcision" by the so-called "Circumcision," which is performed in the flesh by human hands— 12remember that you were at that time without Christ, alienated from the citizenship of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

The following is a list of Scriptures where LORD JESUS reveals to HIS Disciples to Herod and to Pilate that HE is the SON of GOD, the MESSIAH and the KING of Israel.

Mark 14:62

62And Jesus said, "I am; and you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."

Luke 22:70

And they all said, "Are You the Son of God, then?" And He said to them, "You yourselves say that I am."

John 18:33-37 Before Pilate, JESUS is KING

36Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be delivered over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not from here." 37Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You yourself said I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

Matthew 27:11 before Herod, JESUS is KING of the Jews

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor questioned Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And Jesus said to him, "You yourself say it."

John 4:25-26 The Samaritan Woman, at the Well

*The woman *said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when He comes, He will declare all things to us." 26Jesus *said to her, "I who speak to you am He."*

With so many proofs in Scripture abounding to us, can you confess before this World that you know and love JESUS as your LORD and your GOD as HE asks you today, " WHO DO <u>YOU</u> SAY THAT I AM"????

Heavenly FATHER we give YOU all honour, praise and glory for the truth and power of YOUR Holy Word, in JESUS NAME. AMEN

And so we pray : The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **Corinthians 13:14**

Faithfully longing for HIS appearing.

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