

Jesus

Who is this Jesus the Christian world has sung about, talked about, believed in? Who is this Jesus who changed the world with His obedience to His Father? Who is this Jesus who contained the Christ, the Redeemer, the Savior, the Healer, the Propitiation for the souls of the human race?

And who is this Jesus the Christian world has so cleverly used as a scapegoat, an icon, an image rather than allowing the Christ in him to increase, as we humble ourselves until He becomes our all in all?

Well for starters let us check His autobiography and see what it says about this man who changed the world, becoming the will of the Father and showing us the way...

Philippians 2:6 — **Considering that He was found in the fashion of man such as you and I and he had to humble Himself the same as you and I** — being humbled infers that we have pride, arrogance and self-righteousness. Then comes the shocker — **He became obedient** — became — became — get it, like you and I **even unto death, the death** of the cross. Not physical death. **He made Himself of no reputation.** Did not make a name for himself. Was not a T.V. evangelist or a super pastor. He was a lowly carpenter. Same way He went so must the human race go if we are to make the trek from the first Adam to the last Adam. He is the first Adam and the last Adam.

Now let us further consider: He was chosen from among the common people. As a matter of fact, all of Israel were hoping their son would be the Messiah. They knew He would be chosen from among the likes of them. Sad to say, He came, they saw and heard and then crucified Him. They got rid of Him like the Christians are doing today. Will we be the same today, persecuting the very people who are representing the Christ????

2 Corinthians 13:4 — “For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him but we shall live with him by the power of God.”

Romans 6:6 — “Knowing this, that our old man must be crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he who is dead is free from sin.” Wow! Wow! And double whamy. Did you know that if you are baptized, it is not

just to dunk you in water, but you are baptized into Christ's death and from that day forward you are to die daily until none of you remains --- only Christ. **For he who is dead is free from sin.** Now of course that is not physical death as we would all like to think. We must rid ourselves of Christian mythology. Physical death just gets rid of the carriage that carries the sinner around.

Now, the word “crucify” also means “to put to death passions, lusts and selfishness” (*Strong's Concordance*). So — Jesus had lusts and selfishness such as you and I. He had to obey and decrease daily like you and I.

He picked up His cross daily like you and I. He denied Himself daily like you and I. **He bore the shame of the cross.** The only time one feels shame is when his deceitful heart is exposed.

So, my dear friends, if Jesus could be resurrected into a new life with God as His source, as His Father, as His comforter, as His wisdom, as His all and all — so can you and I. As a matter of fact, that is the only reason we are born. This earthly valley of tears only prepares us for that eternal peace and joy. Remember, Heaven is an inward happening not in the future, but right now. The Bible tells us it is a joy unspeakable, peace that passes understanding and righteousness that is a plumbline for your life and others.

So let us count it all joy when we are called to suffer; when our trials seem to go on too long; when the script we wrote is not followed. For joy cometh in the morning and with the joy comes understanding, wisdom, fruit for the weary and comfort from the sweet comforter of God.

“Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hear My voice I will come in and sup with you.” See you at the supper of the Lamb in that place called heaven right here on earth.

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