

## SPECIAL SERIES OF WRITINGS

### NUMBER ONE - Who Is Jesus?

This name was manifested and was the one used by God's only begotten Son; however, we know that according to history, He is not the only man who was named Jesus, nor was He the last man named Jesus. In this case, there is more to the name than just the sound of the word Jesus or Yeshua, for neither sound tells a person exactly anything. So, for the sound of this name to have an effect, this person would have to have to possess or be made according to some principle, because we do know that by believing on the "name of Jesus", men are saved. It is evident that this would have to refer to some special characteristics of a man named Jesus. The name, itself, would not work. Let us see what the Bible says in Matthew 1:21, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins."

In this case, who are his people, or who were his people who could believe on his name and be saved? This is something to consider. Let us analyze this name to understand some of the depths of it. Following is a definition of the word Jesus taken from the Peloubet's Bible Dictionary. "The Greek form of the name Joshua or Jeshua. It is used of -- 1. Joshua, the son of Nun. Acts 7:45; Hebrews 4:8, and of several persons mentioned in the Apocrypha. 'It was a common name among the Jews of the Greek-speaking period,' as the Hebrew form had been earlier."

Since this name carries the principles of Savior and its principles contain that which was to come as a Savior of the people, the Lamb, a Sacrifice and an Atonement, this Jesus then would then have to be the Son of God for the name of Jesus to fit, because He was begotten of God.

There is more to this man than the name of Jesus and a Redeemer or a Lamb, who shed His blood for the people. The Scriptures bear out that it was not long after He began His ministry when a special event happened in His life which revealed Him completely and brought about the conflict of Jesus--and it was not the name of Jesus because His name has been shown to be like all other names. During the time when He was growing up, during the time of the first part of His ministry, and during the great miracle program, there was no disturbance, other than the fact that the people knew there was a great prophet in the land. So, what could have happened to turn the people to make the name of Jesus despised? Let us see what the Scripture says in the 16th chapter of Matthew during the conversation between Jesus and His disciples where Peter reveals another secret part of Jesus. "Thou art the Christ... (Matthew 16:16)" Here we see that God revealed to Peter that Jesus was not just the Savior, but that He was The Christ. As a reaction to this, Jesus told Peter that he was blessed in that God had revealed

this to him. Jesus further said that He was going to use this divine revelation of Christ to build for Himself a church, which, of course, would be another body of flesh and bone, the body of Christ--not the body of Jesus. For this, Jesus was made a quickening Spirit to dwell in the body of Christ just as He lived in the body of Jesus.

There was one other time in the life of Jesus when He made a hint on this subject. It brought a reaction from the people, but it died down, because the people did not continue to promote the knowledge of this statement. On one occasion, at the beginning of His ministry, He stood up in the synagogue and read Isaiah 61:3, as recorded in Luke 4:18, and at the closing of His reading, when he revealed that He was a Christ, the people began to look at one another. They knew He was Jesus, but this Scripture which He used and applied to Himself made many of them to be affected very gravely over the fact that He was even Christ. They did not mind anyone being Jesus, to save the people, but they did not want anyone to claim to be Christ.

On another occasion, Jesus told the Scribes and Pharisees that they sat in the seat of Moses and that Israel at that time had no Christ. This seat belongs to Christ and not to the name of Jesus, but since Jesus was who He was--The Christ-- the seat was His! One might say He had the seat of Moses. The seat of Moses belonged to Christ, and no one was allowed to sit in that seat except The Christ. In this light, the Scripture points out that Moses was the Christ in his day. Do you recall reading the Scripture found in Hebrews 11:25-26, wherein Moses chose rather to suffer the afflictions of Christ? Now, there was no 'Jesus' in that day, for they used lambs, other sacrificed animals, and the blood of goats and heifers. But they did have that Spiritual Rock, which was Christ. It is evident that it was Christ that upset the world (as the Son of God was Jesus Christ), and it will be this title, Christ, that will upset it again.

Paul had preached to the Corinthian church for a long period of time in the synagogues, and on one occasion, he stood up and preached Jesus as he had in times past, but with one difference. This time, he preached Him to be even Christ, and at this statement the people rose up against him. Here again, we can clearly see that which made the name of Jesus despised was the title, Christ. There are many other Scriptures that I am unable to give in this month's issue that I will give in others concerning Christ.

In closing for this month, let me say that according to the Scriptures, there were only to be two Anointed Ones in the 'dispensation of grace' and each of these Anointed Ones, according to the Scriptures, was to be a Christ -- One of them, The Christ, being Jesus, the Christ, and the other one, John Christ. One was to build the tabernacle, and the other one was to rebuild it. Both of them possessed the self-same Vision as referred to in the first chapter of Revelation, being the complete Revelation of the Word of God in man.

Be sure to read the next article for Scriptural proof, for as the Scriptures hath said -- there shall be false christs. But, there are two real Christs, and this will be pointed out scripturally in the next issue.

Perhaps if you will study the meaning of the word, Christ, it will help you to understand the meaning of Christ in this article and the articles to come.

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## Christ Came To Save Sinners

### I Timothy 1:15

Then Jesus Christ appointed to all Christians and called them to action in His work! Mark 13:34, 'For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.'

In this writing, I would like to impress upon each reader the thought of works. I do not think it would take very much explanation to convince anyone that Christians evidently continue losing their victory and backslide when they cease working for the Lord.

It is true that Jesus Christ died to save sinners, and to be saved is a wonderful and glorious thing, but the emphasis is put upon the Christian who endures to the end. It is there that the reward is given for being a Christian. It is based upon our works.

The Gospel of Matthew, chapter 5, verse 16 says, 'Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.' This clearly points out without an argument that when the Bible speaks of letting your light shine, it is speaking of good works. Some people have misunderstood what the light of the gospel consists of and it is mostly believed that it is being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, or some method of deliverance or divine healing. All of these are wonderful and good and are necessary, but God is calling Christians to action, to work in helping to fulfill the Bible, the Word of God, by supporting the work and activity of the fulfillment of prophecy.

Let me quote Paul's version of characters in action from Colossians 1:25, 'Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God...' It is an undisputable fact that Christians are commanded to see to it that the Word of God is fulfilled.

I have heard some Christians say in their testimony, 'I don't care whether or not anybody knows and sees what I do, for all I want to do is please the Lord.' Now, if he has an attitude that he only wants to please the Lord, he will have to change his testimony, for the purpose of a Christian is to let his light so shine before men that they may see his good works. It is impossible to let your light shine without having good works in the fulfillment of the Word of God. The Scripture supports doing this before men that they may see our good works. It is for this purpose that I do all that I do for God.

Sometimes I am criticized for my activities of church work, such as traveling and spreading the Gospel by means of literature, the Highway Gospel Caravan, Ezekiel's Cherubims, the method of boats, and many other channels of this type, but these same critics will use radio and television themselves. This proves that they are without understanding, as those who just believe that having salvation is sufficient for good works.

'Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven.' Then, let us use the text Scripture, 'For the Son of man...gave...to every man his work...' There is a great work to be done in this world, and it is this work that I am endeavoring to do regardless of the cost and the scoffers' criticism. Jesus made it plain that the gospel must first be published among all nations. I am well aware that there are many ways to publish, but I wonder who has thought of the climax of Jonah's way of publishing and other great accomplishments and achievements of the prophets of old, as well as the members of the Early Church? I think a close study by anyone will clearly point out that they received their assistance after their works had become so outstanding as to attract the attention of men, and that they were noised abroad, and their sound went into all the earth as a result of letting their light be seen before men.

In the climax of this short subject, I would like to say that I am overjoyed in the fact that we have just such a program going on in The Church of God in a big way, but my aims are to make it become greater and greater, until the world has been attracted by our good works. The move that has been made this year throughout the Church by our ministers and members certainly proves my statement and thought that I am looking for greater and greater success the further we go. Let us work, work, work, for the time is short, and the work must by all means be done in order to be ready for the coming of Jesus.