

MAY THE REAL JESUS PLEASE STAND UP

Many will come in My name, saying I am Christ; and shall deceive many. Matt. 24:5

But seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness. Matt. 6:33a

Come to Me all that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matt. 11:28

The nation's boundaries are appointed so that they should seek God and perhaps find Him though He is not far from any one of us. Acts 17:27

Every person is responsible before God to seek the real Jesus and the real "God the Father" and find a personal relationship with God. God has taken the initiative in revealing Himself. God stepped out of Heaven and became flesh at Bethlehem. God has condemned sin and death to ultimate removal from all creation due to the sinless and unjust death of Jesus. God has demonstrated in the courts of Heaven that sin is so atrocious it killed the very Son of God. God has spoken to us by the prophets and now by His Son. The Biblical record has been preserved that we may investigate the Scriptures and know the real Jesus. After a person puts saving faith in Jesus for eternal life, God gives new birth and the indwelling Spirit to teach and guide one's life to a deeper knowledge of God.

And this is eternal life that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. John 17:3

Man's perspective of God is not correct apart from being born again and being led by the Spirit to see God's perspective. Isaiah 53:4 reminds us that man's perspective of the Cross is that Jesus was stricken by God the Father and punished by Him. But verse 5 says, "No, He was pierced because of our sins to prove the atrociousness of sin. He was crushed because of our iniquities, in that our sins struck out against Him, and the discipline of our peace was upon Him." Hebrews 5:8 says, although He was a Son, He learned obedience from what He suffered. And having been made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

The perfect disciplined obedience of Christ even to death on the Cross was required to initiate the new covenant in His blood. Hebrews 10:4,5 reminds us that only the sacrificial blood of Jesus can initiate the taking away of sins. By His resurrection life He saves us. Romans 5:10

Man's perspective of the cross is that Jesus became sin in our place and was punished in our place. But this is not God's perspective. Romans 5:18 says, the result of Jesus' one act of righteousness (sinless death), was justification that brings life for all men. Romans 8:3 says, God used Christ's body on the Cross to condemn sin to the utmost. Isaiah 53: 6,10,11 says, all the sins of humanity killed Jesus, and that God the Father allowed and orchestrated His death in order to condemn sin to the utmost. The Bible says that God the Father raised Jesus to life and gave Him all power and authority to take away the sin of the world and to judge all things in heaven and earth. Matthew 28:18 John 5:22,26-30 Colossians 1:19-20 Revelation 20:15 - 22:21 Acts 13:30-38

All persons are responsible to pursue the real Jesus through Spirit led Bible study and ask the real Jesus to stand up and be recognized in all His power and authority.