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**For The Record**

1 John 5:5-7 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? (6) This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. (7) For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. (KJV)

There was more to this man Jesus Christ than what people could see on the outward. Some would make their determinations based on His carnal lineage and not on the Spiritual one, referring only to Him as being the son of a carpenter. Those that know the truth that has been personally revealed to them through the Spirit know that Jesus of Nazareth was a man who was led by the Spirit of Christ, the first born again man.

Romans 1:1-4 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, (2) (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) (3) Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; (4) And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: (KJV)

The Bible is pretty consistent in the fact that Jesus Christ is referred as the Son, and not God Himself. This man was also referred to as being the seed of David based on the flesh. However, it took two births for this man to accomplish the task that God had set in motion so that we could be reconciled.

2Corinthians 5:19-21 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. (20) Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. (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. (KJV)

That same God that was in Christ is within us as well, showing us personally on a daily basis how we can be reconciled with God. All through the Word you see that God sent His Son to do His work so that He could take the sin of the world and deal with it once and for all; so that the middle wall of partition could be taken down and we too could have access to the throne.

Matthew 27:45-46 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. (46) And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? (KJV)

This man Jesus of Nazareth was about to finish his ministry by dying on the cross. We see that Christ the Son of God was crying out as well, because He never knew sin and never knew what separation from God was about. Christ spent three days and three nights in hell, a place of torment to pay the spiritual price for mankind so that we would not have to taste the second death. As painful a beating as the Son of man took on before the cross, the spiritual beating and torment that Christ took was far more excruciating and painful given the fact that the spiritual is so much greater than the physical.

Romans 6:21-23 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. (22) But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. (23) For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (KJV)

You know folks, our death sentence has been already carried out, and a way of escape has been provided by God through His Son. The wages of sin is a death sentence, and was not totally accomplished until Christ the Son of God went to hell, paid the price, and rose victoriously with the keys of hell and death; unlocking the gates so that His church would no longer be held in bondage to it any longer.