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**It Takes Two**

Isaiah 9:6-7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (7) Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. (KJV)

Interesting when looking on the prophecy brought forth through Isaiah, how the distinction is made concerning a child born, as well as a son given. Well let’s try this on for size and see how it fits. Our Lord described Himself as being the son of man, as well as the Son of God. One being born after the flesh, as well as one being born again after the Spirit, which we see later on in the book of John is a requirement for anyone seeking access to the kingdom of God. You too will need to see beyond the carnal realm in order to see and walk effectively in the kingdom of God, and fulfill your Spiritual calling.

Luke 1:30-32 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. (31) And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. (32) He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: (KJV)

So we see that the angel gave instructions to Mary concerning her son, and a name to describe the son born after the flesh. But as we see it didn’t stop there, as the angel continued to give her enlightenment to what else was taking place concerning a Son that was given by God as well.

Luke 1:33-35 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. (34) Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? (35) And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. (KJV)

Many of God’s people today see part of the equation, that being the outward man and they miss the ‘also’ part as we see being described in verse 35. How about this folks, the child born was Jesus the son of man, Christ is the name of the Son of God given to mankind which accurately describes the two, that being Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:3-6 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: (5) By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name: (6) Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ: (KJV)

You know our Lord has a name, a complete one in fact, that makes His people complete also. While many proclaim and give more credence to just the outward man, it took that inward new man to get the results God required on behalf of mankind. Again we see the two natures being revealed, one pertaining to the flesh while the other refers to the Spirit. Given the fact that the Spiritual is so much greater than the carnal, is there any reason not to be giving the complete answer when asked of the reason of the hope that is within you?

Philippians 2:8-11 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. (9) Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: (10) That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; (11) And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (KJV)

Oh and just for the record Church, that name which is above every name is not just Jesus rather we should be giving an accurate and complete account of Jesus Christ in order to give glory to God. When the Word says what we should be confessing then that is definitely something that we should be giving credence to.