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**It Takes Two**

Revelation 1:17-18 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: (18) I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. (KJV)

Not only did Jesus of Nazareth die on the cross for mankind, but Christ the Son of God who was sent for our reconciliation died as well having spent three days and three nights in hell to unlock the gates so that mankind would no longer have to be in bondage. In order to truly understand the mystery of the gospel, one has to come to a working knowledge of the Son of God as well as the son of man in order to be complete.

Matthew 16:16-19 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. (17) And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. (18) And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (19) And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. (KJV)

Our Lord quizzed the disciples concerning His name, and what they were hearing. Peter gave a response that was blessed because it came from God firsthand. Not only did our Lord deliver us from the power of darkness, He then gave us access to the heavenly realm through the name of Christ which is the key that unlocks all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Colossians 1:26-28 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: (27) To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (28) Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: (KJV)

Paul went so far as to use the Word, warning every man concerning the mystery of the gospel, that their search should not be based on just the outward man, but rather having an understanding of the new man within. Many today teach and preach about a man named Jesus, but have little or no understanding of who Christ is, not only within him but within you as well.

Ephesians 2:13-15 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. (14) For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; (15) Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; (KJV)

Do you desire to maintain the peace of God that you experienced when you were first born again? Well, then you will need to give ear to that new man that is emerging within you, and who is seeking to show you the way home. Is Christ and His doctrine truly a greater influence in your life than anything or anyone in this world? If not then you may find yourself left out.

Romans 8:14-17 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. (15) For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. (16) The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: (17) And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. (KJV)

Are you able to see that it takes two to inherit the kingdom of God? We were all born into the realm of the flesh, and then need to be reborn into the realm of the Spirit, which will then take a constant renewing of the mind in order to stay on the path of life and have a true understanding of the mystery of the gospel, and all that has been accomplished by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. If you notice the term ‘may be glorified together’ is used at the end of verse 17. That ‘may be’ part is on our end and it is our choice of who we choose to give ear to.

2 John 1:7-11 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. (8) Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. (9) Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. (10) If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: (11) For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds. (KJV)

Of the two, Jesus and Christ, was one new man brought forth and seated at the right hand of God. In order for you to resurrect and receive your place in His kingdom you will need to know who Christ is as well, and the only doctrine that will get you home. It truly takes two, because if any man has not a working knowledge of who they are in Christ and all that is available through His name, then they are none of His. Again, you have to ask yourself, why is the enemy of our Lord described as antichrist and not anti Jesus? It takes two Church.