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**Slice of Life**

John 12:23-26 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. (24) Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. (25) He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. (26) If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour. (KJV)

Jesus of Nazareth knew that in order to inherit his reward in heaven, he would have to die to this realm. Not only did this begin within him when he died to his own desires, but his purpose was to take up his cross and die for man so that the sacrifice could be paid once and for all, thus eliminating all the works of the law as well.

1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. (KJV)

The controversy that we are surrounded by in this fallen world is man’s limited knowledge of what the truth is concerning the mystery of the gospel. Thus the reason why we have so many perversions of the gospel which are manifested in the form of denominations, added interpretations that only add confusion and not peace. God was manifest in the Son of man Jesus of Nazareth, having been justified by the Spirit of Christ within him who bore witness of the truth of God. Because of his obedience to the Spirit within him, He was raised up and glorified, given a seat at the right hand of the Father in heaven.

Mark 4:11-13 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: (12) That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them. (13) And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables? (KJV)

Today, so many swear up and down that Jesus was God, making judgments based on their limited outward vision and not seeing within to know that truth that would set them free. Until you are able to come to a working knowledge of the mystery of God and of Christ you will not be able to see and hear beyond the realm of the flesh.

1John 5:5-6 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. (KJV)

No matter what you do or where the Lord sends you as well, it is the Spirit within you that is able to give a credible witness to the things above. Again, we see the two births mentioned, one of the flesh and then one of the Spirit to make that person complete. The full name of Jesus Christ accurately describes this, one referring to the Son of man as well as one referring to the Son of God; and of these two one new man is now mediating on our behalf.