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**Slice of Life**

Matthew 16:13-15 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? (14) And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. (15) He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? (KJV)

We talked this week about being led by the Spirit, that being the Holy Spirit, which is pointing you to a relationship with the Father through the Son. Now when our Lord asked His disciples ‘who do men say that I am?’ yeah it was a no brainer that they knew the name of Jesus. However, that was not the answer that our Lord was looking for and not what He gave credence to. So having asked that why do so many today put so much credence in the name of Jesus?

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)

If you notice, a lot of things accompany the name of Christ, which includes a rock solid foundation and the keys that unlock the kingdom of heaven for His people. You need to know this name yourself or you won’t know the Father personally, and will stay bound up in the realm of the flesh.

Acts 4:10-12 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. (11) This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. (12) Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. (KJV)

Folks, simply put, if the teacher and preacher is not preaching in the full name of Jesus Christ then they haven’t fully given ear to the Holy Spirit and are not giving a full accurate account of salvation and how it works. You will find consistently throughout the Word that the people who God used to write the epistles knew the name which is above every name.

1John 4:1-3 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. (2) Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: (3) And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. (KJV)

A simple test can be given when listening too many to see if they have allowed the Holy Spirit to lead and guide them into all truth, or if they have been duped into some other version of the Gospel. If they don’t know Christ then they don’t know God, and that puts them in the antichrist column which is not going to work. Those are the ones you don’t want to support or put your stamp of approval on.

2John 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)

Hey Church, don’t forget Christ in your teachings and prayers; because with Him all things are possible, while without Him you just reverted back to mission impossible.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. (KJV)

Again we see that the gospel and doctrine of Christ is where there is real power involved, while anything less would be a lie.

1 Corinthians 1:23-24 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; (24) But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. (KJV)

So do you see where and who the Holy Spirit is pointing you to? Then quit listening to all the other pretenders and wannabe’s, and get your doctrine first hand from the right hand of God.