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**Willing or Weak**

1 Corinthians 1:23-25 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. (25) Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. (KJV)

You know, God’s people have a name, Christian, Christ like, just like His Son, which puts them in the category of willing, strong, powerful, and able to complete the task that God asks of them. The enemy of God has a name also, someone who is weak, powerless, sickly, and yeah asleep at the wheel so to speak which is why they ended up in the ditch with the rest of those that were blinded by slumber. The enemy has been tagged as antichrist, no not antijesus, or even antiGod, but antichrist. Ever wonder why that is? Well, for those that don’t know Christ and the power in His name, they are leaving a lot off the table, like the power and wisdom of God. Yeah, that is a lot to leave out of the equation is it not?

Romans 16:25-26 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, (26) But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: (KJV)

You will notice the word ‘mystery’ appears in the New Testament, and you will find out that the mystery involves Christ. Christ is the Son of God that was sent to show us the things of God, things that were previously hidden but are now made manifest by His sacrifice. It is still a mystery to many because they still see and make their determinations after the outward man and not the inward one that was sent our way so that we could know the answer to this mystery.

Matthew 13:54-56 And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works? (55) Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? (56) And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things? (KJV)

Not much has changed today, because many that claim that they know the Lord or should know better, still make their determinations according to just the outward and never see beyond the veil of the flesh into the inward. Jesus the man was not much of mystery at least according to the outward, however inwardly there was a lot going on, Christ in Him which was His source of strength. When you are asked what the name of the Lord is and in whose name you pray in, are you like the many that end their prayers in the name of Jesus and leave out Christ?

Romans 1:15-16 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. (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)

You notice which realm Paul was preaching from, and whose name He was preaching it in? Yeah he was looking inward, and because of that he was able to bring forth a message with some power attached to it as well. Just think what happens to those that leave Christ out of the equation; they sure leave a lot off the table don’t they? So if one leaves out the power, well then the only thing left is weak.

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)

Many deceivers, those many that were called, those many who would now be described as weak, sickly, and fallen asleep. You know folks, flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, so if you desire entrance into His realm and would like your prayers heard, then you need to bring more than just a flesh and blood name as well. Why not bring Christ to the table and use that name which is above every name so that you will get results above and beyond what you could have ever thought or imagined. God bless Christians.