

Studies for Restitution

Whom the heaven must receive
until the times of restitution of all things,
which God hath spoken by the mouth of
all his holy prophets since the world began.

Acts 3:21

THE DIVINITY OF CHRIST

Study to show thyself approved unto God,
a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

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1Jn 3:23. *God's commandment is that we believe on the name of His Son.*

Jn 6:28. *What can we do that we might obtain Heaven? (DA 385)*

Jn 6:29. *The work of God is to believe (have faith, trust) in God's Son, not by any of their works.*

1 Jn 5:5. *We overcome by believing that Jesus is the Son of God. (Notice the emphasis on believing.)*

Q -*Today millions believe Jesus is the Son of God. Why are we not overcoming?.*

Matt 26:63. *The truth is that very few "truly" believe and teach that Jesus is who "He claimed to be". Many do not realise this. When they deny this truth, they deny Christ's own testimony.*

Jn 1:29. *Do we behold Him? Do we look to Him to accomplish what He has promised?*

2 Tim 2:19. *Truly believing in the name of Christ is to "depart from iniquity" (to overcome).*

Q - *What witness or evidence do we have that Christ is abiding in us?*

1 Jn 3:24. *"He that keepeth His commandments". Remember that truly believing in the name of Christ is to depart from iniquity, to overcome, to keep His commandments.*

Q - *But can there be a counterfeit righteousness?*

Phill 3:6. *Paul saw himself blameless.*

RH July 22 1890. *"Paul says that "as touching the law", as far as outward acts were concerned, he was blameless, but when the spiritual character of the law was discerned, when he looked into the holy mirror, he saw himself a sinner. Judged by a human standard, he had abstained from sin, but when he looked into the depths of God's law, he saw himself as God saw him. He bowed in humiliation and confessed his guilt."*

Q - Was it the spirit of God that led Paul to persecute the church?

1Jn 3:24. *Notice what the verse goes on to say! "And hereby (this is how) we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us."*

Jn 14:21,23. *Notice, obedience is motivated by love for Christ. Both the Father and Son will abide with him.*

Q - How do they abide with us?

Jn 15:26. "When the Comforter is come" - *notice the comforter is called the Spirit of truth. It proceeds (emanates) from the Father and will testify (witness) of Christ. In other words the Spirit of truth will bring the life of Christ to the soul. DA 805.*

1 Jn 4:1. *This is why the Comforter is called the Spirit of truth, because there are many false prophets who claim to have the Spirit of God.*

Q - How do we know the true Spirit?

1 Jn 4:2. Every Spirit (person) that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh has the Spirit of God.

1 Jn 4:3. *Anyone who denies this, has not the Spirit of God. His Spirit is from the enemy of Christ. See also 1Jn 2:18*

Q - What term is used synonymously with Jesus Christ?

Matt 16:16-18

Jn 6:69

Jn 11:27

1 Jn 2:22

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Jesus Christ is the Son of God

1 Jn 4:2. "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God; every Spirit that confesseth that (the Son of God) is come in the flesh is of God."

Q - What church today acknowledges that the Son of God has come in the flesh? = *Certainly no church that holds to a Trinity doctrine. Suddenly you are left with only a remnant.*

Q - *What about those who acknowledge that the Son of God has come in the flesh, but leave His divine attributes in Heaven?*

Col 2:9. "For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead (divinity) bodily."

1 Tim 3:16. "God manifest in the flesh." (*This is a great mystery*).

Rh June 15 1905. "Christ could not have come to this earth with the glory that He had in the heavenly courts. Sinful human beings could not have borne the sight. He veiled His divinity with the garb of humanity, but He did not part with His divinity." _

RH Oct 29 1895. "Christ had not exchanged His divinity for humanity, but He had clothed His divinity in humanity..."

Note it is a mystery, because of the blending of the divine nature with the human, God manifesting Himself in man.

1 Jn 1:1,2. *Read carefully what their hands handled? = The word of **life**.* "For the life was manifested and we have **seen** and **bear witness** and **shew unto you** that **eternal life** which was **with** the Father and **was manifested unto us.**"

Jn 1:4. "In him was life and the life was the light of men." (*This life came to our world*).

Jn 1:5. "The word had this life."

Q - *What kind of life is here specified?*

ST Feb 13 1912. "In Him was life and the life was the light of men. It is not physical life that is here specified, but eternal life, the life which is exclusively the property of God. The word who was with God and who was God had this life. Physical life is something which each individual received. It is not eternal or immortal, for God the Lifegiver takes it again. Man has no control over his life but the life of Christ was unborrowed. No one can take this life from Him. "I lay it down of myself He said"."

This is what we noted in 1 John 1:1,2.

Jn 1:14. "And the word (who was God) was made flesh."
Compare 1 Tim 3:16.

Q - *In these last five texts, have we read anything about Christ leaving His divinity behind?*

Christ in His humanity never stopped being God.

RH June 15 1905. "As a member of the human family He was mortal, but as a **God** He was the fountain of life to the world. He could in His divine person ever have withstood the advances of death and refused to come under its dominion, but He voluntarily laid down His life that in so doing He might give life and bring immortality to light."

Q - *Why is this important?*

Heb 9:14. It was Christ's "eternal Spirit" (his eternal life), remember 1 Jn 1:2. "That eternal life, which was with the father **was** manifested to us this is what made His offering sufficient."

Jn 10:18. *Inherent, immortal life is one of the attributes of deity. If Jesus never possessed immortal life in the flesh, how could He declare no man taketh it from me but I lay it down myself?*

RH, August 6, 1914 par. 1 *In Him was life original, unborrowed, underived. This is the life that Jesus laid down. He made the decision that He would save man at any cost to Himself. DA 693. That cost was His own eternal existence.*

1Jn 3:23,24 4:1-3. *Notice how these texts are linked.*

Vs 23 -- *called to truly believe on the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ.*

Vs 24 -- *resulting in obedience in the life, through Christ abiding by His Spirit. Important — obedience is not the evidence that Christ abides. It is the Spirit. (Remember Paul was blameless in outward acts, but inwardly he had the spirit of persecution!!*

1Jn 4:1. *This is why the apostle counsels us to test the spirits.*

1Jn 4:2. *This tells us how to know the Spirit of God.*

1Jn 4:3. *The Antichrist will deny the Son of God **is** come in humanity.
Now reverse this equation...*

4:3 -- *rejecting Jesus Christ came in the flesh is the spirit of antichrist.*



4:2 -- *means you do not have the Spirit of God.*



4:1 -- *means you have a false spirit and are a false prophet.*



3:24 -- *you have a false righteousness evidenced by a false spirit.*

Why?



3:23 -- *because you have rejected the commandment of God to **believe** on the **name** of His Son Jesus Christ. (Compare 1Jn 5:5)*

Friends, this means much more than just rejecting the Trinity doctrine, because it denies the Son of God is come in the flesh.

Those who acknowledge the Son of God came in the flesh without His divinity, are really denying the Son of God came in the flesh.

*Remember, we noted it was **God** manifest in the flesh -- the eternal life, which was with the Father.*

1 Jn 3:23. *Look at this text again. We are commanded by the Father that we **should** (God always allows us our free will) **believe on the name of His Son "Jesus Christ"**.*

Q - *What does His name mean?*

A - *Jesus means Saviour.*

Q - *What does Christ mean?*

A - *Anointed.*

Q - *Anointed by whom?*

A - *God the Father. Ps 2:2. Acts 4:25-27*

Q - *Anointed with what?*

A - *The Holy Spirit (The power of the highest) He was anointed with God's Spirit. Luke 1:35*

Q - *What kind of Spirit does God have?*

A - The eternal, divine Spirit -- omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent, is the power of the Highest.

"Christ brought men and women power to overcome. He came to this world in human form, to live a man amongst men. He assumed the liabilities of human nature, to be proved and tried. In His humanity He was a partaker of the divine nature. In His incarnation He gained in a new sense the title of the Son of God. Said the angel to Mary, "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." While the Son of a human being, He became the Son of God in a new sense. Thus He stood in our world -- the Son of God, yet allied by birth to the human race. . . .

From all eternity Christ was united with the Father, and when He took upon Himself human nature, He was still one with God. He is the link that unites God with humanity [Heb. 2:14 quoted]." (ST Aug 2, 1905) {5BC 1115.1}

Remember, the spirit of antichrist will deny that the Saviour -- anointed with the eternal, divine (omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent) Spirit of the Father -- came in the flesh.

Heb 9:14. *Our loving Saviour offered himself through His eternal Spirit, that we might serve God in righteousness. (Does this sound familiar?) We are back to where we started. 1 Jn 3:23,24*

Heb 9:15. *Jesus had to offer up His eternal existence that we may be redeemed from sin and receive the promise of an eternal inheritance.*

1SM 322 . "No man of earth or angel of heaven could have paid the penalty for sin. Jesus was the only one who could save rebellious man. In Him divinity and humanity were combined, and this was what gave efficiency to the offering on Calvary's cross."

What a Saviour!!! No wonder Satan is determined that we will not see the love of God.

1 SM 156. "Satan is determined that men shall not see the love of God which led Him to give His only-begotten Son to save a lost race; for it is the goodness of God that leads men to repentance."

May we also declare, "**Truly this man was the Son of God**" Mk 16:39 (Matt. 27:54; 1 Tim. 3:16.) "But although Christ's divine glory was for a time **veiled and eclipsed** by His assuming humanity, yet He did not cease to be God when He became man. The human did not take the place of the divine, nor the divine of the human. This is the mystery of godliness. The two expressions "human" and "divine" were, in Christ, closely and inseparably one, and yet they had a distinct individuality. Though Christ humbled Himself to become man, the Godhead was still His own. **His deity** could not be lost while **He stood** faithful and **true to His loyalty**. Surrounded with sorrow, suffering, and moral pollution, despised and rejected by the people to whom had been entrusted the oracles of heaven, Jesus could yet speak of Himself as the Son of man in heaven. He was ready to take once more His divine glory when His work on earth was done.

There were occasions when Jesus stood forth while in human flesh as the Son of God. **Divinity flashed through humanity**, and was seen by the scoffing priests and rulers. Was it acknowledged? Some acknowledged that He was the Christ, but the larger portion of those who upon these special occasions were forced to see that He was the Son of God, refused to receive Him. Their blindness corresponded to their determined resistance of conviction.

When Christ's indwelling glory flashed forth, it was **too intense** for **His pure and perfect humanity entirely to conceal**. The scribes and Pharisees did not speak in acknowledgment of Him, but their enmity and hatred were baffled as His majesty shone forth. The truth, obscured as it was by a veil of humiliation, spoke to every heart with unmistakable evidence. This led to the words of Christ, "Ye know who I am." Men and devils were compelled, by the shining forth of His glory, to confess, "Truly, this is the Son of God. Thus God was revealed; thus Christ was glorified." (ST May 10, 1899). {5BC 1129.5}

1Jn 4:6. *Let us go forward in the Spirit of truth, for God has many who will yet "hear" us.*

Amen