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Dedication

To the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit who
gave the inspiration

Introduction

Jesus Christ. This name is so common that it has now become a household name in many parts of the world. Many call upon the name Jesus at the slightest opportunity – when they are scared, happy, excited, etc. But who is Jesus? Who is He to you? Do you know Him? What do you know about Jesus? What is He to you? What can you tell others about Him? Do you think He is “a lie” who is merely being used to deceive multitudes?

The Man Jesus seeks to answer these and many more questions about Jesus, helping readers understand who He is, and showing them all they need to know about Him. This book seeks to reveal who Jesus Christ really is; He is not a lie. I hope to be able to paint a very clear picture of who He is and what His mission on earth was. This book will also explain the basis of His teachings and the power He carries; letting you into the secret of how you can tap into His power. The aim of this book is to take you through the journey of

discovering the truth about Jesus Christ for yourself.

Everyone needs to know Jesus personally, not just knowing about Him. This knowledge should automatically graduate into each one striking up and developing a personal relationship with Him. This book will help everyone who does not yet have a personal knowledge and relationship with Jesus to do so. *The Man Jesus* will show you how to find Jesus.

Knowing Jesus Christ comes along with a lot of benefits. This book will reveal some of those benefits. Hopefully, they should motivate you to seek to know Christ the more. You will also learn how to enjoy a relationship with Him. All who know Jesus and have accepted Him as their Lord and Saviour have a rich inheritance in Him. You will discover them in this book. It is hoped that those who are truly searching for the truth of who Jesus is would find it in this book. Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. A discovery of

this revelation will change and transform your life
for good.

Chapter One

Introducing Jesus

Jesus Christ was introduced to me at age ten, and I accepted Him as my Lord and Saviour. I have never had any cause to regret being a believing Christian ever since. For me, every day with Jesus will always be sweeter than the day before.

My knowledge of Him as the Alpha and the Omega as written in Revelation 22:13 and that His life on earth was long prophesied before His birth deepens my faith in Him. It also assures me that I am on the right track and that those other prophecies that are yet to be fulfilled will surely come to pass.

I have discovered through the word of God and from personal experience that there is so much power in the name of Jesus and His blood. Now, I don't hesitate to engage His name and blood as the need arises. My experience with Jesus has been sweet. Therefore, let me introduce you to the Lord that has made a great difference in my life. My

short time as a believing Christian has taught me that life without Christ is truly a life in crisis.

In The Beginning He Was

How well do you know Jesus? A person you understand is the person you can risk following. Knowing his origin and background makes it easier to trust him. Jesus Christ's story is well spelt out in the scriptures.

Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

John 8:58

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only

*begotten of the Father, full of grace
and truth.*

John 1:1-3, 14

*Then God said, “Let Us make man in
Our image, according to Our
likeness; let them have dominion
over the fish of the sea, over the birds
of the air, and over the cattle, over
all the earth and over every creeping
thing that creeps on the earth.”*

Genesis 1:26

Jesus Christ existed since the beginning of creation. He is not a man who only surfaced in the New Testament. He existed right from the time of God the Creator. He only became flesh and dwelt among men in the New Testament, during the time of the apostles.

All things were made through Jesus; there was nothing made without Him. That was why God said in Genesis 1:26, “*Let Us make man in Our image...*” Jesus confirmed His existence long

before the New Testament when He said to the Pharisees, *“Before Abraham was, I Am.”*

Christ is your maker and the creator of all you can see. He knows you better than you know yourself. Since He has existed from the beginning, He understands this world and its system more than any other person. That means He is the best consultant on all world operations, including spiritual matters also. He is the most reliable force to camp with, as He knows all the devices of the enemy and has counter attack strategies with which to defeat the devil anytime and anywhere.

Even demons confirmed Jesus’ existence before the New Testament. On seeing Jesus, two demon-possessed men cried out to Him in Matthew 8:29, *“What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?”*

Jesus has been from the beginning; the demons know it and the spiritual and wise persons know it too.

Jesus has no superior other than God the Father, because He existed from the beginning. This, therefore, makes Him a great authority to be reckoned with. There is no opposition that can match Him. Lucifer, the devil, was created by God (Ezekiel 28:12-15) through Jesus, and so cannot be compared with Him.

If Jesus is with you and for you, be assured of His continuous presence with you, as He has promised never to leave you nor forsake you (Hebrews 13:5). He again promised in Matthew 28:20 to be with you always, even to the end of the age. He can make such promises because He has been from the beginning and knows that He will continue to be till the end of the age.

Jesus has been with God from the beginning (John 1:1), and so is your best access to God. He Himself said in John 14:6 that no one can come to God except through Him. So if you have been trying to reach God, congratulations; Jesus is your access to the Father, you need not search any further. Christ is the eternal way to God the Father!

Prophecies Fulfilled

How many people do you know of whose lives were prophesied before they were born? Long before He was born, virtually everything about Jesus' life was prophesied! This means He is not a fake, and that He means business.

Jesus is the perfect proof of the fact that God, the architect of your life, already has a plan for your life. This plan will be developed as you grow, if you will obey His instructions and walk in His footsteps.

Let's consider some of the prophecies about Jesus, as well as their fulfillment.

- **Jesus was to be born of a woman.**

After the fall of man, God quickly made a plan to restore man to his original state and fellowship with Him. In Genesis 3:15, God said He would put enmity between Satan and the woman, and between his seed and her Seed. The Seed of the woman shall bruise Satan's head, and Satan would bruise His heel. Jesus was born of a woman (Matthew 1:20-25). He

finished or “bruised” Satan’s head (Colossians 2:15), but Satan could only hurt Him a little (Matthew 27:46).

- **He would be a descendant of the patriarchs - Abraham, Isaac and Jacob** (Genesis 21:12; 22:18; Numbers 24:17). This was fulfilled in Luke 3:34 and Romans 9:5. Now, among other things, the blessings of Abraham as God promised him in Genesis 12:1-3, can now come to all who believe through Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:14).
- **He would come from the tribe of Judah** (Genesis 49:10). God, through Jacob, prophesied that the sceptre will not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet. This was again fulfilled in Luke 3:33 and confirmed in Hebrews 7:14. Jesus is the only King that lives forever, and He is from the tribe of Judah according to the flesh. Kings were to come from the tribe of Judah, so Christ had to come from that tribe, since He was the King of the Jews.

- **Jesus Christ would be the heir to the throne of David** (2 Samuel 7:12-13; Isaiah 9:6-7). God's promise to David, to establish his seed over his throne forever was fulfilled in Jesus in Luke 1:30-33 and Romans 1:3. No wonder when blind Bartimaeus called Him the "Son of David", it caught His attention, and He quickly responded to Bartimaeus' demands (Mark 10:46-52).
- **He would be born of a virgin** (Isaiah 7:14). Isaiah prophesied that a virgin would conceive and bear a son, whose name would be called Immanuel (fulfilled in Matthew 1:20-23). Jesus had to be born of a virgin and the Holy Spirit, so that He is born of God, and free of the Adamic nature that is characterized by sin.
- **He would be born in Bethlehem and stay in Egypt for a while** (Micah 5:2; Hosea 11:1). Jesus' place of birth was fulfilled in Luke 2:1-7. A decree had to go out that the entire world should be registered so that the Messiah would be born in the City of David, which is called

Bethlehem, just as was prophesied by prophet Micah. After Jesus' birth, again in fulfillment of Hosea's prophecy, Joseph fled to Egypt with the baby, for fear of Herod finding and killing Him (Matthew 2:13-15). That means that even some seeming minute details of your life, for example, where you were born, is orchestrated by God.

- **John the Baptist was to prepare the way for Christ** (Isaiah 40:3-5). A voice was to cry out in the wilderness, "*Prepare the way of the Lord...*" The voice turned out to be John the Baptist (Luke 3:3-6). Malachi 4:5-6 prophesied that Elijah would come before the great day of the Lord, before the Messiah would come. Jesus confirmed John as the Elijah that was to come in Matthew 11:13-14.
- **Speaking in parables.** Have you ever wondered why Jesus spoke and taught a lot in parables? It was prophesied that He would do so (Psalm 78:2-4), and was again fulfilled (Matthew 13:34-35).

- **Declaration of His mission on the earth** (Isaiah 61:1-2). Isaiah prophesied that Jesus would be anointed by God to preach good tidings to the poor, heal the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound. He was also to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God. Lastly, Jesus came to comfort all who mourn. Jesus read out this exact prophecy in Luke 4:18-19, and in verse 21 declared to the people that this scripture was fulfilled in their hearing.
- **Details of Christ's crucifixion, resurrection and ascension.** Jesus' betrayal, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension were very detailed that anybody who cares to consider them would agree that Jesus is real. The amazing thing is that these details were recorded in scriptures long before Jesus' birth; and were all fulfilled to the letter.

Let's look at some of them. Though some of these prophecies were recorded in more than

one book in both the Old and New Testaments, we will look at only one each.

- **Jesus' betrayal.** This was clearly prophesied in the Old Testament.

Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me.

Psalm 41:9

Judas Iscariot fulfilled this prophecy in Matthew 26:23-25, 47-50.

- **The betrayal price money.** It was prophesied that Jesus would be betrayed for thirty pieces of silver, and that the money would eventually be used to buy a potter's field (Zechariah 11:12-13). We saw this fulfilled in Matthew 27:9-10.
- **False accusation.** It was prophesied in Psalm 35:11 that Jesus would be falsely accused; and it was fulfilled in Mark 14:57-58.
- **Spat upon and beaten.** A prophecy said Jesus would be beaten and spat upon (Isaiah 50:6). We saw this fulfilled in Matthew 26:67.

- **Mocked and ridiculed.** Psalm 22:7-8 said Jesus would be mocked and ridiculed, it was fulfilled in Luke 23:35-39.
- **Crucified along with two robbers.** Isaiah 53:12 told us this would happen, and it was fulfilled in Mark 15:27-28.
- **Given vinegar for a drink.** This was prophesied in Psalm 69:21 and fulfilled in John 19:28-30.
- **Hands and feet pierced.** Jesus' hands and feet were pierced as prophesied in Psalm 22:16, and fulfilled in John 20:25-27.
- **Sides pierced.** Zechariah 12:10 also prophesied that Jesus' sides would be pierced. We see this fulfilled in John 19:34.
- **Garments divided and lots cast for His clothing.** Psalm 22:18 told us this would happen; and it was fulfilled in Matthew 27:35-36.
- **Unbroken bones.** Psalm 34:20 prophesied that Jesus' bones would not be broken (unlike the usual practice, where they broke the bones of

the person crucified to hasten their death). Jesus died on the cross, so there was no need to break His bones (John 19:33-36).

- **To be forsaken by God the Father.** Psalm 22:1 told us well in advance that Jesus would be forsaken by God. We saw this fulfilled in Matthew 27:46, where God forsook Jesus, because all He saw in Him was the sins of the world that He bore.
- **Prayed for His accusers.** The scriptures prophesied in Psalm 109:4 that Jesus would do this; and it was fulfilled in Luke 23:34.
- **Resurrection from the dead.** Psalm 16:10 prophesied that Jesus would rise from the grave. Jesus truly rose from the grave as recorded in all the books of the gospels. Peter gave us a detailed account of how it happened in Acts 2:22-32.
- **Ascension into heaven.** Jesus' ascension into heaven is the grand finale of the redemption plan. It was prophesied in Psalm 24:7-10 and fulfilled in Mark 16:19.

- **Enthronement at God's right hand.** Jesus' ascension into heaven so He can be enthroned was prophesied in Psalm 110:1, and fulfilled in Mark 16:19

The Jews did all they did to Jesus without realising that they were fulfilling scriptures, the word of God. These events all prove that Jesus Christ came from God; as everything that was done to Him was as God had said through His prophets. Interestingly, King David had a lot to say (by the Spirit) about the seed that would be over his throne forever.

Prophet Isaiah in Isaiah 53:1-12 gave a very vivid description of the suffering that the Messiah would endure. He stated that Jesus would be a sacrifice for man's sins, which He fulfilled (Romans 5:6-8). Isaiah also declared that God would be satisfied with Jesus' sacrifice and divide Him a portion with the great. No wonder God exalted Him and gave Him a name above every other name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under

the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:5-11)!

Jesus Christ came to earth on an assignment; which He accomplished and returned to heaven afterwards. If all the prophecies given concerning His birth, death, resurrection and ascension all came to pass, one can safely conclude that in like manner the prophecies about His coming back (Acts 1:9-11, Revelation 22:6-21) and the events that will follow (recorded in the book of Revelation) will all surely come to pass.

Jesus' Mission

God is a God of purpose, Who does nothing without a reason. Jesus was sent to the earth by God for a purpose, which He accomplished. An understanding of this purpose will help you appreciate the coming of Christ and His mission on earth.

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
because He has anointed Me to*

preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

Luke 4:18-19

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

John 10:10

Jesus Christ came to save man, reconcile them back to God and give them life in abundance. The strategy for accomplishing this was to preach the gospel, heal the sick, set the captives free, grant sight to the blind, deliver the oppressed, and ultimately proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. God fully anointed Jesus to accomplish this mission (Acts 10:38).

- **The Salvation of Souls**

When the angel of the Lord visited Joseph to assure him that it was okay to take Mary as his wife, he gave him the name of the baby and his purpose on earth: to save His people from their sins (Matthew 1:21).

Right from when man fell in the Garden of Eden, God made a plan to redeem man from his fall and

restore him to his original position of dominion and fellowship. Man was created without sin. As a result, he was lord over God's creation and enjoyed daily fellowship with God. Sin came in when Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate of the forbidden fruit (Genesis 3:1-11). That was the introduction of sin into the world, and every person born of natural man is a sinner (Romans 5:12, 19).

Jesus is God's wisdom and power to save man from his sins and restore him to his original state before the fall (1 Corinthians 1:24). In Genesis 3:15, God declared this plan of victory over the devil – the Seed of the woman was to defeat the devil. The enemy expected it, tried to abort it many times but failed, because he didn't know how God was going to execute His plan.

When the birth of Jesus was announced to King Herod by the wise men from the east, the enemy tried to kill Jesus through Herod. But he again failed; he succeeded only in killing innocent babies (Matthew 2:1-18). When Jesus' earthly ministry

began, the devil also tried to kill Him on several occasions using the people (Luke 4:28-30), but failed, because it wasn't yet time for Jesus to die; His mission on earth had to be concluded first (Luke 22:53).

The wisdom of God for man's restoration was a great mystery: if the devil had known it, he would not have allowed the people to crucify Jesus (1 Corinthians 2:7-8). He thought Christ's death would be his victory, not knowing it was going to be his downfall (Colossians 2:13-15).

Jesus Christ, who knew no sin, became sin, that we might be saved and become the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:21). Jesus took our place on the cross; bearing our sins upon Himself so we can stand before God blameless. Our sins were washed away by His shed blood, and now as many as have accepted Him as Saviour can stand before God as totally new people; old things are passed away, and behold all things have become new (2 Corinthians 5:17).

God is of purer eyes than to behold iniquity (Habakkuk 1:13). When Jesus bore the sins of humanity on the cross, God had no choice but to turn His back on Him. That was why Jesus cried out, “My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?” (Matthew 27:46). For the first time, Jesus addressed God as God, instead of Father as He had always done. But He achieved His purpose, which was to save man from his sin. Now anyone who receives Jesus as Lord and Saviour automatically receives the gift that has been fully paid for: the forgiveness of sins and the salvation of soul.

- **Reconciliation Unto God**

Before the fall of man, man had great fellowship with God. On the day of Adam’s disobedience, the Bible records that the Lord came in the cool of the day calling on Adam (Genesis 3:8). This suggests that an intimate relationship between God and man existed before the fall. This relationship, however, came to an end, and God had to drive the man and his wife out of the Garden of Eden, ending their fellowship.

Part of God's plan of salvation for man was to reconcile man back to Himself through Christ, forgiving and forgetting the sin that had put up the barrier between them. Jesus made peace between God and man through His shed blood on the cross (Colossians 1:20).

Every believing Christian now receives the spirit of adoption at new birth, by whom he cries out, "Abba, Father" (Romans 8:15). We can now relate with God as a father and son would, just as Adam did in the garden before the fall. Until you are born again, God is merely your maker or creator. But He becomes your Father when you received His Son, Jesus Christ, as your Saviour.

Jesus through His death has reconciled you to God, to present you holy, blameless and above reproach, in His sight. You can now come boldly unto the throne of grace to obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16).

- **Abundant Life**

The enemy's mission on earth is to steal, kill and destroy; but Jesus Christ came to give man abundant life (John 10:10). Everyone who has left houses, brothers, sisters, father, mother, wife, children or lands for Christ's sake shall surely receive them many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life (Matthew 19:29). This is abundant life.

Galatians 3:13-14 clearly states that Christ hung on the cross in order to deliver the blessings of Abraham to us as God had promised in Genesis 12:1-3: *"In you shall all families be blessed."* Abraham became a great nation and a blessing; those who blessed him were blessed by God, whereas those who cursed him were cursed by God. Abraham enjoyed abundant life, and Christ hung on the cross that we may be partakers of the Abrahamic order of blessings.

Abundant life is life without sickness or disease, filled with wealth and riches, coupled with tremendous spiritual growth (3 John 2). It is also a

life full of power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessings (Revelation 5:12). Abundant life includes longevity (Psalm 91:16). Like Paul, you too can decide when you want to return to your Father in heaven (Philippians 1:21-26).

In conclusion, Jesus Christ's mission on earth was to obey God (Hebrews 10:5-7) and to restore man to his original spiritual state, so he could enjoy unlimited access to God and to all that He has to offer (Romans 8:17).

God's Mystic Secret Unveiled

Does God have secrets? Yes, He does. The good news, however, is that they are now revealed to His children by His Holy Spirit. What's more, knowing God's secret is vital to living a life of absolute victory.

...And that they may become progressively more intimately acquainted with and may know more definitely and accurately and

*thoroughly that mystic secret of God,
[which is] Christ (the Anointed One).*

Colossians 2:2 (AMP)

*But we speak the wisdom of God in a
mystery, the hidden wisdom which
God ordained before the ages for our
glory, which none of the rulers of
this age knew; for had they known,
they would not have crucified the
Lord of glory.*

1 Corinthians 2:7, 8

*And I will put enmity between you
and the woman, and between your
offspring and her Offspring; He will
bruise and tread your head
underfoot, and you will lie in wait
and bruise His heel.*

Genesis 3:15 (AMP)

Praise God, the mystic secret of God has been revealed! God's mystery came into existence at the fall of man. When the enemy did his worst by making man fall through his deceit, God created

this mystery with which He was to overthrow the enemy and recover all for Himself and for man. Though He said it out loudly then, the enemy did not understand it; if he had, he would not have crucified the Lord of Glory, Jesus (1 Corinthians 2:8).

That day in the Garden of Eden, God said He would put enmity between the devil and the woman, and between his offspring and her Offspring. According to God, the woman's Offspring would bruise and tread the devil's head underfoot, and the devil will lie in wait and bruise His heel. This was fulfilled in Jesus.

But when the proper time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born subject to [the regulations of] the Law, To purchase the freedom of (to ransom, to redeem, to atone for) those who were subject to the Law, that we might be adopted and have

sonship conferred upon us [and be recognized as God's sons].

Galatians 4:4-5 (AMP)

What exactly is this mystic secret of God? It is Jesus Christ, the anointed one! Some of the great men in the Old Testament, like Moses, David and Isaiah (Deuteronomy 18:15; Acts 2:23-36; Isaiah 9:6-7) had an idea of this mystery, but the full picture was not revealed until Christ was born, crucified, resurrected and seated at the right hand of God. Victory at last!

- **Why Christ?**

Why was Jesus Christ God's mystic secret? If God was to achieve perfection as it was before the fall of man, he needed Jesus, Who is God and without sin, but born of a woman, because the world was supposed to be under man's control till an appointed time (1 Corinthians 15:25). Adam had sold out to the enemy, and because his lease on earth had not run out, God had to get another man

(Jesus Christ) to overthrow the enemy and recover all, both man and the earth.

The Significance of Jesus' Names

Names are very significant to the life of any individual. It describes the destiny, purpose and character of the person. It actually dictates his steps or decisions. Therefore, a good name will speak well of an individual, whereas a bad name will speak ill of him/her. In this section, we will consider the many names of Jesus Christ, and how they defined His nature, mission and destiny.

*For unto us a Child is born, unto us
a Son is given; and the government
will be upon His shoulder. And His
name will be called Wonderful,
Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6

*And she will bring forth a Son, and
you shall call His name JESUS, for*

*He will save His people from their
sins.*

Matthew 1:21


God uses names to pass across messages to men. When God names your unborn baby, He is directly telling you what to expect of the baby; He is simply prophesying into the life of the child. That is why it is good to receive your children's names from God. If you name your child yourself, know that the baby's life and destiny will be influenced by the meaning of its given name.

A name brings out the best or the worst of a person. It can also accelerate or hinder his success in life, bring joy and peace to his life, or sorrow and misery. The Bible makes this very clear in 1 Samuel 25:25: *"Please, let not my lord regard this scoundrel Nabal. For as his name is, so is he: Nabal is his name, and folly is with him!"* A name will surely affect the bearer positively or negatively; therefore, it is important that we give our children godly names. The names we give them should help them succeed in life.

God changed Abraham's name from Abram to Abraham to describe what he would later become – a father of many nations (Genesis 17:5-6). Just as his name, Abraham truly became the father of nations. He is the father of both the physical nation of Israel and all spiritual Israelites, that is, everyone redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ. Before God changed his name to Israel, Jacob was living out his name (a sup-planter) to the full. He supplanted Esau twice: when he took away his birth right and blessing by deception (Genesis 27:36). But he got a change of name in Genesis 32:24-28, after he wrestled with an angel and prevailed. Jacob asked the angel to bless him, and the blessing he got was a change of name! His new name reflected his new destiny. Names truly speak a lot about an individual.

Jesus was equally not exempted from the influence of names. His names said a lot about His life and destiny. Let's consider a few of them:

 **Jesus** – Saviour (Matthew 1:21)

 **Immanuel** – God with us (Matthew 1:23)

- ✚ **Jehovah** – The Lord (Isaiah 40:3)
- ✚ **The Redeemer** (Isaiah 59:20)
- ✚ **The Word** – (John 1:1)
- ✚ **The Hope of His people** – (Joel 3:16)
- ✚ **Son of man** – (Mark 10:33)
- ✚ **Son of David** – (Matthew 1:1)
- ✚ **Seed of the woman** (Genesis 3:15)
- ✚ **Seed of Abraham** (Galatians 3:16)
- ✚ **Lamb of God** (John 1:29)
- ✚ **The Lamb that was slain** (Revelation 5:12)
- ✚ **The Good Shepherd** (John 10:11)
- ✚ **Bread of life** (John 6:35)
- ✚ **The light of the world** (John 8:12)
- ✚ **The Wisdom of God** (1 Corinthians 1:24)
- ✚ **The Power of God** (1 Corinthians 1:24)
- ✚ **The Rock** (1 Corinthians 10:4)
- ✚ **The Mediator** (1 Timothy 2:5)
- ✚ **The Intercessor** (Hebrews 7:25)
- ✚ **The Advocate** (1 John 2:1)
- ✚ **The Last Adam** (1 Corinthians 15:45)
- ✚ **The Resurrection** (John 11:25)
- ✚ **A Quickening Spirit** (1 Corinthians 15:45)

- ✚ **The Deliverer** (Romans 11:26)
- ✚ **The Lion of the Tribe of Judah**
(Revelation 5:5)
- ✚ **Lord of lords** (Revelation 17:14)
- ✚ **King of kings** (Revelation 17:14)
- ✚ **Lord of all** (Acts 10:36)
- ✚ **Lord over all** (Romans 10:12)
- ✚ **The Prince of Peace** (Isaiah 9:6)
- ✚ **The Beginning and the Ending** (Revelation 1:8)
- ✚ **The Alpha and the Omega** (Revelation 1:8)
- ✚ **The First and the Last** (Revelation 1:17)
- ✚ **My Portion** (Jeremiah 10:16)
- ✚ **My Helper** (Hebrews 13:6)
- ✚ **My Physician** (Jeremiah 8:22)
- ✚ **My Healer** (Luke 9:11)
- ✚ **My Restorer** (Psalm 23:3)
- ✚ **My All in All** (Colossians 3:11)

Jesus Christ the Saviour came to save the world, so that as many as would receive Him would be

saved. Being the Word, Jesus makes it clear that the scriptures are centred on Him.

Jesus needed to be the Son of man in order to save man from his sins. God needed a man like Adam to restore man back to fellowship, glory and dominion. Adam (man) had been put in charge of the world (as its ruler) for a season, and his time was not yet over before Satan stole it from him. Jesus needed to be the Son of man to accomplish His purpose of recovering man and the earth. That was also the only way of fulfilling God's word to the serpent, that the Seed of the woman would bruise his head (Genesis 3:15).

Jesus Christ also needed to be the Seed of Abraham, so we could partake of the blessings of Abraham (Galatians 3:13-14). He had to be the Son of David to fulfil God's promise to King David that his seed would reign on his throne forever.

Since lambs were slain for the atonement of the people's sins under the Old Covenant, Christ had to be the Lamb that was slain once and for all for

the atonement of the sins of the whole world in the New Covenant. As the Good Shepherd, He had to lay down His life for His sheep.

Christ is the Bread of life whom when eaten, gives life in abundance. As the Light of the world, He is the perfect guide to follow in order not to stumble in this world, no matter the challenge. Jesus is full of wonders and will always give the right counsel. Jesus is the wisdom and the power of God by which God defeated the enemy, making a public show of him, triumphing over him. He is the Rock, so can be sure of His support always. He is our advocate, and is seated at God's right hand in heaven interceding continually on our behalf. He is The Lord of lords and King of kings, and so is Lord of all and over all. Everyone and all powers are subject to Jesus.

Do you desire peace? Jesus, the Prince of peace, is the best authority to consult on that matter. As the Beginning and the Ending, the First and the Last, be rest assured that nothing is hid from Him, neither is there anything new or strange to Him. If

you will receive Him as your portion, then all that belongs to Him becomes yours automatically. As your Helper, you will enjoy unending helps; and as your Physician or Healer, you will enjoy total health and vitality. Indeed, Jesus Christ is all in all; so you are fully covered on every side.

Jesus truly is the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6). No one can come to the Father except through Him. You need not fear ever again if you receive Him as Lord and Saviour, because His name is a strong tower which the righteous runs into and are safe (Proverbs 18:10).

Power in the Name Jesus

Not only does Jesus' name reflect His mission and destiny, it is also full of power. His name has power to save from sin, as salvation comes only through calling upon the name of Jesus (Romans 10:13; Acts 4:12). Also, answer to prayers is only guaranteed if made in the name of Jesus (John 14:14; 15:16; 16:23). Healing comes through putting your faith in His name as well.

And His name, through faith in his name, has made this man strong, whom ye see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Acts 3:16

The name of Jesus is very powerful. Unfortunately many are ignorant of this power, and so are being robbed of God's blessings and fulfilment in life. The enemy will do anything to keep a man in this ignorant state so he can continue to oppress him. The truth is that the power in the name of Jesus brings deliverance from all oppressions of the devil, and delivers dominion to mankind. God, understanding the power of a name, carefully chose Jesus' name to reflect His mission on earth and after resurrection. The name Jesus means Saviour.

*Nor is there salvation in any other,
for there is no other name under*

*heaven given among men by which
we must be saved.*

Acts 4:12

Salvation means deliverance from sin and its consequences. It also means preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin or loss. In other words, there can be no deliverance from sin and its consequences, nor preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin or loss, except through the name of Jesus.

To fully enjoy the benefits in the name of Jesus, you must first understand the power it carries. What can the name of Jesus do for you?

- **It Gives Identity**

*...And the disciples were first called
Christians in Antioch.*

Acts 11:26

Your belief in Jesus and His name is what gives you your identity as a Christian. What's more? You are also expected to live like Him!

- **Name Above All Other Names**

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11

The name Jesus is above the name of any sickness, disease or situation. Whatever has a name is below the name of Jesus and must give way to it when invoked, no matter where it may be coming from, whether from heaven, earth or hell.

- **Receiving From God**

“And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name.

Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

John 16:23-24

God's grand design for receiving from Him is through Jesus and His name. After His death and resurrection, no man can relate with God except through Jesus. He is the gateway to God and His blessings. Jesus is man's only access to God and all His blessings, including healing.

- **Name As Powerful As His Person**

Jesus' name is as powerful as His person. Everything He is can be found in His name. No wonder Jesus said to His disciples:

And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

Mark 16:17-18

Whatever Jesus can do in person, the power in His name will deliver the same when you use it by faith. Whatever God says you can do, you can do in the name of Jesus. You can say, “Let there be...in Jesus’ name,” and it will be as you have spoken. Our God-given authority can only be exercised in the name of Jesus.

- **Always Working**

Jesus’ name is ever at work, no matter what time of the day you use it. In the same way Jesus is alive and always with the believer, His name will deliver your desired results whenever you use it or call upon it.

*I am He who lives, and was dead,
and behold, I am alive forevermore.
Amen. And I have the keys of Hades
and of Death.*

Revelations 1:18

*Teaching them to observe all things
that I have commanded you; and lo,
I am with you always, even to the end
of the age.” Amen* Matthew 28:20

- **Enemies Bow To The Name**

The enemy knows and understands the power of names, especially the power in the name of Jesus. He trembles at the mention of the name of Jesus.

And behold, they shrieked and screamed, What have You to do with us, Jesus, Son of God? Have You come to torment us before the appointed time?

Matthew 8:29 (AMP)

Just as devils trembled at the presence of Jesus, they also tremble at the mention of His name.

And she did this for many days. Then Paul, being sorely annoyed and worn out, turned and said to the spirit within her, I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her! And it came out that very moment.

Acts 16:18 (AMP)

You can command healing or deliverance over your life or that of your loved ones in the name of

Jesus, and the spirit of infirmity will have no choice but to leave immediately.

- **The Name Is A Strong Refuge**

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.

Proverbs 18:10

The power in the name of Jesus provides protection and covering for those that believe in it. When you call upon His name in times of danger, Jesus quickly shields you from any imminent evil. Instant results and deliverance are also guaranteed when you call upon the name.

And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately.

Acts 9:34

Help and answers are dispatched immediately when you call on the name of Jesus. In most cases you receive instant help, while in some cases help

comes as you learn to walk in obedience to God's word.

Note, however, that the name of Jesus must be invoked in faith for it to deliver the desired result. Calling upon the name without faith in your heart is an exercise in futility (Acts 3:16).

Faith in the name of Jesus is the secret of its power. Unbelief or a careless use of the name will not work. Always mention it in faith and with an understanding of the power that lies therein. Don't call His name in vain; for this is unacceptable with God.

Also note that only born again children of God are permitted to use the name of Jesus.

Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches." Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so.

And the evil spirit answered and said, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?”

Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

Acts 19:13-17

It is very dangerous to use the name of Jesus if you have not first identified with Him. You have to first give your life to Jesus before you can enjoy the power in His name. There is healing and deliverance in the name of Jesus; so go ahead and use it over that illness or situation in your life right now.

The Powerful Blood of Jesus

Not only is Jesus' name full of power, His blood is as well. Every covenant is sealed or ratified with blood. The New Testament or covenant was sealed with the blood of Jesus; that is why the Christian faith is anchored on the shed blood of Jesus Christ. An understanding of its power and benefits will help you put your faith in it, so you can enjoy all that it has to offer.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Revelation 12:11

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

1 Corinthians 2:7-8

Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.

Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.

John 6:53-57

In the Old Testament, almost all things were purified with animal blood. There was also no remission without the shedding of blood (Hebrews 9:22). The blood was used for the cleansing, sanctification and consecration of both things and people. The blood was very important for their

continual existence. Since the blood of bulls and goats had no capacity to permanently take away sins, it had to be shed repeatedly (Hebrews 10:1-4).

But the blood of Jesus Christ is different; it is so powerful that it was shed once and for all for the remission of all of man's sins!

Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me. In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. Then I said, 'Behold, I have come—in the volume of the book it is written of Me—to do Your will, O God.'"... For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

Hebrews 10:5-14

By the shed blood of Jesus, sin and its consciousness is now totally removed from those

who have put their faith in it and accepted to be cleansed by it!

The great power in the blood of Jesus is the only reason God allowed His Son's blood to be shed. In addition to our sins being washed away by Christ's blood, our conscience is also purged from dead works by the blood (Hebrews 9:14). If only the rulers of this age knew the power that is in the blood of Jesus, they would not have crucified Him! Jesus' blood grants every believer direct access to the Holiest of all. Before Jesus' death and His shed blood, only the high priest could go into the Holiest of all, and that only once a year. He must also go in with the blood of animal, which he offers for his sins and that of the people (Hebrews 9:6-8). But now, through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, every redeemed child of God can enter freely into the Holiest of all – God's presence (Hebrews 10:19). We all can now boldly come into the throne of grace in prayer and obtain mercy and grace by Christ's blood. You only need to accept

the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross for your sins in order to qualify to enter.

Christ through His blood, reconciled man back to God, so that man can once again fellowship with God without the sin barrier. If you have accepted Jesus as the Lord of your life, you are now justified by His blood. You are now a new creation; old things are passed away, behold all things have become new (2 Corinthians 5:17-19).

The blood of Jesus also grants us victory. Believers can overcome the devil and his temptations by the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ (Revelations 12:11). That is why the Bible says that if the rulers (the enemy and his agents) had known what was coming to them by the death of Jesus they wouldn't have crucified the Lord of glory (1 Corinthians 2:7-8). Jesus died as a man (flesh and blood), so that through His death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is the devil, and release those who through the fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage (Hebrews 2:14-15).

Many are held captive by the fear of death, which is the enemy's most effective weapon against man. But when they know the power in the blood of Jesus and apply it, they would be set free and then be able to take the right steps that would enable them walk away from the challenges.

When Jesus died as a man, He qualified to take back from the devil the authority and power he had stolen from Adam. Jesus went to hell and took the keys of hell and of death from the enemy, and freed the saints who were in bondage of death (Revelations 1:17-18; Matthew 27:52-53). From then on, as many as receive Jesus Christ are freed from the bondage of death. The power in the blood of Jesus Christ weakens the enemy, causing him to let go of your goods and blessings.

The blood of Jesus also gives us eternal life - the ultimate goal and desire of every believer (John 3:16). When you receive the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, you also receive everlasting life with God. There's life after death, and the blood of Jesus gives you access to that life with God and an

escape from life with the devil. But this is not the eternal life God is talking about. Jesus tells us in John 17:3 what eternal life really is.

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Eternal life is knowing God and Jesus Christ whom God has sent. It is having a close, intimate, personal relationship with God and Jesus Christ. Everlasting life is not what you wait till you get to heaven to get or enjoy; it is what you get and start enjoying as soon as you believe in Jesus (John 3:36). God's greatest desire is that we all have a personal relationship with Him.

Adam had eternal life but lost it when He disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden. God had told them not to eat or touch the fruit of the tree which was in the midst of the garden (the tree of the knowledge of good and evil), lest they die (Genesis 2:16-17). When they both ate from the tree, they didn't die a physical death, but a spiritual one. They lost the intimate relationship they had

enjoyed with God. God used to come down and commune with them. But they lost this sweet fellowship to sin and disobedience.

This fellowship was what God restored back to man through the shed blood of Jesus: that whosoever believes in Jesus would not perish, but have everlasting life. Oh, the power in Jesus blood!

Chapter 2

The Life and Examples of Jesus

*The former account I made, O
Theophilus, of all that Jesus began
both to do and teach,*

Acts 1:1

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