



BECAUSE OF JESUS

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1 Timothy 3:15-16; 4:1-2, 6-11 (Message)

¹⁵ *You'll know how things ought to go in God's household, this God-alive church, bastion of truth.*

¹⁶ *This Christian life is a great mystery, far exceeding our understanding, but some things are clear enough: He appeared in a human body, was proved right by the invisible Spirit, was seen by angels. He was proclaimed among all kinds of peoples, believed in all over the world, taken up into heavenly glory.*

1 Timothy 4:1-2, 6-11

¹ *The Spirit makes it clear that as time goes on, some are going to give up on the faith and chase after demonic illusions put forth by professional liars.*

² *These liars have lied so well and for so long that they've lost their capacity for truth.*

⁶ *You've been raised on the Message of the faith and have followed sound teaching. Now pass on this counsel to the Christians there, and you'll be a good servant of Jesus.*

⁷ *Stay clear of silly stories that get dressed up as religion. Exercise daily in God-no spiritual flabbiness, please!*

⁸ *Workouts in the gymnasium are useful, but a disciplined life in God is far more so, making you fit both today and forever.*

⁹ *You can count on this. Take it to heart.*

¹⁰ *This is why we've thrown ourselves into this venture so totally. We're banking on the living God, Savior of all men and women, especially believers.*

¹¹ *Get the word out. Teach all these things.*

- *The question today is: Do we know who Jesus is and what He has done for us? What I want to ask is: Are we living as the redeemed – more than conquerors, children of the covenant?*

WHO IS JESUS?

Now when Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, Who do people say that the Son of Man is? And they answered, Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets. He said to them, But who do you [yourselves] say that I am? Simon Peter replied, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Matthew 16:13-16

I am come that they might have LIFE, and that they might have [it] more abundantly.

John 10:10

In this day and time people are still busy splitting theological hair regarding the question: *Who is Jesus?*

Historically it is doubted if Christ ever really existed, and if He existed, we do not know anything about Him.

- Bertrand Russell

No serious and educated person has ever dared not to adopt the historical Jesus as definite.

- Otto Betz

God is the only unrestricted being in the entire universe. God is the creator of everything. He is without beginning or ending. He is omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient and invisible.

HE IS THE LORD!

...in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens (Gen2:4)

And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it (Gen 2:15).

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat (Gen 2:16).

The LORD God said, it is not good that the man should be alone (2:18)

Now the LORD had said unto Abram... (Gen 12:1).

His primary revelation to the people is that He is the Lord! I am sovereign, un-restricted. There is nothing outside of My jurisdiction. There's nothing that imposes itself on Me. I don't need anything. I did not create you to have your praise to know that I Am Lord! I did not create you to receive from you, but to give to you because I'm so full, I don't need anything. I don't need you to prove that I exist. I want you to KNOW that I exist!

CO-HEIRS

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us, meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

Colossians 1:12

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:1

We are hesitant to speak about our rights, privileges and destiny.

There are approximately 140 key scriptures in the New Testament that describe our inheritance. These scriptures teach us who we are and what we have BECAUSE OF JESUS.

BECAUSE OF JESUS, there is hope, truth, power, strength and victory for you – today and all the time.

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ.

Roman 8:17

THE VOICE OF FAITH

The just shall live by faith.

Romans 1:17

We are the prophets of our own lives...*for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks!* (Matt 12:34-35).

How can we presume who God is if we don't know who we are? How is it that your revelation of what you can do is based on what God can do? When your world is all about "who am I?" God keep saying "*I Am!*"

¹³*And Moses said to God, Behold, when I come to the Israelites and say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you, and they say to me, What is His name? What shall I say to them?*

¹⁴*And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM and WHAT I AM, and I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE; and He said, You shall say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you!*

¹⁵*God said also to Moses, This shall you say to the Israelites: The Lord, the God of your fathers, of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has sent me to you! This is My name forever, and by this name I am to be remembered to all generations.*

Exodus 3:4, 6-15

Exodus 6:

²*And God said to Moses, I am the Lord.*

³*I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as God Almighty [El-Shaddai], but by My name the Lord [Yahweh-the redemptive name of God] I did not make Myself known to them [in acts and great miracles].*

⁶*Accordingly, say to the Israelites, I am the Lord.*

⁷*And I will take you to Me for a people, and I will be to you a God; and you shall know that it is I, the Lord your God, Who brings you.*

⁸*And I will bring you into the land...and I will give it to you for a heritage. I am the Lord!*

Don't you challenge me based on who "Pharaoh" is – or the recession, or the world, or your boss, or your father to you is! I am not dealing with you based on these things. I am not dealing with you based on your revelation of you knowing that I Am Creator. No! I AM THE LORD! Don't compare me with your revelation of who I am.

And may GOD, the God-of-Your-Fathers, keep it up and multiply you another thousand times, bless you just as he promised.
Deuteronomy 1:11 (Message)

What is expected of us?

TO STAND IN THE GAP!

- The life-giving Spirit wants to blow upon us, not to make something happen (Pentecost), but to transform us into God's holy and eternal plans.
- We will not succeed in enjoying God's fruit as long as we allow our past experiences to make us shrink back from God's will and order.

They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities.

Isaiah 61:4

YOU ARE CHOSEN FOR GREATNESS

The role that you play to discover your destination is very important, because the more you understand who you are in Christ, the easier it is to manifest the truth about yourself. It is only when the kings (the sons of God) start living a life worthy of their calling that they can fully crown the King of kings, and by this restoration can bring forth all things.

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

Isaiah 60:1

- “Stand up” means: *Change your position, or the state that you are currently in.*

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming. It is close at hand - a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness. Like dawn spreading across the mountains a large and mighty army comes, such as never was in ancient times nor ever will be in ages to come.

Joel 2:1-2 (NIV)

As soon as you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the poplar trees, move quickly, because that will mean the LORD has gone out in front of you to strike the Philistine army.

2 Samuel 5:24 (NIV)

The sons of God from every nation are standing up from the first light – the dawning of this day.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN DO IT!

- You must believe that I am God
- That I am Almighty
- That I am Sovereign
- My Word is the highest order – the final authority
- I can do all things
- I Am faithful...**All Because of Jesus!**

When We Can Believe Even When There Is No Sign Of “Rain Or Wind”.

- **Do** what you have never done before...because of Jesus!
- **See** what you have not seen before...because of Jesus!
- **Live** a life that you have never lived before...because of Jesus!