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So let us joyfully march forward to the kingdom of God as Jesus did. Let us follow in His footsteps in humbleness and help the pastors and servants God has chosen in proclaiming the Good News of His return to others.

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Who is Jesus Christ?

Lesson # 18

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Jesus is the Son of God who was sent by God His Father to become the Savior for all mankind. He was in the world, which He had made, but the world recognized Him not (Jn. 1:10).

Jesus is our Personal Savior who came to the earth for a specific purpose. "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Phil. 2:9-11)

"For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believes on Him is not condemned: but he that believes not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (Jn. 3:16-18)

John 1:1, 3, 14 and 17 informs us that:

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

- 1 All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.
- 2 And the word was made flesh and dwelled among us. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."
- 3 He is the only Supreme being in the universe who has absolute power over all things.
- 4 He is the one true God that is omnipresent, all powerful and sustains all things.
- 5 He created the heavens, the earth and all that therein is. He in the beginning, formed the heavens and the earth (Gen: 1:1).

not the interpretations or opinions of some men according to their liking. This is very important to point out, especially today, where we see so many theologians preach contrary to God's word and think that they can enforce their spirit on those that are waiting on the Lord! Let your faith not be shaken by men who teach and preach after their own opinions, traditions or interpretations. Only God's will and word counts not interpretations or opinions of men.

God gives to His servants rest and shelter and prepares them for the work they have to perform when their time is come. God's servants know that they do not serve any man, but the living God.

All servants of God are admonished in 3rd John:
"follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that does good is of God: but he that does evil hath not seen God."

Jesus Christ is the head of the Church, the Body of Christ

As true Christians we should never forget that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church or better referred to as the Body of Christ. With Jesus Christ we have an advocate with the Father (1Jn. 2:1). Who is the author and finisher of our faith (Heb. 12:2)! Let us not become confused by Church organization who's leaders claim to be the only representative of Christ here on earth. Let us act according to scripture for Jesus Christ is the only Head of God's Church. Therefore the body of Christ can not be controlled by any human being or by any humanly organized Church.

Church leaders ought to be led by God's Holy Spirit and abide by the word of God as revealed in the scriptures and not follow their own understanding and doctrines in the name of Christ! True believers have to watch that those theologians with their humanly devised doctrines do not deceive them. Let us always remember that the book of life is written in heaven and not by any mortal man or human church organization.

We must let God's Spirit guide us into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show us things to come [Jn: 16:13]. God's Holy Spirit is a precious gift of God. We only have to ask for it, but all those

He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

Only Jesus was able to open the book and loose the seven seals thereof. For He was slain, and has redeemed us to God by His blood. He has made us out of every nation unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth (Rev: 5:9-10).

Jesus said:

"For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is My brother, and My sister, and mother" (Mk: 3:35).

In Mark 9:38-41 we read:

"And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he follows not us: and we forbade him, because he follows not us. But Jesus said forbid him not: for there is no man, which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. For He that is not against us is on our part. For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward."

Let us also look at Philippians 1:15-19:

"Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds: But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defense of the gospel. What then? Notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice. For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ."

How important is it to point out, especially today, where so many preach contrary to God's word or even think that they can enforce their spirit on some one who is waiting on the Lord! Let our faith not be shaken by men who teach and preach after their own opinions, traditions or imaginations. Only God's will and word counts

- 6 He formed man out of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. (Gen. 2:7)
- 7 He is the God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom he (the Father) has appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; (Heb: 1:1-2)
- 8 He is our eternal, heavenly Father who set the plan for our salvation into effect. He is nigh unto all them that call upon Him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him: He also will hear their cry, and will save them." (Ps: 145:18-19)
- 9 He has established the world by His wisdom, and has stretched out the heavens by His discretion (Jer. 10:10-12).
- 10 Jesus himself said: "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, the first and the last, which is, which was, and which is to come, the Almighty" (Rev: 1:8 with 11).

Jesus Christ therefore is the true God.

We understand that He is the living God, and everlasting King. At His wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide His indignation. "Thus shall ye say unto them, the gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens. He has made the earth by His power, The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the people see His glory. (Ps. 97:1-6)

Our prayers are directed to God.

This is illustrated by the example Jesus gave us when He said:

After this manner therefore pray ye:

"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen" (Mat. 6: 9-13).

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As true Christians we should never forget that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church or better referred to as the Body of Christ. For there are Church organization who's leaders claim to be the only representative of Christ here on earth. But Jesus Christ is the only Head of God's Church. Therefore the headquarters of His church are wherever He resides. It can not be controlled by any human being or by any humanly organized Church organization. It is important that Church leaders are truly lead by God's Holy Spirit and abide by the word of God as revealed to us in the scriptures and not make up their own understanding and doctrines in the name of Christ only. True believers have to watch that those leaders with their humanitarian devised doctrines do not deceive them. Let us always remember that the book of life is written in heaven and not by any mortal man or human church organization. The Spirit of truth will guide us into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show us things to come [Jn: 16:13]. God's Holy Spirit is a precious gift of God. We only have to ask for it, but all those who reject to be lead by this godly Grace should not be surprised when they are not able to come to the full knowledge and understanding of God's word and in the end will even be rejected by Jesus Christ the same as they now reject His word. For more clarification let us look at the scriptures and see what they have to tell us about this subject.

In 1 Corinthians 11:3; Acts: 4:10-12 and Col. 1:16 we read: "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God." – Jesus Christ "is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for *there is none other name* under heaven *given* among men, whereby we must be saved." -- "For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether

Hebrews 7:19-28 informs us that:

"For the law made nothing perfect, *but the bringing in of a better hope did*; by the which we draw nigh unto God. And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest: (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by Him that said unto Him, The Lord (the Father) swore and will not repent, *Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec*;) By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament. And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: But *this man*, because He continues for ever, *hath an unchangeable priesthood*. Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing *He* ever *liveth to make intercession* for them. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needs not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this He did once, when He offered up Himself. For the law makes men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, makes *the Son*, who *is consecrated* for evermore."

The Father appoints Jesus

We see Jesus appointed by our heavenly Father as our High Priest after the order of Melchisedec. "In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence. *For it pleased the Father that in Him (Jesus) should all fullness dwell*; And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven" (Col. 1:14-20).

For in Hebrews 9:12-14 we read:

"Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood

tion when He acted as our High Priest to bring us all nigh unto God. This we see clearly stated in Philippians 2:5-8 when we read:

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”

“Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.” (Heb: 4:14-15)

For it became Him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings (Heb: 2:10).

“Christ glorified not Himself to be made an high priest; but He that said unto Him, Thou art My Son, to day have I begotten thee.” “Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec” (Heb: 5:5-6).

“And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec” (Heb: 5: 9-10).

Jesus is made not after the law of a carnal commandments, but after the power of an endless life and now is our high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. For the Father testified that He is a priest after the order of Melchisedec for ever (Heb: 6:20; 7:16: -17).

And in this way Jesus was made a surety of a better testament. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which were the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us (Heb: 7:22; 9:24):

For Jesus has appeared to put away sin once for all by the sacrifice of Himself. Who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God to purge our conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause He is the mediator of the New Testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called, might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. (Heb: 9:14-15, 26)

they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for Him:”

Colossians 1:17-19 and 2: 9-12 informs us that:

“He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell;” – “. . . And we are complete in Him, who is the head of all principalities and power: In whom also we are circumcised without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ. For we are buried with Him in baptism, wherein also we are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead.

And “Just like the husband is the head of the wife, even so is Christ the head of the church: and the Saviour of the Body (Eph: 5:23).

Unto you therefore which believe He is precious: but unto them which are disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner and a stone of offence to them which stumble in disobedience: whereunto they were also appointed (1 Pt: 2:7-8).

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world (1Jn: 4:2).

Jesus came in the similitude of the Melchisedec priesthood which is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life (Heb. 7:15-17). He died for our sins on the cross and was resurrected after three days in the tomb. He set in motion the plan for salvation on which we are able to partake of, if we believe on Him and accept Him as our personal Savior.

He that says, I know Him, and keeps not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him (1Jn: 2:4).

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the

flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood (Acts: 20:28).

“These things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them” (Jn: 16:4) Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time (1 Pt: 5:6).

The Conclusion is that:

Jesus Christ is the one true God of the universe. He is our Lord and Saviour! For in Him was life and the life was the light of men (Jn. 1:4). He and His Father created man and set the plan for salvation into effect by sending His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to the earth. – “Who being the brightness of His (the Father’s) glory, and the express image of His (the Father’s) person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He (Jesus) had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high” (Heb: 1:3). For unto the Son, God the Father said: “Thy Throne O God , is for ever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Thy Kingdom. – Therefore God, even Thy God (God the Father), has anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.” (Heb. 1:8-9).

“For as the Father has life in Himself; so hath He (the Father given to the Son to have life in Himself; And hath given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of man. (Jn: 5:26-27). “Through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore we are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God. We are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together grows unto an holy temple in the Lord” (Eph: 2:18-21). For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified” (Heb: 10:14).

For “by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. By one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. (Rom: 5:18-19)

Jesus Christ reveals himself in Rev. 1: 4-11

Verse 4. *Which is*, means that Jesus is now sitting on the right hand of God. - *Which was*, refers to the beginning when the word was with God (John 1:1). - *Which is to come*, is an indication to His second return to earth as King of kings and Lord of lords over all the earth.

Verse 5. *Who is the faithful witness* and bears record of Himself (Jn: 8:14). - *Who is the first begotten of the dead*. For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell (Col. 1:18-19). - *Who is the prince of the kings* of all the earth (Eph. 1: 20-21) - *Who loved us* (Jn. 13:34). - *Who did not come to condemn*; but to save (Jn: 3:17). – *Who cleansed us from sin* by His own blood (Heb: 9:14).

Verse 6. *Who makes us kings and priests* unto God and the Father to reign on earth (Rev: 5:10). – *Who only has immortality*, to Him be the glory and dominion forever (1 Tim: 6:16).

Verse 7. *Who comes with clouds* and every eye shall see Him (Dan: 7:13).

Verse 8. *Who is the I Am, the Alpha and Omega*, the beginning and the ending (Is: 41:4).

Verse 11 *Who is “ . . . The first and the last . . . ”*

All these verses describe the being, purpose and will of God as Jesus Christ, therefore he is God the all powerful, all knowing ruler, designer and Sustainer of everything He created.

Jesus Christ is our High Priest.

It still gives Christians who deny that Jesus Christ ever acted as a pastor. Certainly our Lord and Saviour made Himself of no reputa-