Grace and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

One of the most essential responsibilities for a believer after being born again is to know Jesus Christ deeply. The entire New Testament is centered around Him. In fact, the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation points to Christ.

In the Old Testament, Christ is revealed through types, shadows, and prophetic symbols, while in the New Testament He is revealed openly and fully. Christianity remains incomplete and shallow if we fail to truly understand who Jesus is.

Why Knowing Jesus Matters

If we do not understand:

- Who Jesus is,
- Why He came into the world,
- How He operates,
- What He requires of us,
- What we need from Him,
- Where He is now and what He’s doing

Then we also won’t be able to recognize His adversary the Antichrist. You cannot claim to know someone’s enemies until you truly know the person himself.

Before Creation, God Was Simply… God

Before the creation of humans, angels, or anything at all, God existed alone. He held no title such as “Father” or “Creator,” because titles only exist in relation to others.

Similarly, He had no name because names are identifiers meant to distinguish someone from others. Since there was no one else in existence, He simply said:

> *“I AM WHO I AM.”*
> (Exodus 3:14, ESV)
> (Hebrew: Ehyeh-Asher-Ehyeh)

This is not so much a “name” as it is a statement of eternal self existence.

When He Created, He Became Known as God and Father

- When God created angels and humans, He became “God” (Elohim) which in Hebrew conveys “Creator” or “Supreme One”.
- Later, when He formed a covenant with Israel and called them His children, He took the title Father.

> *Hebrews 1:5*
> “For to which of the angels did God ever say, ‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you’? Or again, ‘I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son’?” *(ESV)*

God the Father Revealed to Israel as YHWH (Jehovah)

In the time of Moses, when God delivered Israel from Egypt, He revealed Himself as YHWH (Jehovah) the covenant keeping God.

> *Exodus 6:3*
> “I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name the Lord (YHWH) I did not make myself known to them.” *(ESV)*

God declared that Israel was His firstborn son:

> *Exodus 4:22*
> “Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the Lord, Israel is my firstborn son... Let my son go that he may serve me.’” *(ESV)*

> *Hosea 11:1*
> “When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.” *(ESV)*

Since Israel was the “firstborn,” it implies that others would also be called God’s children namely, the Gentiles.

Gentiles Included in God’s Family

> *Romans 9:24–26*
> “Even us whom He has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles? As indeed He says in Hosea, ‘Those who

> were not my people I will call “my people”; and her who was not beloved I will call “beloved.”‘” *(ESV)*

Yet the Old Covenant could not perfect either Jew or Gentile. That is why God prepared a better way by coming in the flesh.

God Became Flesh The Mystery of Godliness

God, in the person of Jehovah, put on human flesh and walked among us. This is the great mystery of the gospel:

> *1 Timothy 3:16*
> “Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.” *(ESV)*

The name Jesus in Hebrew is *Yehoshua* or *Yeshua*, meaning “Jehovah is salvation.”

Thus, Jesus is Jehovah in human flesh *Jehovah Savior*. He came as a man, not to exalt Himself, but to humbly serve:

> *Mark 10:45*
> "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." *(ESV)*

A Humble King in Disguise

Jesus accepted to be called:

- Son of David,
- Son of Joseph,
- Son of Man,
- Son of God

Even though He was none of these in the earthly sense, but far greater.

> *Matthew 22:45*

> “If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” *(ESV)*

This reveals that His identity was hidden as a mystery for those whom the Father would reveal it to.

One God Revealed in Three Roles

God is not three separate persons, but One God revealed in three main roles:

1. As the Father Creator and source of all things.
2. As the Son The manifestation of God in the flesh (Jesus Christ).
3. As the Holy Spirit The indwelling presence of God.

Just like a person has a body, soul, and spirit, yet remains one being so God has manifested Himself in different ways, yet remains One True God.

> *John 14:9*
> “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.” *(ESV)*

Salvation Is Only in Jesus' Name

> *Acts 4:12*
> "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." *(ESV)*

It is through the name of Jesus that we:

- Are forgiven,
- Are baptized,
- Cast out demons,
- Live victorious Christian lives.

This is why the early church baptized in the name of Jesus Christ:

> *Acts 2:38*
> "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins..." *(ESV)*

> *Acts 8:16, Acts 10:48, Acts 19:5 All confirm baptism in the name of Jesus.*

To Reject Jesus Is to Reject God

If you reject Jesus Christ, you are not just rejecting a prophet or a good man you are rejecting God Himself.

He will sit on His throne and judge all nations. He is the only way to eternal life.

> *John 14:6*
> “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” *(ESV)*

Know Him Deeply

Let your faith not rest in denomination, church attendance, or

tradition. Eternal life is only through knowing Jesus Christ personally.

> *Ephesians 4:13–15*
> “Until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood... so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine...” *(ESV)*

Jesus Christ is Jehovah in the flesh. He is not one third of God He is the fullness of God in bodily form. *(Colossians 2:9)*

Today, the question is: Now that you know Jesus is God, how will you respond?
Will you continue in religion or will you pursue a relationship with the Living God through repentance, baptism in His name, and receiving His Spirit?

> *2 Corinthians 6:2*
> “Now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” *(ESV)*

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