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## **Introduction**

Through my years of ministering, God has developed in me a great concern for people. I believe that if people can come to the knowledge of who God is and who they real are, once they have come to God, they will have the power to overcome. In writing this book, I want to instill in the readers this valuable knowledge that they may profit spiritually. For the word states: "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospereth." (III John 1:2). And that in believing, they may receive the promise as it is written, "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." (John 1:12).

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## **Chapter 1**

### **Who He Is**

The blind man was healed in John the ninth chapter, after being cast out by the Pharisees. Jesus came to him and asked him the question, "Does thou believe on the Son of God?" He answered and said to Him, "Who is He, Lord, that I might believe on Him." I would like to establish in the minds and the hearts of the readers of this book to the fullest scriptural knowledge of who He is.

Some months ago just before the beginning of our tent season we had just closed out some auditorium meetings and God gave me a short space of time for some prayer and fasting. As I began to pray and fast, God brought to my remembrance a question that seemed to arise in most of our meetings. People would ask me the question, "Who is God?" Does He exist in one being? Does He exist in three beings? They simply just wanted to know who He was. I could tell that on the most hand they were totally sincere and were longing for the full knowledge of the truth. For the truth is the only thing that will set you free according to John 8:32, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." I have read many books that try to deal with the subject. Some of the books were so filled with technical jargon that so many people were in worse shape after they finished reading them than before they started. I see so many preachers that are afraid to deal with the subject, and as I deal with the subject I deal with it prayerfully and respectfully knowing that God is far bigger than the human mind. The Bible states in Isaiah 55:9, "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

In discussing the subject with some preachers they have told me that they go with what the crowd is, but I simply want to go with what God is and I believe the believer has a right to know. I have refused to preach what the crowd wants to hear. I believe that God ordained me as a prophet to preach his Word. I won't bend the

message to get the crowd's dollars and I won't belittle God to the point that it takes me pleasing the people just to satisfy them to receive an offering. This is the reason that so many preachers won't preach the truth. I believe that if God called and ordained you and you are His chosen and elect, you are as Jeremiah in Jeremiah 1:5, "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." I believe that God knew His elect from the foundation of the world. I believe that we all accomplish that which God has sent us forth to do. We shall not fail, but will be victorious because He is victorious. Circumstances do not change this. We are winning, not losing. We are victorious, not defeated. We are going over, not under. We are rising up, not being cast down. We are not orphans, we've been adopted. We're not outcasts, we're sons and have been given all power through the name of Jesus.

As I mentioned earlier in this chapter, God dealt with me on this fact, "Tell the people Who I am, and who they are." I have spent many, many months in the Word of God as God's Spirit directed. Now I want to deal with the thought, Who Is He? John states in Chapter 1 verses 1 through 3, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without Him was not anything made that was made." John 1:14 states that, "He was the Word made flesh." Genesis 1:1 states, "In the beginning God created...." Genesis verse 2 part B states, "...and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." John chapter 4 verse 24 states, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." So many people ask me the question is there three Gods. There has never been three Gods neither will there ever be three Gods. I believe as I John 5:7 states, "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost and these three are one." These being one Godhead functioning in three manifestations of one God. Let's deal first with the Father. So

many people try to make Jesus the Father simply trying to present that Jesus is all of the Godhead that exists. So many people of this belief are listed as “Jesus-onlys”. I do not believe a “Jesus-only” doctrine. I say that not to condemn, but that through the writing of this book understanding might be brought about. A lot of people don’t know what they believe, and won’t take the time to go to God’s Word to find out. Hosea 4:6 states, “My people are destroyed for the lack of knowledge.” Neither do I believe in a total trinity doctrine to the point that Jesus is stripped of His power and His deity. I will endeavor to explain.

As I stated earlier, many deny the existence of God the Father. Let’s see what the Word states. John 14:7-11 states, “If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know Him, and have seen Him. Phillip saith unto Him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto Him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Phillip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father and how sayest thou then, shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, He doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me or else believe me for the very works sake.” All right, this tells us that the Father exists. If He didn’t exist, someone explain to me who Jesus repeatedly prayed and talked to as in John 11: 41 part B, and verse 42, “... Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because I knew that Thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that Thou hast sent me.” Also the Word states in Matthew 6:9, “After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.” I could go on to list hundreds of scripture alone that gives full and total proof of the existence of God the Father.

The size of this book would not allow me to go in full detail, but let me point out a few more scripture that bear out the

existence of God the Father. John 10:18 states, “No man taketh it (His life) from Me, but I layeth it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.” Matthew 24:36 states, “But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.” In conclusion of this thought let’s look at these two scriptures: John 17:21 and 22. “That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. And the glory Which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one.” Here it states that Jesus and the Father are one not in body, but in Spirit. If I might just put it in my plain English, how could one be so naïve to think that the Father doesn’t exist, and if all of the Father there was, is in Jesus, how will they explain verse 22 when it states that we may be one. Anybody can see that all the believing family of God can’t be in one physical body, but the Word is saying that the Father and the Son are one in spirit as we are one in the spirit. As stated in Ephesians 4:4, “There is one body and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling.”

One place I feel many do err in their thinking is that they try to make Jesus, God the Father, when if they could use this simple understanding that God has placed everything in the hand of His Son Christ Jesus. Isaiah 9:6, part B plainly explains, “And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Almighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.” Understand, we are not living in the age of the Old Testament. We are living not looking toward Calvary, but looking back at Calvary. God has established all things by His Word, His Son, the Lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world, that was with God and that was God. I believe that God always existed. He always will exist. He did not stop existing because His Son was manifested, He just simply granted all things to Him, through Him, and by Him. That makes Him “my Lord, my Redeemer, the everlasting Father of my faith.”



## Chapter 2

### The Son

Even though John 3:16 is a simple verse to many people, it is so simple that they forget to believe it and accept the impact of what it says. Let's look at this verse, "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." Here are several important points shown in this verse:

1. It emphasizes that God loved.
2. It tells us who He loves.
3. It tells us that He gave.
4. It tells us what He gave (His only begotten Son.)
5. It tells us for what purpose He gave His Son.

Now let us deal with point four. Even though many leave out the word "begotten", I believe it is of uttermost importance for the simple reason that it tells us that Jesus came forth from God the Father. I believe that it is impossible to have salvation if one denies the fact of a virgin birth. Matthew 1:18, 22, and 23 states, "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: when as His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, "Behold, a virgin shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel which being interpreted is, God with us." The Word tells us according to John 1:14, "And the Word was made 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." After reading these verses, it is simple to understand that Jesus was not born of an earthly Father, but of a heavenly Father.

We also must accept that He has come in the flesh as so stated in I John 4:2 and 3. "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is

come in the flesh is not of God and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come: and even now already is it in the world.” Also, we must believe Romans 10:9, “That if thou confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”

I mentioned in Chapter 1 about the Word becoming flesh in John 1:14. Also in John 1:1 we are told that He was in the beginning and was with God and was God. Revelation 13:8 gives the information that He was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. I believe that the Word bears out to us that Jesus was in existence far before taking on the physical body of a man. In the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, according to Daniel the third chapter, King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished to see four men in the fire when he had been assured that only three had been put in the furnace. Verse 25 states, “And the form of the fourth man is like unto the Son of God.” Paul stated to the Corinthians in chapter 10, verse 4, “And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.” Moses was commanded to speak to the rock in Numbers 20:7-11. Paul stated that the rock was Christ. Jesus asked Simon Peter in Matthew 16:15 whom that He was. Simon Peter answered and said, “Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God.” Jesus went on to state that flesh and blood had not revealed it unto Him, but that it had been given Him by His Father which is in heaven. Jesus in turn stated, “Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” I believe that Jesus is God’s Son, the Rock of all ages.

Some try to say that He was just a great man. Some say that He was just a prophet, but they stop there. I believe He was a great man and a prophet, but I also believe that He is deity. He is as much God in the Son as God is God in the Father. They are inseparable. Philippians 2:5-6 states, “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.” We are told in

Colossians 2:9, “For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.” Ephesians 3:15 states that the whole family in heaven and earth is named after Him.

Many ask the question, “What does God look like and can I see Him?” Well you might as well hold on to your hats, because this will blow some of your minds. I believe the Word tells us that if you see Jesus, you see the Father. Now then let me explain. The Bible tells us that at no time has any man seen God the Father. John 1:18 states, “No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared him.” In the Old Testament they saw the hind side of God. I take the Word for what it says. God is a Spirit. I don’t believe that the human eye can see a spirit, even though I do believe that God has the power to transform Himself to be anything that He wants. In Genesis chapter one verse 27 the Word says that God created man in His own image, but we also must remember John 1:1, 2, and 3 tells us that all things were created and made by the Word and that the Word was that which proceeded out from God, and the Word was made flesh and this Word was Christ Jesus, God’s own Son.

Let’s discuss the image of God for just a few minutes. Hebrews 1:3 states, “Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the Word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.” This verse plainly tells us that Jesus is the express image of God. Second Corinthians 4:4 (part B) also tells us that Christ is the image of God. Again I might state that John 14:9 tells us that He who has seen Me (Jesus), has seen the Father. Verse 11 further explains it, when it states, “Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me.”

The question might arise-why is it so important to come to the full knowledge of Jesus Christ. First of all by His blood we are saved and sanctified. By His stripes, we are healed. By His authority in His name, we are given all power. He will be the righteous judge of the quick and the dead. John 5:22 tells us that

the Father judgeth no man, but has committed all judgement unto the Son. I Corinthians 15:24 tells us that He will deliver the kingdom up to God the Father, after He has put down all rule, and all authority, and all power. He is the purchaser of the church by His own blood (Acts 20:28). Every knee shall bow to Him and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. He is the Author and Finisher of our faith. He is the Lord of Lords, the King of Kings, the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. He is to become the everlasting Father. He is the Resurrection and the Lord. He is the Light of Men, the Bread of Life. He is the Truth. He is Jesus my Lord, my Savior, and my King, to the glory of God.

## **Chapter 3**

### **The Holy Ghost**

Jesus promises in John 14:16 "And I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever." Verse 17, Part B states, "For He dwelleth with you and shall be in you."

In St. Luke 3:16, "John answered saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water, but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I'm not worthy to unloose; He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." It was promised again in St. Luke 24:49, "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." It came to the church to empower at Pentecost. Disciples and believers were together in the upper room praying. Acts 2:1-4, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

#### **Purposes of the Holy Ghost**

1. To draw all to Christ. (John 6:44, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw Him: and I will raise Him up at the last day.")
2. To comfort. (John 14:16, "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever.")
3. To testify of Jesus. (John 15:26, "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Him.")

4. To bring all things to our remembrance. (John 14:26, "But the comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.")
5. To lead and guide you into all truth. (John 16:13, "Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come.")
6. To give us power to witness. (Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.")
7. He will reprove the world of sin. (John 16:8, "And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.")
8. To seal our salvation. (Ephesians 1:13, "In Whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the Word of truth, the gospel of your salvation in whom also, after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.") (Ephesians 4:30, "and grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.")

So then we can say He is God. God in the Father, God in the Son, and God in the Holy Ghost according to I John 5:7, "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." And we become one with them through the power of the Holy Ghost.

## **Chapter 4**

### **How To Receive God The Father and The Son**

To receive God, we must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him, Hebrews 11:6. To receive God we must accept Jesus, for He paid the price for sin on the cross according to John 5:22, "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son." These scriptures will help to understand that when we have Jesus the Son, then we have the Father: I John 2:22-23, "Who is a liar, but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also." I John 5:12, "He that hath the son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." John 14:7-11, "If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know Him, and have seen Him." What must you do to be saved, to receive Jesus as your Savior? Acts 16:31 tells us, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." It was asked in Acts 2:37, "What shall we do?" In Acts 2:38, Peter said, "They (you) must repent." Luke 13:3, "I tell you Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." John 3:16, "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." Romans 10:9, "...that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." I John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Revelation 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

If you have not been saved, we encourage you to pray the sinner's prayer: Lord, I repent of my sins, and I ask you to forgive me. I believe in my heart thou art the Christ and God has raised you from the dead. Jesus, I ask you to come into my heart, save my soul, and write my name in the book of life. If you have prayed this prayer and believed it, you are saved.



## **Chapter 5**

### **How To Receive The Baptism of The Holy Ghost and Fire**

The Holy Ghost was prophesied as a permanent guest in believers in John 7:38-39, "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of His belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the Spirit, which they should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)" It was provided for the disciples, John 20:22, "And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost." It is now provided upon repentance and faith, "Acts 2:38-39, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." The Holy Ghost is given to those that asked, Luke 11:9-13, "And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" The key to receiving the Holy Ghost is obedience, "And we are His witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey Him."

The gift of tongues is the evidence of the Holy Ghost coming in. Mark 16:17 tells us that we shall speak with new tongues. Acts 2:4 tells us this will happen when we receive the Holy Ghost. Acts 10:44-46 tells us of some who received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Verse 46 tells us they spoke in tongues. I Corinthians chapter 12, verses 44-46 talks about God's gifts. Tongues are

mentioned in verse 46. In Acts 19:6 Paul laid his hands upon them to receive the Holy Ghost and they spoke with tongues.

The gifts of the Spirit are again mentioned in I Corinthians 12:8-10 and tongues are mentioned in verse 10. I Corinthians 14 in verses 2-39 how tongues are to be used in church.

As a reminder, the Word of God tells us that the Holy Ghost is for all, Acts 2:38-39, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."