Ministry of Reconciliation (MOR) Bible Teachings

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MOR-Bible, which is by God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. God's unmerited divine favor be to you and peace an absolute end of all strife or trouble, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ to the faithful in Christ Jesus.

I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given to you by Jesus Christ. It is through him we have access to the Father and have received eternal life. Father, thank you that your grace and truth came by Jesus Christ, your only begotten son. Father, we endeavor to walk in your grace and truth as he did. Father, thank you for opening our understanding of the usages of the name Jesus Christ and what we have received and what we can do in the name of Jesus Christ, your only begotten son. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

In this month's teaching, we will search the scriptures for some of the usages of the combination of the Greek words *lesous* and *Christos* used together for our English phrase "Jesus Christ" from the book of Romans. The name Jesus preceded by Christ puts the emphasis on his earthly life and walk. The name Christ means anointed. The phrase or name combination of Jesus Christ means Jesus the humbled one who is now exalted, and whose name is above every name. In this teaching, we will bold the phrase **Jesus** Christ for emphasis.

The book of Romans is placed first among the other two doctrine epistles (i.e., Ephesians and Thessalonians) because it sets the starting point, the beginning, the foundation for the "all truth" which Christ announced he would send after his ascension. See March 2019 teaching.

In Romans, the natural man of body and soul is shown to be completely corrupt and entirely powerless in sin, walking by his flesh. In contrast, by God's grace through Jesus Christ, the believer is justified and glorified from sin. The believer receives the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ (see Romans 3:22). In Romans 3:25, we learn:

Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith [believing] in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.

The book of Romans provides us much information about our place with God.

- We are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17).
- And nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:39).
- How to be saved (Romans 10:9).

Without being saved or born-again of God's spirit we cannot receive the things of the Spirit of God. Turn to 1 Corinthians 2:14:

But the natural man [body and soul only] receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Romans 1:1:

Paul, a servant [slave] of **Jesus Christ**, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God.

Paul, a servant, or slave of who? **Jesus Christ**, the humbled one who is now exalted, his name is above every name and anointed. Called to be what? An apostle, separated unto the gospel (good news) of who? God!

Romans 2:16:

In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

In the day when God shall judge the secrets or hidden things of men by who? Jesus **Christ** according to the good news of the Grace Administration.

Romans 3:22:

Even the righteousness of God which is by faith [believing] of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference.

Even the righteousness of God which is by believing of who? **Jesus Christ**.

Righteousness is the God-given justification whereby a person stands in the presence of God without any consciousness of sin, guilt, or shortcomings (see August 2016 teaching). We received God's righteousness when we confessed the Lord Jesus and believed in our hearts that God raised him from the dead (see Romans 10:9).

As it is written in Romans 8:33:

Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

Romans 3:23:

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

In this verse, all means without exception. And what do all have? Sinned and come short of the glory of who? God!

Let's look at Romans 5:17:

For if by one man's [Adam] offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

From whom did they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life? Jesus Christ. In these verses, it is important to understand the power of the phrase Jesus Christ and what it means to us, the born-again believers. Think for a minute, do you proclaim Jesus or Jesus Christ in your prayers, statements, praises, and actions. Which do you say? Are you aligned with God's Word on this? Remember, the phrase or name combination of **Jesus Christ** means Jesus the humbled one who is now exalted, and whose name is above every name. The name Christ means anointed.

Turn to Romans 5:18-19 for more edification:

Therefore as by the offence of one [Adam] judgment came upon all [without exception] men to condemnation [to give judgment against]; even so by the righteousness of one [Jesus Christ] the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

For as by one man's [Adam] disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one [Jesus Christ] shall many be made righteous.

Romans 5:21:

That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by **Jesus Christ** our Lord [master].

From whom does grace reigns through righteousness unto eternal life? Jesus Christ our Lord [master]. See December 2018 teaching on Masters of God's Word.

Romans 6:11:

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord [master].

We are *alive unto* who? God! Through whom? **Jesus Christ** our Lord and master.

Turn to Romans 6:23 to see the power we have been given through **Jesus Christ**:

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord [master].

Who do we receive the gift of God, eternal life, through? Jesus Christ our Lord and master. See January 2024 teaching on the name Jesus. It is through the gift of God, which is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord and master, that the wages of sin have been dealt with.

Turn to Romans 15:8:

Now I say that **Jesus Christ** was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers.

Jesus Christ was a minister of who? The circumcision [Israel] for the truth of who? God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers [Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob] (see Exodus 3:16). **Jesus Christ** came to fulfill the Old Testament. He did not come for the church of the body which you and are a part of! While it may seem confusing, the gift from God is through Jesus Christ, not Jesus. It is in Christ that we are seated together in heavenly places (see February 2024 teaching and Colossians 1:27). The Bible did not randomly use these names or phrases haphazardly. There is a reason some places say Jesus, others state in Christ, others state Jesus Christ, and still others state Christ Jesus. Each phrase has a different emphasis.

Turn to Romans 15:16-17:

That I [Paul] should be the minister of **Jesus Christ** to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified [set apart] by the Holy Ghost.

I have therefore whereof I may glory through **Jesus Christ** in those things which pertain to God.

Paul said I may glory through who? Jesus Christ in those things which pertain to who? God! Paul was very clear in how he phrased this. He knew that it was through Jesus **Christ** that he ministers the gospel of who? God!

Romans 16:25:

Now to him (God) that is of power to stablish you according to my [Paul's] gospel [good news of the Grace administration], and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began.

Whose preaching? **Jesus Christ!** And what was the word of knowledge and word of wisdom according to the revelation? It was the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began (see 1 Corinthians 12:8).

Jesus Christ came to fulfill the Old Testament. He never came to start the church of the body which you and I belong. Ephesians 3:6 tells us:

That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his [God's] promise in Christ by the gospel.

This verse tells us that the Gentiles and Judeans are fellow heirs and of the same body and partakers of God's promise in Christ by the Gospel of the Grace administration. (See February 2024 teaching). **Jesus Christ** did not know about God's promise documented in Ephesians 3:6. When I understood that **Jesus Christ** did not come to start the church of the body which you and I belong to, the Word of God opened to me, and it burned within my heart. The Word of God fits together for me when I understand the distinction between Jesus, **Jesus Christ**, and Christ. This verse tells me that God's promise came in Christ, not Jesus Christ. Once again, the phrasing is critical as you read and put in your heart the Word in the Bible.

The word "mystery" is the Greek word *musterion*, which was according to Romans 16:25:

Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began.

Ephesians 3:5 tells us this *musterion* or mystery:

Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.

Ephesians 3:9 tells us more:

And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:26 clarifies:

Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints.

Not a single word was written or heard about this mystery until God revealed it in detail to the Apostle Paul (see January 2019, February 2019, and March 2019 teachings).

Paul received knowledge of the Great Mystery by the revelation manifestation (word of knowledge, word of wisdom, and discerning of spirit) See 1 Corinthians 12:7-11.

This is the accuracy and integrity of God's Word regarding the phrase **Jesus Christ** in the book of Romans. God has given us power against the adversary by adhering to the accuracy and integrity of His Word. It is written in Luke 1:38:

Be it unto me according to thy word.

In this month's teaching, we searched the scriptures for some of the usages of the combination of the Greek words *lesous* and *Christos* used together representing our English phrase **Jesus Christ** in Romans. Based on this teaching, we learned:

- Paul was a servant [slave] of Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1).
- God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ (Romans 2:16).
- Even the righteousness of God which is by faith [believing] of Jesus Christ (Romans 3:22).
- Much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, **Jesus Christ** (Romans 5:17).
- Even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by **Jesus Christ** our Lord [master] (Romans 5:21).
- But alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord [master] (Romans 6:11).
- But the gift of God is eternal life through **Jesus Christ** our Lord [master] (Romans 6:23).
- Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision [Israel] for the truth of God (Romans 15:8).
- That I [Paul] should be the minister of **Jesus Christ** to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God (Romans 15:16).
- I [Paul] may glory through Jesus Christ in those things which pertain to God (Romans 15:17).
- And the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began (Romans 16:25).

Father, thank you for your Word that makes known what we have received and what we can do in the name of **Jesus Christ**. We know we are alive unto you Father, through Jesus Christ, our master. We know that we have your gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ, our master, and your only begotten son. The grace of our Lord **Jesus Christ** be with us all. Amen.

We thank God, our Father, for the resurrection of His son, the Lord **Jesus Christ**. We thank God for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord and master. We pray that God our Father open His Word and give us and understanding of His Word so that we may know Christ Jesus our Lord and master, and the power of his resurrection!

Bless your hearts. We love you all. The Word of God is the Will of God. And the Will of God is the Word of God.

In the Lord,

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Son of God through Jesus Christ
Ambassador for Christ