



Ministry of Reconciliation (MOR) Bible Teachings

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MOR-Bible, which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and us. The word “grace” means God’s unmerited divine favor. The word “peace” accurately means “an absolute end of all strife or trouble;” it is a condition of rest or relief. Isn’t that remarkable? Grace and peace! Visualize that peace as an absolute end to all strife and all trouble from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

Father, thank you for loving the world and sending your only begotten son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For he is the way, the truth, and the life and no man come unto you Father, but by him. Father, for your Word and Will declares neither is there salvation in any other for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

In 2023, we devoted 11 months on tracing, tracking, and searching in God's Word some of the Greek words documented in Romans 12:2:

And be not conformed [suschematizo] to this world [aion]: but be ye transformed, by the renewing of your mind [nous or kardia or phroneo], that ye may prove [dokimazo] what is that good [agathos], and acceptable [euarestos], and perfect [teleios], will [thelema] of God [Thelos].

During this time, we learned from these teachings how to renew our minds so that we can prove what is that good, acceptable, and perfect Will of God. In December 2023, our country celebrated Jesus’ birth, but we that are workers of God’s Word know Jesus was born September 11, 3 B.C. Tishri 1 of the Hebrew calendars. See [December 2016](#) teaching. We must remember the words of the Lord are pure words. Psalm 12:6:

The words of the Lord [Jehovah] are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

God’s Words are what? Pure words, uncontaminated. If you ran silver in a furnace seven times, you would have a very pure silver. This is figure of speech comparing God’s Word to pure silver. Every Word of God is perfect. Psalm 19:7:

The law [word] of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

God's Word is what? Perfect. The words that make up God's Word must be what? Perfect. And this is also true of the order of God's Word as God magnified His Word above His name. Psalm 138:2:

I will worship toward thy holy temple and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

God has magnified His Word above what? all His name. Turn to 2 Timothy 3:16:

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. See [March 2019](#) and [April 2019](#) teachings.

2 Peter 1:21:

For the prophecy [the Word of God] came not in old [at any] time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost [holy spirit].

These are some basic scriptures we must understand and know before we study to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15).

In this month's teaching, we will study the name "Jesus" to learn:

- What does Jesus' name mean?
- Where did the knowledge of Jesus come from?
- Who did Jesus come for?

Note: The sources for all Greek-English words are Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, The Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament (Bullinger), Young's Analytical Concordance to the Bible, The Word Study Concordance by George V. Wigram and Ralph D. Winter, and Webster's Desk Dictionary of the English Language.

So, little attention has been devoted to understanding to when, where, and how the names of the Lord Jesus Christ are used in the Bible. When, where, and how the name Jesus is used in the Bible must be perfect (Psalm 19:7:)! The order in which the name Jesus is used in the Bible must be perfect, for God's word is pure (Psalm 12:6), perfect

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What does Jesus' name mean?

The Greek word *Iesous* is the name "Jesus or Joshua, the name of the Messiah, also three other Israel." His name means "Jehovah our Savior." Matthew 1:21 tells us:

Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.

Jesus was, therefore, the name of his earthly life, and was associated with him as the sin-bearer, the sufferer, the man of sorrows. It is written in Isaiah 53:3:

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

In this verse, we are told Jesus was *a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief*. The name was the name of Jesus' humiliation and shame. It was the name under which he was crucified. Matthew 27:37 tells us:

And set up over his [Jesus] head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

The Gospels record the earthly life of Jesus as a king, servant, man, and the son of God. The story of his torture, his humiliation, his death on the cross is told in the Gospels. When I see unlearned Christians wearing a cross around their neck, it breaks my heart because they are honoring Jesus' crucifixion, his torture, his humiliation, and his death on the cross. In contrast, we should be thinking about the resurrection of Jesus Christ, his accession, and him seated at the right hand of God his Father! (see Romans 8:4 and Colossians 3:1). According to scripture in Ephesians 1:20-23:

Which he (God) wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

And hath put all things under his [Christ] feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Remember, there are four Gospels in God's Word documenting Jesus Christ's earthly life and ministry. They are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. When we examine these four Gospels, the name Jesus occurs alone some 612 times; it never occurs with an adjective. Let us learn to declare accurately what is written, and never say as emotional Christians "blessed Jesus," "dear Jesus," "sweet Jesus," or "baby Jesus." Nothing can add to the rightness of him, his works, or his ways. Jesus needs no adjective to describe him. It is written in 2 Peter 1:20:

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private [one's own] interpretation.

We must say what God's Word declares. His name shall be called what? Jesus (see Matthew 1:21 and 25).

Another point to mention is that the expression "in Jesus" is not a scriptural expression. It occurs once in the English version of the Bible in 1 Thessalonians 4:14, however, the Greek word for our English word "in" is "dia" which should be translated "by" or "through Jesus." If we were "in Jesus," we would still be in his humiliation, his sufferings, in his death. Our believing would be in vain, and we would be still in our sins. 1 Corinthians 15:17 tells us:

And if Christ be not raised, your faith [believing] is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

Note that this verse does not say *And if Jesus*; it states *And if Christ*. We are NOT in Jesus' death but in his resurrection and in his ascension. We have been raised up together and made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus (see Ephesians 2:6).

It is important to remember that in the Gospels Jesus was his earthly name and it represents his suffering, sorrow, and death as his earthly lot. When God raised Jesus from the dead (see Acts 13:30), it all changed. Acts 2:36 tells us very clearly:

*God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both **Lord and Christ**.*
Bold added for emphasis.

The word "Lord" is the Greek word *kurios* which means "master." And the word "Christ" is the Greek word *Kristos* which means "the Anointed One, Messiah." See [December 2020](#) teaching.

It is written in 1 Corinthians 1:10:

Now I beseech [beg] you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

The adversary is very subtle, sly, and cunning and has manipulated people in believing in Jesus the man. The focus is placed on the cross, the scene of Jesus' crucifixion. The focus is not on his resurrection. God's Word never says to be "in Jesus." In contrast, as we will read in God's Word, we are always told to be "in Christ." Ephesians 1:10 states:

*That in the dispensation [administration, seasons] of the fulness of times he (God) might gather together in one all things in Christ [the Greek word *Kristos* - means the Anointed One, Messiah], both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him.*

Where did the knowledge of Jesus come from?

Luke 1:1-4 tells us:

*Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration [the Greek word *diegesis* - narration] of those things which are most surely believed among us,*

Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word;

*It seemed good to me [Luke] also, having had perfect [the Greek word *akribos* - accurate] understanding [the Greek word *parakoloutheó* - to follow closely, to investigate] of all things from the very first [another - from above], to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus [beloved, dear, friend of God],*

That thou mightest know the certainty [steadfastness, firmness, stability] of those things [relating to Jesus's Christ's earthly life and ministry], wherein thou hast been instructed.

The gospel of Luke declared that the knowledge revealed in the four Gospels came *from above* or from God. The four Gospels are documented as a narration, not as an epistle. The word epistle is the Greek word *epistolé* which means "a letter." The purpose of the narration is to let us know the certainty, steadfastness, firmness, and stability of those things relating to Jesus Christ's earthly life and ministry. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus Christ is presented to be a perfect man who is kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving. Luke 1:30-35 provides a narration:

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.

He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

So, to answer the question "Where does the knowledge of Jesus come from?" It came from above or from God!

Who did Jesus come for?

Let's take a look at several verses from the Gospels that answer this question. Note the answer is in bold which is provided for emphasis. We will start with Matthew 10:6:

*But go rather to the **lost sheep** of the house **of Israel**.*

Matthew 15:24:

*But he [Jesus] answered and said, I am not sent but unto the **lost sheep of the house of Israel**.*

Luke 1:68-69:

*Blessed be the Lord God of **Israel**; for he hath visited and **redeemed** his people,
And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David.*

Luke 24:21:

*But we trusted that it had been he [Jesus] which should have **redeemed Israel**:
and beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done.*

From these verses, we come to understand that Jesus came for the lost sheep of Israel! His purpose for coming is to redeem Israel.

In this teaching, we have learned that the name Jesus is the Greek word *Iesous* which means Jehovah our Savior. The expression "in Jesus" is not a scriptural expression. It occurred once in the English version of the Bible in 1 Thessalonians 4:14; however, the Greek word for our English word "in" is "*dia*" and should be translated "by" or "through Jesus." We know that the adversary is very subtle, sly, and cunning and has manipulated people in believing in Jesus the man which focuses the attention on the cross, the scene of his crucifixion and not on his resurrection. God's Word never says to be "in Jesus." When we read God's Word, we are always told to be "in Christ."

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*That in the dispensation [seasons] of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things **in Christ** [the Greek word *Kristos* - means anointed], both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him. Bold added for emphasis.*

We have learned:

- The name Jesus means "Jehovah our Savior."
- The knowledge of Jesus came "from above," from God!
- Jesus came for the lost sheep of Israel.

Father, thank you for giving us an understanding of what your son's name means. We now have the knowledge of where he came from which was you, Father. We now know he was sent for the children of Israel. We are grateful and thankful for Jesus humbling himself, and his obedience unto death, even on the death of the cross. He was the light of the world, the way, the truth, and life. No one comes unto you Father but through him.

We thank you that we that follow him shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life. Father, we are so thankful that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of you Father. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

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