



***Christ Revealed – Part 1, “Learn of Me” - “I AM”***

***Matthew 11:29 Amplified*** Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest (relief and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls.

***Jesus said: “Learn of Me” then He began revealing who He was and what His nature and character was like.***

***Here in Matthew He said: “I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart.***

It is always amazing how profoundly bind the disciples were to the reality of “who Jesus is.”

***In the Jordan River, John the Baptist introduced Him to them.***

The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus Christ in the form of a dove.

The Father, said from heaven: “This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.”

Yet, they had difficulty knowing Him.

***In John’s gospel Jesus gave 23 “I AM” (Greek, ego eimi) statements to reveal Himself to them.***

“I AM the bread of life” (6:35, 41, 48, 51)

“I AM HE” (4:26; 8:24, 28; 18:5, 6, 8)

“I AM the light of the world” (8:12)

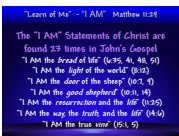
“I AM the door of the sheep” (10:7, 9)

“I AM the good shepherd” (10:11, 14)

“I AM the resurrection and the life” (11:25)

“I AM the way, the truth, and the life” (14:6)

“I AM the true vine” (15:1, 5)



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***Jesus asked His disciples who they thought He was. Jesus had heard what the people of the world and the organized religion thought about Him.***

Now, He wanted to know what His own disciples thought.

***Simon Peter said: You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.***

Then Jesus said, the only way that Peter could know this was by ***revelation*** from the Father.

***How can we learn the truth about Jesus Christ?***

***The revelation of Jesus Christ requires an intervention from heaven.***

***It takes the divine intervention of the Holy Spirit.***

When the Holy Spirit comes, He will convince people of the truth of who Jesus is.

The Holy Spirit will take the necessary steps to make Christ known in our hearts.

***We want to know who Jesus is?***

***This Historical evidence is astounding.***

***Jesus does not fit the mold of other religious leaders.***

He is different than Moses, Paul, Buddha, and Mohammed.

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*John 8:58 NKJV* Jesus said to them, **“Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.”**

This is the definitive certainty of the eternal all knowing, all powerful, eternal God.

*While declaring the absolute timelessness of deity, “I AM”, Jesus said: “for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart” Matthew 11:29*

He assumed this position without arrogance or pride.

He knew who He was.

He was able to declare it with a gentle and humble heart.

*This is the confidence of Christ in His position with the Father.*

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***The only way we can know the reality of who Jesus is, is by this redemptive, reconciling, and saving grace of God.***

*God is making Jesus Christ known to us by bringing us into an experience and inward reality of Christ.*

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***He has sent the Spirit into our hearts.***

***This is God’s work within us.***

So, Now the Holy Spirit is busy making the reality of Jesus Christ known in our hearts and lives.

***What exactly does it mean to know Jesus Christ?***

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***These Jews had made a profession of believing Him.***

Then Jesus said: **“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”**

*Then they said:* “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been in bondage to anyone.”

*Jesus is pressing the matter of Truth in relation to Himself.*

***“You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”***

Jesus answered them, ***“Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.”***

*In John 14 Jesus is with His disciples alone.*

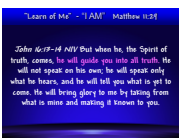
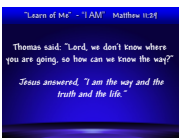
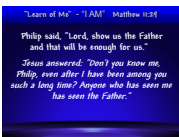
*Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”*

***Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.”***

*Thomas said: “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”*

***Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life.”***

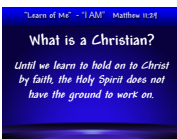
***John 16:13-14 NIV*** But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.



***Jesus said: “I am the truth.”  
The truth is not some thing.  
The Truth is a Person.***

***We must not lose focus on what the Holy Spirit has been sent to do.***

***Every gift, every blessing, every miracle, everything He does is to bring us into a greater understanding and knowledge of Jesus Christ.***



***What is a Christian?  
What is it that makes us a Christian?***

***First off, a Christian is a person who was not good-tempered or kind, but who is now good and kind.***

***A person who was not loving and giving, now they are loving and giving.***

***Now, if the truth about my salvation lies in my feelings, I am going to be a very poor Christian.***

***Drugs can change a person’s temper in a few hours.***

From being lethargic, careless, and indifferent, you can become alive, energetic, and active.

From being miserable, discontented, disagreeable, irritable, you can become amiable, pleasant, relieved from all that nervous strain.

***What is it that makes us a Christian?***

Feelings do not make us a Christian.

Things around us change, and we vary with them.

***The only answer for our salvation is in Jesus Christ.***

***“You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.”***

He is the only answer for deliverance and release.  
The Truth stands up to all arguments of Satan.  
The Truth delivers us from self.

***We have to learn to live on Christ.***

***Until we learn to hold on to Christ by faith, the Holy Spirit does not have the ground to work on.***

***We cannot live on the basis of ourselves, our works, and our feelings.***

***The Holy Spirit will leave us alone if we live on the basis of our own goodness.***

***You may ask:***

*Aren't Christians supposed to be less-ill tempered?*

*Aren't they supposed to have more love?*

*Aren't they supposed to be less irritable?*

***Take irritability, for example.***

*Some of you may never suffer from it.*

*You are always even tempered.*

*Some become nervy, strained, and short.*

*If this the basis of our Christian life..*

*If the way we feel is the basis of our Christianity...we will always be a prey to the Devil.*

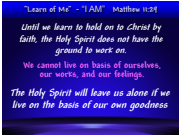
***This is where we have to have a strong faith in Jesus Christ.***

*We are constantly looking to Christ.*

*When we are other than what Christ is we must rest and hold on to what He is.*

*Satan is always trying to get into the spirit through the body or soul.*

***We can remain free inwardly even when we are feeling very bad outwardly.***





*It is what Christ is in us.*

*Abiding in Christ means everything.*

*The Work of the Holy Spirit will always uncover and reveal our weaknesses and inadequacy.*

*The Holy Spirit does not want us to develop a greater reliance and dependence on ourselves.*

*When the Spirit of Truth comes He will draw us to Christ.*

Abide in Christ and there is rest, peace and deliverance.

The work of the Holy Spirit is to conform us to Christ.

He will cause us to take on the form of Christ.

He will form Christ in us.

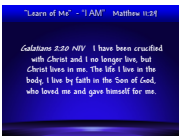
*You will never reach a point in this life where you can dispense with faith in Christ.*

Faith is the great factor of redemption, salvation, sanctification, and glorification.

Everything is through faith in Him.

We know that we don't have it within ourselves.

Our confidence is in Him.



*Galatians 2:20 NIV* I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.