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WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

Over the years I have met a lot of people that are part of what the Christian community would call cults. What is a cult? A simple litmus test is this question: Who do they believe Jesus is. Without a doubt all cults deny the deity of Jesus Christ. Some believe he was a prophet and others a good person and some believe he was a heretic. Jesus was called in John 1:1 ***“the word made flesh.”*** The Greek word for “word” is logos, which means Divine Expression of God. It means that the Word of God, the Bible, is Jesus speaking as God to us. The passage goes on to say, that ***“the word was God”***. The Greek word for God is “Theos”, which means supreme Divinity, or very exceeding God.

Who you believe God is will determine your destiny. Remember, only God can forgive you of your sin, and that is exactly what Jesus did. He came in the flesh and gave His life as a ransom to reconcile us back to the Father. He made it possible for us to be reconciled to God. When we invite Jesus Christ into our lives, we are put spiritually into His body. The Father sees us “IN Christ” and we are reconciled. As long as we live in the flesh it will be this way. When we cast off our earthly “shell” and leave our bodies we are instantly in heaven and will be with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit for eternity. The three persons are one in expression. They are not three Gods like some cults believe. They are three unique individuals, that are one in unity, and we are created in their image.

We have a body, a soul, and a spirit. The body is like Jesus in the flesh. The soul which is the thinking part of us with our mind, will, and emotions is like the Father, and the spirit within us that comes alive towards Christ is like Holy Spirit. Our three unique parts of work in unity also. No one can do much without a physical body, and the body can’t do much without the soul, which are the mind, will and emotions. Then our spirits come alive through salvation. Our born-again spirits are to control the body and the soul. What a joy when resurrection day comes, and we are united with our bodies and become that one new person.

In Matthew 16 Jesus has a discourse with His disciples over who people thought that he was. In Matthew 16:15, he posed this question to His disciples, ***“Whom say ye that I am?”*** Some said Elijah, some said John the Baptist, but Peter answered Jesus with, ***“Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”*** (Verse 16.) Jesus replied with, ***“Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in Heaven.”*** (Verse 17.)

No one can truly know Jesus without the Holy Spirit drawing them to the Father. Once they receive the call to be saved and receive salvation, they too, like Peter, know who Jesus is. Who you believe he is will determine whether you go to heaven or hell when you depart this world my friends. Jesus said He was the only way to the Father.

He is the bridge from the natural world we live in, to the spiritual world that awaits the believer. The question today is “who do you say Jesus is?” That is the ultimate question of all time.