



AUTHORITY IN IDENTITY: PLAYTIME IS OVER

Part 1: Who do you say that I am?

Jesus is who HE says he is. Who are you?

TRANSFORM WITH BOLDNESS

Therefore having such a hope, **we use great boldness**, and are not like Moses, who used to put a veil over his face so that the sons of Israel would not look intently at the consequence of what was being brought to an end.

But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is brought to an end in Christ. But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart,

but WHENEVER a person TURNS TO THE LORD, THE VEIL IS TAKEN AWAY.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and **where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom**. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are **being transformed into the same image from glory to glory**, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

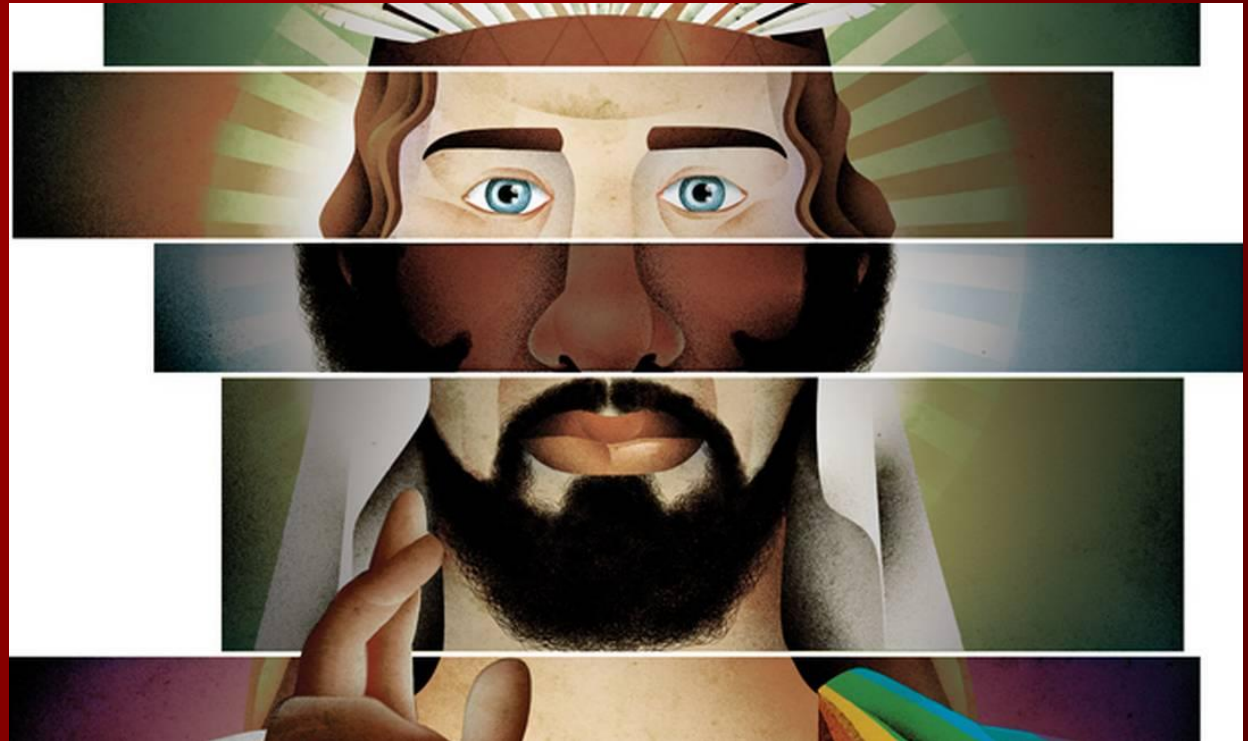
2 Corinthians 3:12–18 LSB

COMING UP...

- Who, really, is Jesus?
- The Multiple Layers of True Grace (Maturing in Christ)
- Dreaming: Letting the Creator redeem our Imaginations
- The Current War & What's Coming
- Understanding the Spiritual Realm
- What authority do we really have? How do we exercise it?
- The Voice of God: Seeking, Hearing, & Obeying

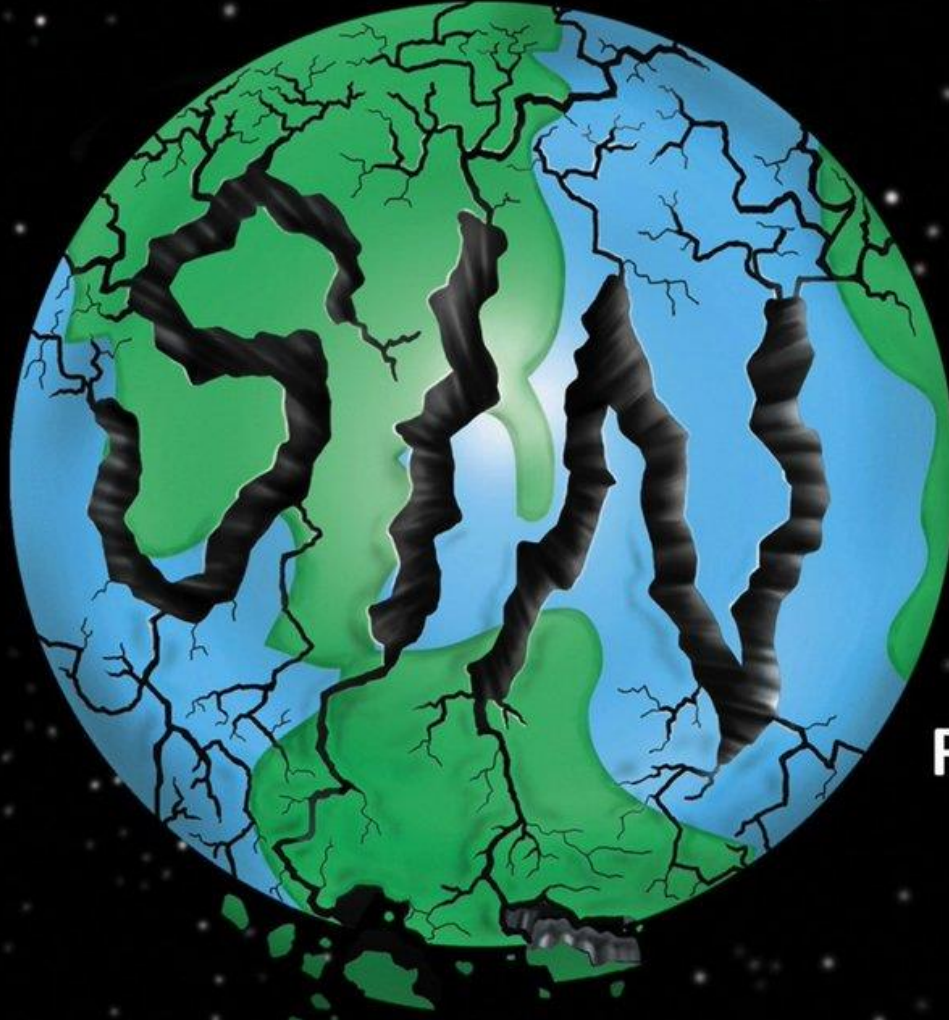
WHO IS JESUS? (HINT: WHO HE SAYS HE IS)

- John 1:1 is clear that the Gospel and Jesus are one
- If you change who Jesus is, you change the Gospel itself
 - Prosperity jesus
 - Prophet jesus
 - Only-Human jesus
 - Enlightened jesus
 - Gnostic jesus
 - Calvinistic jesus
 - Crazy liar jesus
 - Transexual jesus
 - Alien jesus



THIS IS NOT HOW IT WAS OR HOW IT WILL BE

For we
know that
the whole
creation
groans
and labors



with birth
pangs
together
until now.
Romans 8:22

AN IMPORTANT DISTINCTION

Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the **LORD** God had made. He said to the woman, “Did **God** really say, ‘You can’t eat from any tree in the garden’?”

The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit from the trees in the garden. But about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, God said, ‘You must not eat it or touch it, or you will die.’”

“No! You will certainly not die,” the serpent said to the woman. “In fact, God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 3:1–5 CSB

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

Serpent: “God” - Elohim

- gods (plural); those in supreme authority over you who exercise complete authority over you; divine majesty and power
- Not to be reasoned with; containing higher unattainable wisdom
- Aspect of Supreme Judge

Bible to Man: “LORD” – YHWH Elohim

- Focuses on Aspect of Mercy, but with the power to judge
- “Tetragrammaton” – “I am”

WHAT SHOULD I TELL THEM?

Then Moses asked God, “If I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what should I tell them?”

God replied to Moses, “**I AM WHO I AM.** This is what you are to say to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.”

God also said to Moses, “Say this to the Israelites: The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name forever; **this is how I am to be remembered in every generation.**

Exodus 3:13–15 CSB

JESUS: TRUTH OVER TRADITION

And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up, and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the scroll and found the place where it was written,

“THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD.”

And He closed the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

And all were speaking well of Him and marveling at the gracious words which were coming forth from His lips, and they were saying, “Is this not Joseph’s son?”

Luke 4:16–22 LSB

“And the day of vengeance of our God” is notably absent!

ONLY GOD CAN REVEAL HIMSELF

- YOD – Hand, Arm
- Hey – Behold, Reveal
- Vav – Tent Peg, Nail, Hook
- Hey – Behold, Reveal

“The God with the nailed hand
Shall be revealed twice”



WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

While he was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?”

They answered, “John the Baptist; others, Elijah; still others, that one of the ancient prophets has come back.”

“But you,” he asked them, “**who do you say that I am?**”

Peter answered, “God’s Messiah.”

Luke 9:18–20 CSB

THE RELIGIOUS DIDN'T KNOW HIM

“Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”

Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **before Abraham was, I am.**”

Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

John 8:56–59 LSB

WHAT IS THE LAW THEN?

Torah: “To Hit the Mark”

Aka, “The loving instructions of the Father”

Sin/Transgression: “To Miss the Mark”

Aka, “Rebellion”

Iniquity: “Immoral and Grossly Unfair”

Aka, “Misshaped or deformed”





Isaiah 53:5

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

JESUS TOOK OUR PLACE ONCE AND FOR ALL!

- His Blood for the Forgiveness of our sins
- His bruising for the straightening of our twisted nature
- Our punishment went to Him so we can be reconciled with Daddy
- Our rebellion resulted in disease and sickness of every kind, but He took that on Himself so we can be healed

OUR AUTHORITY IS IN OUR IDENTITY

He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, he gave them the **right** to be children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born, not of natural descent, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:11–13 CSB

Exousia: Authority to do something; the potential to command, control, or govern; the freedom to choose wisely and soberly without false influence

AUTHORITY IS THE POWER OF CHOICE

You adulterous people! Don't you know that **friendship with the world is hostility toward God**? So whoever wants to be the friend of the world becomes the enemy of God. Or do you think it's without reason that the Scripture says: The spirit he made to dwell in us envies intensely?,

But he gives greater grace. Therefore he says: God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.,

Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be miserable and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

James 4:4–10 CSB

HE IS COMING AGAIN – IN JUDGEMENT

“Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.

But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.

For this reason you must be ready as well; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.”

Matthew 24:42–44 NASB

“The God with the nailed hand shall be revealed twice”

AUTHORITY IS THE POWER OF CHOICE

- To those who believe in Jesus, who HE says He is, and in His completed work, grace releases in them the authority to reject the kingdom of darkness
- To be in the world but not of the world is to walk in the Spirit, living according to the Kingdom of Light
- Grace begins as a buffer, a “hedge” of protection to give you options
- Abiding---staying planted, being still---is the source of our strength

EXERCISE YOUR AUTHORITY TO THE GLORY OF GOD