# The only begotten SON of GOD

# PART FIVE

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# THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST IN YOU

Before Jesus died, he said to his disciples that he must go so that the Comforter—the Advocate can come.

"But the Advocate, **the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will **send in My name**, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have told you" (John 14:26).

God's Holy Spirit will come in Christ's name, hence the expression "Christ in you" and teach everyone who repents and is baptized through the Holy Spirit.

"But I tell you the truth, it is for your benefit that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And when He comes, He will convict the world in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because they do not believe in Me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see Me; and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world has been condemned" (John 16:7-11).

While Jesus would have dearly loved to stay with the disciples and help them, he knew that his return to heaven would then provide a greater spiritual resource for all believers until he returns. On Pentecost, God opened the door for His Holy Spirit to come upon this reborn gathering of people. God's Holy Spirit now flows from Him, through Jesus the Messiah, to all people who repent and are baptized. This Spirit flowing from Almighty God is the Comforter and Spirit of Christ creating a new person.

#### A new man is birthed

Through the Messiah, God's Holy Spirit births a new being with Christ in them. Jesus said, "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me. The one who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him" (John 14:19-21).

Total unity will be achieved. The Son in the Father, the saints in Christ and Christ in the saints.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. Behold, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's trespasses against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ: Be reconciled to God. God made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God" (11 Corinthians 5:17-21).

# The man, Jesus Christ, our Comforter and Mediator

The Spirit in Jesus, our Messiah, is God's Holy Spirit. It is our Comforter and Christ, our Mediator.

"For there is one God, and there is **one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus**" (I Timothy 2:5). Christ is identified in this verse as "the man" because he suffered the temptations and human battles experienced by mortals and understands our struggles.

"And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the glory of the Lord, are **being transformed into His image with intensifying glory**, which comes from **the Lord, who is the Spirit**" (II Corinthians 3:18).

Christ's Spirit within us, is the receiving of God's Holy Spirit through him. It comes with the added benefit of Christ interceding for us. He has the knowledge of our difficulties as mortals and our handicaps against the evil spiritual rulers, powers and principalities. He understands the continual attacks from Satan who deceives and tries to force wickedness upon us.

"But if **Christ is in you**, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the **Spirit** gives life because of righteousness" (Romans 8:10).





The spiritual new birth is already forming while in mortal decaying bodies. The Spirit of Christ is alive within shining out the knowledge and glory of God in believers. "For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. Now we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this surpassingly great power is from God and not from us" (II Corinthians 4:6-7).

The great prophets of old pondered feverishly how God was going to transform repenting people into righteousness. His beloved Son is means through his Spirit, the Holy Spirit of God.

"To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of **this mystery, which is Christ in you,** the hope of glory. We proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching

everyone with all wisdom, so that we may **present everyone perfect in Christ.** To this end I also labor, striving with all His energy working powerfully within me" (Colossians 1:27-29).

# The Spirit of Jesus engages with God's servants

The Spirit of Jesus engages with God's servants, directly. "After the Holy Spirit had prevented them from speaking the word in the province of Asia, they traveled through the region of Phrygia and Galatia. And when they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but **the Spirit of Jesus would not permit them**" (Acts 16:6-7).

# THE RIDER ON THE WHITE HORSE



The riders on horses in Revelation symbolize their victories in the battle of evil against good. They are warriors and commanders of military spiritual forces.

The white horse with the rider holding a bow in Revelation is successful in spreading false religion throughout the world by false Messiahs wearing a crown of religious authority. The Antichrist and the false prophets from ancient times to the present and future deceive many people. These evil false theologians are set on the complete destruction of all of mankind.

"For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many" (Matthew 24:5).

The fiery red horse with the rider taking peace from the earth is promoting war. All leaders worldwide pursuing and engaging in war are puppets of the rider on the red horse who hold a large sword, stirring up strife, setting countries against each other, and provoking one another.

The black horse with the rider holding a pair of scales controls the world's commerce. Financial corruption, insider trading, price fixing, money laundering, debt promotion, government inflation, unemployment, financial loss, poverty and severe unnatural weather patterns destroying homes, towns, businesses, crops, orchards and farmland.

The pale horse with the rider named Death, and Hades following, describes a spiritually unhealthy, dying state, which occurs when people are lured back into sin and become imprisoned in Hades. After Satan and his beastly coalition are thrown down to earth, lawlessness and wickedness will cover the earth like dust. The nations will surrender to this alien arrival. They will witness the immense power of this alien spiritual force and they will say, "Who can make war against it?" and "Who is like this coalition of forces?" (Revelation 13:4)

God's people will open the Bible to Revelation panicking to understand the scriptures that forewarned them of this beastly arrival.

The seals, Jesus the Lamb, opened unveiled events that would take place during this evil age until he returns. The rebel spiritual forces on earth and in heaven are working feverishly to destroy mankind and prevent their awakening to reality. Returning to worship the Almighty God, their God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as their Saviour will be attacked with every kind of deception.

God Almighty planned from before creation, to offer all of mankind wonderful, eternal positions in His God-family kingdom. The rebel heavenly forces are working to prevent the knowledge from surfacing. They are propagating false religion; they are keeping nations at war—people one against each other, nations against each other; they are impoverishing the people through economic corruption of mass destruction; they are flipping right into wrong and wrong into right leading people into spiritual confusion. Jesus said that these events are only the birth pains of what is yet to occur.

A spiritual war is at play. Jesus, the anointed King over all kings and Lord over all lords, will arrive on a white horse with the sword of judgement against all of the rebel, heavenly forces. The description of a white horse is a picture of victory; the sword is the spiritual word of God. He will convict the rebels and destroy them single-handedly because the Almighty God has given him all power to restore all things to how it was before iniquity was found.



# THE LIVING CAPSTONE

The reference to "capstone" in scripture points to the return of Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords. He is imaged as a stone because of the strength and durability of stones.

The Apostle Peter taught believers that Jesus is a living Stone. He died and was resurrected.

"As you come to him, **the living Stone**—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him" (I Peter 2:4).

When Jesus died, his redemptive sacrifice qualified him to be the leader for all leaders to follow. His love for righteousness and hatred of wickedness, keeps all those under his rule from wandering into darkness. His leadership has laid the cornerstone for the structure of the kingdom of God. His return will be the capstone holding the whole structure of God's kingdom firmly in place for all eternity.

God's people will rejoice. "What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain; and he will bring forth the **top stone** with shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!'" (Zechariah 4:7)

Zechariah recorded God's word. "What are you, O great mountain?" That descriptor of a great mountain is the world governments ruling lawlessly under Satan's influence. Zerubbabel will be with Jesus Christ to witness the total destruction of the rebel world-ruling government on earth. It will be flattened and crushed. He will have the honour of presenting Jesus Christ, King of all kings and Lord of all lords, shouting "Grace, grace to it!" It will be a display of riveting events of great joy.

Foretold to the Jewish religious leaders that the good leader they sought to kill is their long-awaited Saviour of whom they rejected. Their arrogance blinded them from recognizing all of his miracles and good works. "Then know this, you and everyone else in Israel: It is **by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth**, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you completely healed. He is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone'" (Acts 4:10-11).

# The Jews will receive grace

The Jews who have still to this day, rejected Jesus Christ will come to bitterly weep when the veil of stupor is lifted and before them, their loving Saviour-King and Lord saves them from destruction.

Almighty God will awaken them during their time of extreme distress. Hostile powers will surround Jerusalem. Through the strong arm of Almighty God, anyone who crosses the boundary line into Jerusalem will totter like a drunkard and fall. Jerusalem at that time will be like a cup of wine that sends those who drink from it reeling and tottering incapable of defending themselves or escaping. God's enemies will plan to destroy Jerusalem.

"On that day, when all the nations of the earth gather against her, I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who would heave it away will be severely injured. On that day, declares the LORD, I will strike every horse with panic, and every rider with madness. I will keep a watchful eye on the house of Judah, but I will strike with blindness all the horses of the nations" (Zechariah 12:3-4).

The Jews will recognize the supernatural events protecting them then "The leaders of Judah will say in their hearts: 'The people of Jerusalem are strong, because the LORD of Hosts is their God.' On that day I will make the clans of Judah like a firepot in a woodpile, like a flaming torch among the sheaves; they will consume all the peoples around them on the right and on the left, while the people of Jerusalem remain secure there" (Zechariah 12:5-6).

"Then the Lord will go out to fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. On that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half the mountain moving to the north and half to the south. You will flee by My mountain valley, for it will extend to Azal. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with Him. On that day there will be no light, no cold or frost. It will be a day known only to the Lord, without day or night; but when evening comes, there will be light. And on that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half of it toward the Eastern Sea and the other half toward the Western Sea, in summer and winter alike. On that day the LORD will become King over all the earth—the LORD alone, and His name alone" (Zechariah 14:3-9).

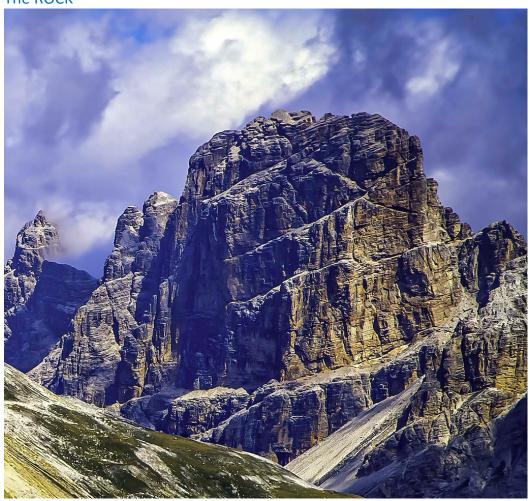
The Jews will see and experience the goodness of the Great God of Israel and their Saviour as both work to protect them during their darkest hours. "The LORD will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and of the people of Jerusalem may not be greater than that of Judah. On that day the LORD will defend the people of Jerusalem, so that the weakest among them will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the Angel of the LORD going before them. So, on that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem" (Zechariah 12:7-9).

God will give grace to the Jews, the house that rejected grace seeking only to enter into eternal life through works and strict obedience to their laws. Jesus tried to guide them back to keeping God's law but they would not listen. They rejected him; they rejected grace. God placed a veil of stupor over them until all of their brothers from the house of Israel, who became known as Christians, have been re-grafted back into the covenant family. The last rescue of God's people are the Jews who rejected the Capstone. Christ will give them grace and they will humbly accept it.

"Then I will pour out on the house of David and on the people of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and prayer, and they will look on Me, the One they have pierced. They will mourn for Him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for Him as one grieves for a firstborn son. On

that day the wailing in Jerusalem will be as great as the wailing of Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo" (Zechariah 12:10-11).

# The ROCK



Almighty God is often described in the Old Testament as the Rock—the infallible strength and power, guiding and protecting His people. His federal government is described as a great mountain.

"There is no one holy like the LORD. Indeed, there is no one besides You! And **there is no Rock like our God**" (I Samuel 2:2).

The nations in the time of Babel, were given skilful and knowledge-rich heavenly rulers to guide them back onto the righteous path. None of these heavenly rulers come close to the Almighty God—the God of Israel.

"For their rock is not like our Rock, even our enemies concede" (Deuteronomy 32:31).

Samuel, ancient Israel's faithful leader knew the God of Israel. He declared, "My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation. My stronghold, my refuge, and my Savior, You save me from violence" (II Samuel 22:3).

King David knew the throne upon which he sat belonged to the Great King of Creation. Almighty God gave Himself an inheritance—kingship over the descendants of Jacob at the time of Babel. Though Abraham was not yet born for another 200 years, after that time, God waited patiently knowing that from the seed of Abraham, a people could be molded and transformed. King David leaned on his Great King for guidance and direction. "He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation'" (Psalm 89:26).

King David urged his people to call out and lean on the Great God, their Creator. "On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah" (Psalm 62:7-8).

The Almighty God is perfect in wisdom, judgement, and justice. The leaders of the world both the heavenly and mortal rulers are faulty, self-glorifying, self-directed and self-reliant. They lay heavy weights on the people and the people groan. The Almighty God will bring relief, righteousness and peace. "He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he" (Deuteronomy 32:4).

#### The Rock



Traveling with the God of Israel, throughout ancient times was the Angel of the LORD, the Word, the Teacher. Ancient Israel was taught God's law and His ways, but they still failed.

"They all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they were drinking from the spiritual rock accompanying them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the wilderness" (I Corinthians 10:3-5).

The Rock struck by Moses, during ancient Israel's travels in the wilderness, symbolized the death of the begotten Son of God who would save them. Water flowed out from that Rock and they all drank. That water symbolized the outflowing of God's Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ for all of mankind to drink.

"Behold, I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. And when you strike the rock, water will come out of it for the people to drink." So, Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel" (Exodus 17:6).

"Then Moses raised his hand and struck the rock twice with his staff, so that a great amount of water gushed out, and the congregation and their livestock were able to drink" (Numbers 20:11).

The outflowing of God's Holy Spirit gave life to the congregation and even their livestock benefited. Christ's redemptive sacrifice will benefit all species on earth.

King David remembered. "He opened a rock, and water gushed out; it flowed like a river in the desert" (Psalm 105:41) and "He split the rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink as abundant as the seas" (Psalm 78:15).

Jesus Christ is the rock—the strong leader to follow.

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like **a wise man who built his house on the rock.** And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it" (Matthew 7:24-27).

Jesus Christ is the foundation of eternal stability and strength. "For no one can **lay a foundation** other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 3:11).

Like Father, like Son both are the Rocks for mankind to build on and establish their righteousness.

# THE FIRST AND THE LAST

# Jesus Christ, the First and the Last

Jesus Christ is the **first stone** to be laid forming the cornerstone of the God-family kingdom. He is the **last stone**, the capstone, who will finalize and complete the structure of the holy, eternal, royal-ruling God-family kingdom.

"Behold, I am coming soon, and My reward is with Me, to give to each one according to what he has done. I am the **Alpha and the Omega**, the **First and the Last**, the **Beginning and the End**" (Revelation 22:13-14).

From the moment God chose Abraham, the beloved—the only begotten Son of God, worked intimately with the LORD God to speak to God's servants on earth and spread the word of God. He is bringing all repentant believers into his state of righteousness. He is the first-born into this God-family kingdom. He is the leader for all creation to follow. He is the anointed King over all kings and Lord over all lords. He will close out this evil age with his one-thousand-year reign. He will complete God's plan and establish a model nation of priests for all nations to follow. He was with Almighty God from the beginning and he will remain loyal and faithful to his Father—our Father, the Supreme and Awesome Most High God for all eternity.

"To the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of **the First and the Last**, who **died and returned to life**" (Revelation 2:8).

All that Jesus Christ has done was to help creation on earth. "Are not the angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?" (Hebrews 1:14)

The Messiah urges people to repent and receive God's Holy Spirit because important and highly valued positions await them in the holy God-family kingdom.

"In My Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and welcome you into My presence, so that you also may be where I am" (John 14:2-3).

"Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father, **inherit** the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matthew 25:34).

# God Almighty—the LORD God, the First and the Last

Jesus Christ walks in the footsteps of his Father—our Father in heaven. Almighty God is the first of the First and the Last.

"Who has performed this and carried it out, calling forth the generations from the beginning? I, the LORD—the first and the last—I am He" (Isaiah 41:4).

All things are possible for the Almighty God. He engineered mankind's walk into righteousness; He knew the outcome of creation before He began to create through His Son. Almighty God is unique in every aspect of His being.

"Thus says the LORD, the King and Redeemer of Israel, the LORD of Hosts: "I am the first and I am the last, and there is no God but Me" (Isaiah 44:6).

God pleaded with His people in ancient times to recognize their King and His unique Supremacy over all that exists. He is their Highest High Priest—the LORD, King and their Rescuer.

"Listen to Me, O Jacob, and Israel, whom I have called: I am He; I am the first, and I am the last" (Isaiah 48:12). Almighty God was very clear. He is the first Almighty God and no other God will come after Him that is like Him.

"You are My witnesses," declares the LORD, "and My servant whom I have chosen, so that you may consider and believe Me and understand that I am He. Before Me no god was formed, and after Me none will come" (Isaiah 43:10).

Again, "Thus says the LORD, the King and Redeemer of Israel, the LORD of Hosts: "I am the first and I am the last, and there is no God but Me" (Isaiah 44:6).

The heavenly rulers were given kingship over the nations at the time of Babel. These heavenly rulers were all from God's heavenly court and highly skilful and knowledgeable on His law. Almighty God had given Himself kingship over a nation also, at the time of Babel, along with the heavenly rulers. He chose the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Abraham was not yet born at that time, not for another 200 years. But, in that short period of time, the heavenly rulers fell into deep darkness and confusion rose to cover the earth. All of them, one-by-one, turned from ruling righteously to rebelling against the Great God. Power and pride festered into arrogance leading to them wanting more and more power. God guarded His people, but the sins of the nations crept in. He beseeched them to embrace righteousness, but ancient Israel became ensnared into the values of the fallen nations. They craved self-glory, self-direction, and self-reliance. A humble kingdom of humble, holy priests was not what they desired. They lost their focus and forgot their calling.

# Ancient Israel will be last, last-days Israel will be first

Jesus prophesied, "the first will be last and the last will be first" (Matthew 20:16, Mark 10:31, Luke 13:30). Most of ancient Israel will be last to enter into God's kingdom. The believers in the last days will be first. They were not present for the great miracles Almighty God performed when Israel left Egypt; they were not present when Almighty God fed ancient Israel manna in the wilderness; they were not present to witness the sun and moon stand still when Joshua called out to God to halt time so they finished the battle at Jericho in one day. They were not present to witness the countless miracles of Jesus healing and teaching people; they were not present to hear the voice of God from heaven say, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). The first to be resurrected are those in the last days who have

faith in what they have not seen; they trust their Father in heaven, they recognize Him, honour Him and serve Him. They know their Saviour and they all follow him in humble devotion. The last will be first and most of the first will be last to enter into the humble, holy, royal-ruling, God-family kingdom.

# THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD

# Like Father, like Son

Almighty God is one-of-a-kind. He is the first and the last because there will never come a God anytime in the future of His Kind. He is the first and the last of His kind. The only begotten Son of God is also, one-of-a-kind. He is unique from all creation in heaven and on earth. He, too, is the first of his kind. He existed before creation; he was first a spiritual Being then made mortal to return to his original glory. He is the last because there exists no other Being like him nor ever will come in the future. He is the first and the last of his kind.

The only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, has conquered and overcome; he has been perfected and readied. He alone is King over all kings and Lord over all lords in all creation. He only is the Word, the Angel of God and the LORD, the Lamb, the Son of God and Son of Man, our High Priest, the chief Cornerstone and living Capstone, the righteous Rider on the white horse with the sword of God's law. He truly is the first of his kind and the last; no one will ever match his achievements. His crown is layered with successes, brilliance, goodness, humility and love. He is God like his Father—our Father. He is the irreplaceable, begotten Son of God.

Jesus Christ had to be trained and tested by Almighty God at His level on every aspect of the royal-ruling roles: king and lord. An eternal kingdom remains alive only when leaders rule righteously, when leaders have all knowledge, understanding and wisdom of God's word and His law and apply this knowledge in kindness, compassion, with patience and in love. The establishment of God's kingdom is only the beginning. From within this holy, royal-ruling Godfamily, creation will expand indefinitely to fill the endless vastness of space.

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