

RUN TO THE NAME

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A friend asked Mrs. Einstein if she understood the theory of relativity. She responded 'No, not at all', but then chuckled and said, 'But I understand Albert, and he can be trusted!' God gave Einstein an intellect far beyond any human, but how much greater is God's knowledge, wisdom, ways and power above his created beings. However, God desires and deserves our trust. He has shown us enough of his nature, character and ability through creation and in the life of Jesus Christ as he walked this earth. All the fullness of the Godhead dwelt in the body of Jesus (Colossians 2:9) God did not just shout from heaven and write a message in the sky. 'Hey down there! Here is what I am like.' God did something better, he sent His image to earth in the physical body of Jesus, the Word made flesh.

Throughout the Bible we see scores of names which represent the character and capability of God. The most basic one is 'I AM' (Exodus 3:14) Jesus himself used this same term (ego eimi) to reveal to the Pharisees that He was God. 'Before Abraham was born I AM!' (John 8:58). Notice that the word I AM is in the present tense. God is not the great I WAS nor the great I WILL BE. (a few of you who have received these messages since September 2014 may remember one of our first messages called 'JESUS NOW' which I add now to this writing from **November 6, 2014**

All true Christians believe that Jesus lived, he performed miracles, he died and rose again and went back to heaven. - Jesus Past

All true Christians believe that Jesus will come back again one day and take His bride to the home He has been preparing for them in heaven. - Jesus Future

In John 11, Lazarus has died. His sisters are mourning. Jesus arrives. Martha and Mary both tell Jesus that they believe that if Jesus had been there before, Lazarus would not have died. They believed in Jesus of the Past.

Martha did tell Jesus that she believed that Lazarus would live again at the resurrection. She believed in Jesus of the Future.

Mary and Martha are like too many Christians today. They believe in Jesus in the Past and Jesus in the Future.... but they did not believe inJesus Now!!

Eternal life is not just for the future but for NOW. Jesus came that we might have superabundant life - John 10:10. That LIFE is ZOE in the Greek. It is God's LIFE in it's fullest. Superabundant LIFE!!!! Through Jesus..... all things were made. In Him was ZOE and that ZOE was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it. - John 1:3-5

A week ago three of us stuck around after the prayer meeting. As we chatted it was evident that God wanted to do something more in this one person's life. After some prayers Doug spoke the word ZOE over that person. Instantly they were struck with God's ZOE life. They collapsed and later said that they were set free that very moment. God's LIFE brought Light which drove out the darkness!! Jesus' words are Spirit and LIFE!! (ZOE) - John 6:63 I close with a Greek rendering of Hebrews 4:12

'The Word of God is Living (ZOE) and powerful (energes= active, operative, effectual) and sharper (to cut as if by a final stroke) than any two edged sword, piercing (it penetrates / Greek=to reach through) even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.'

I believe in JESUS of the PAST, JESUS of the FUTURE AND JESUS NOW!!!! How about you? - November 2014

The Name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous run to it and are safe

- Proverbs 18:10

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