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“Who Do You Say That I Am?” (Part 3)

And He says, “You are that man. The only One.” Jesus said, “You are right, Peter,” (verse 17), “flesh and blood did not reveal this to you.” Meaning, you did not hear this at a Bible study where somebody pointed it out. A man did not teach this to you. You did not have a discussion over there and you figured it out. This was a supernatural revelation. Beloved, let me say this. It is a supernatural revelation to grow in knowledge of the Christ. The fullness of who He is as God and the fullness of who He is as man—the combination of the two of them in fullness. It takes a Holy Spirit escort.

Verse 18. Jesus says this, “It is on this rock.” On the truth of who I am as fully God, fully man. On the truth of the magnificence and the majesty of who I am, the greatness of who I am, on that truth, I will build My church.”

Beloved, the Church is only built in a sound way on the whole truth of who Jesus is—not on the doctrine of forgiveness of sins, that is critical, but there is so much more to the foundation of the Church; not on healing, on economic provision, or prophetic direction. I love those things, I am not remotely minimizing them. I love those things. But the Church is built on more than that. It is built on an ongoing encounter with this man who has the unique ability to fascinate us forever and forever, to be the One we are obsessed with by the grace of God.

Jesus goes on and says, “The way you answer the question as to who I am, that is the truth of who I am; it is the rock of truth on which the Church is built.” And the reason the church of America is so weak today—the numbers are larger than ever, but the spiritual vibrancy is so weak—is because the church is not being built upon the truth of Jesus. It is being built upon much of the truth, but not all of it.

There are glorious exceptions. There may be a few thousand groups, maybe a few more. Hopefully there are tens of thousands, but there are hundreds of thousands that are not in this direction. They got forgiveness right. They really get that right. But the great error is that part of the truth is passed off as the whole truth. It is only the introduction to who He is. He went on to say that the gates of hell (or the “authority”—“gates” and “authority” is the same concept), the authority of hell (Hades and hell is the same thing)—the power of Satan is what He is talking

Prayer:

Father thank you for giving us Jesus and with Him your authority to know Him...the power of that revelation is what makes me different in Him!