

JESUS

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

Jesus Christ is God. He is the 'logos' – the Eternal Word. Jesus became 'flesh' through the miraculous incarnation and 'dwelt' among people on this earth. Jesus left the 'glory' of Heaven and 'made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men' (Philippians 2:7).

Why? To suffer and die for sin.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8



*He has no form
or comeliness; And
when we see Him,
There is no beauty that
we should desire Him.
He is despised and
rejected by men, A
Man of sorrows
and acquainted*

*with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He
was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has
borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed
Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. Isaiah 53:2-4*

Jesus did not come into this world as a baby to grow up and become a conquering king who would throw the Romans out of Israel with the strength of an army of Jews. He came into this world as a baby to grow up to become a Man of sorrows who was acquainted with grief. He grew up to become a Man who would be despised and hated. He grew up to become a Man who would bear our 'griefs' and carry our 'sorrows.' He grew up to become a Man who would be

lied about, betrayed, brutally beaten, and nailed to a Roman cross to die. Jesus grew up to be the God/Man, the only Person, who could bear the Divine punishment for sin that rightly should have been ours to bear. He also grew up to become the Man who would conquer death and rise from the dead to become the 'firstfruits' of those who had died. 'For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead' (1 Corinthians 15:21).

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. For 'He has put all things under His feet.' But when He says 'all things are put under Him,' it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be

subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all. 1 Corinthians 15:22-28

Jesus grew up to become the Man who would teach His disciples how to preach the Gospel and to reach out to a needy world. Jesus grew up to become



the man who sent the Holy Spirit to empower and guide these disciples in the greatest Mission ever undertaken in the history of humanity – to ‘seek and save the lost.’

And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation. Hebrews 9:27-28

Seeing Through the Eyes of Christ

The idea of putting on your 'Son' glasses is to see everything through the eyes of King Jesus. What we see 'naturally' through our eyes is the 'natural' world. However, when we see through the eyes of Christ what we see is the 'supernatural' world. We should be more concerned about the supernatural than the natural, thus the need to put on our 'Son' glasses as we look at what is happening around us.

One of the reasons for God giving prophets and apostles 'visions' was to improve their 'vision' from seeing what is natural to seeing what is 'supernatural.'

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His

glory!' And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. So I said: 'Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts. Isaiah 6:1-5

Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the River Chebar, that the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God. Ezekiel 1:1

Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel 2:19

Now while Peter wondered within himself what this vision which he had seen meant, behold, the men who had been sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate. Acts 10:17

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' Acts 16:9

And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. Revelation 9:17

Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Peter, Paul, and John were humans – just like us. They saw the 'natural' world even as we do. However, God revealed the 'supernatural' to them so they would understand the spiritual battles they were fighting and the purpose of their ministry. Seeing the 'supernatural' emboldened them in their ministry and guided them in how to best use their time and spiritual gifts. We need that in the Church today.

Each of us can put our 'Son' glasses on and 'see' the supernatural world through the eyes of Christ and that which the Spirit of God shows us. We can 'look' into God's Word and know with certainty what Jesus has called us to do, what weapons of warfare He has given us, and how the great 'supernatural battles' will end,

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away. Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' And He said to me, 'Write, for these words are true and faithful.' Revelation 21:1-5

The 'words' we read in Revelation and throughout the Bible are 'true and faithful.' These are the 'words' that will open our eyes to see the reality (the really-real) that surrounds us – even as the prophet Elisha asked God to open the eyes of his servant to see what was 'really' going on around them –

So he answered, 'Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.' And Elisha prayed, and said, 'Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.' Then the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. So when the Syrians came down to him, Elisha prayed to the Lord, and said, 'Strike this people, I pray, with blindness.' And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. 2 Kings 6:16-18

The young servant 'saw' the supernatural that day. At first he saw the 'natural,' the army of men that surrounded him and Elisha. The servant was afraid, but Elisha prayed and God opened the eyes of the young man to see the 'supernatural' forces at the ready to fight the army that surrounded them.

That is what we need to do today. We need to pray and ask God to open our eyes to the supernatural forces that surround us as we face the sometimes daunting task of fighting against an 'unseen' army of evil –

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
Ephesians 6:10-13

As we put on our 'Son' glasses we are able to see that our battle is not 'against flesh and blood.' Our battle is with 'supernatural forces' that God will defeat. The more we see our life and ministry to others through Christ's 'eyes,' the better equipped we will be to engage the enemy.

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

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