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**I Knew Him Not**

John 1:31-34 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. 32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. 33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, upon whom thou shall see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizes with the Holy Ghost. 34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God. (KJV)

The Spirit that John saw as a confirmation that he was dealing with the Son of God was the Spirit of Christ which was abiding in Jesus of Nazareth. Without having the Spirit of Christ within this man Jesus, just like us he could not be a partaker of God’s divine nature. This same Spirit would like to baptize you into the truth so that you can know who the Son of God is and what name He goes by. In fact the enemy has a new name also, because he is doing all he can to steer God’s people from this revelation.

I John 2:18-20 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. 20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. (KJV)

Ever wonder why it is antichrist and not antiJesus? Well the enemy found those who believe in this name, the name which is above all names, are a real threat to his kingdom because they know who the Son of God is. It’s no accident or coincidence that he will do all he can to keep the Church from accessing all the wisdom and power that is available in Christ.

I John 4:1-3 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2 Hereby know you the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. (KJV)

A simple test will reveal who is a false prophet, because you will be able to see beyond the flesh and into the Spirit. What you will find is that if they don’t have a working knowledge of Christ, then they have no business claiming to be a part of His kingdom, let alone one of His prophets. The enemy will do all he can to keep the Church from accessing this name and all that accompanies it.

1 Corinthians 1:23-24 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; 24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. (KJV)

By not knowing Christ you are taking a lot off the table, that being the power and wisdom of God that we have access to through His name. No wonder the enemy is putting up such a fuss and has been tagged as antichrist.

Matthew 7:21-23 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (KJV)

Obviously there are many others who don’t know who the Son of God is because as we see above they didn’t know His name; thus why we see the question marks in verse 22. It’s time to eliminate those question marks, because if you don’t know who He is, He won’t know who you are. You wouldn’t allow a stranger into your house would you? Well, neither does He.

God bless dearly loved and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.