



Knowing Christ

Our Lord and God

1. The Identity of Jesus

Who is Jesus?

- ^{NAS} **John 20:27** Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand, and put it into My side; and be not unbelieving, but believing." ²⁸ Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed *are* they who did not see, and *yet* believed." ³⁰ Many other signs therefore Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

- A - Sign: (v27) Reach here your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand, and put it into My side
- B - Identity: (v28) My Lord and my God!
- C - Belief: (v29) you believed

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- C - Belief: (v31) believing you may have life in His name

Distinguishing Marks

- **NAS John 10:37** "If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; ³⁸ but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father."
- **NAS John 14:10** "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. ¹¹ "Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me; otherwise believe on account of the works themselves."

Our Relationship with Jesus

- ^{NAS} **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- ^{NAS} **John 1:14** And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- ^{NAS} **John 1:12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,
- ^{NAS} **John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

2. Shalom Offered

- ^{NAS} **John 20:19** ... Jesus came and stood in their midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."
 - Also, v.21 & 26 (Lit. "peace to you")
 - Shalom: peace, welfare, health, prosperity, completeness, soundness, God's covenantal blessings

Fulfillment of Prophecy

- ^{NAS} **Isaiah 57:14** And it shall be said, "Build up, build up, prepare the way, Remove every obstacle out of the way of My people." ¹⁵ For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, "I dwell on a high and holy place, And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite... ¹⁸ "I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will lead him and restore comfort to him and to his mourners, ¹⁹ Creating the praise of the lips. Peace, peace to him who is far and to him who is near," Says the LORD, "and I will heal him."

Fulfillment of Prophecy

- ^{ESV} **Psalm 85:7** Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. ⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly. ⁹ Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land. ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Inauguration of the New Covenant

- ^{NAS} **Numbers 6:22** Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
²³ "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'Thus you shall
bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: ²⁴ The LORD
bless you, and keep you; ²⁵ The LORD make His face shine
on you, And be gracious to you; ²⁶ The LORD lift up His
countenance on you, And give you peace.'
➤ 6 part Old Covenant blessing by high priest

Christ: The Great High Priest

- **NAS Hebrews 2:17** Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.
- **NAS Hebrews 4:14** Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.
- **NAS Ephesians 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

The LORD bless you.

- Blessing sums up the covenant benefits which God shows to his people
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 7:22** so much the more also Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 8:6** But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.
- ^{NAS} **2 Corinthians 1:20** For as many as may be the promises of God, in Him they are yes; wherefore also by Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us.

And keep you.

➤ Promise of protection

- NAS **John 10:28** and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.
- NAS **John 6:37** "All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out...³⁹ "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."

The LORD make his face shine upon you

➤ Promise of presence

- ^{NAS} **John 14:16** "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷ that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you... ²⁰ "In that day you shall know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you... ²³ Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him.

And be gracious to you

➤ Salvation and covenant mercy is by grace

- ^{NAS} **John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.
- ^{NAS} **1 Timothy 1:15** It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. ¹⁶ And yet for this reason I found mercy, in order that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience, as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.

The LORD turn his face towards you.

➤ God's presence is by his choice

- **NAS John 13:18** "I do not speak of all of you. I know the ones I have chosen; but it is that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who eats My bread has lifted up his heel against Me.'
- **NAS John 15:16** "You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give to you... ¹⁹ "If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

And give you peace.

➤ Peace and well being in covenant

- Lit **John 20:19** ... Jesus came and stood in their midst, and said to them, "Peace to you."
- NAS **John 14:27** "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful."

Application – Shalom Delivered

Shalom for Comfort

- ^{NAS} **John 20:19** When therefore it was evening, on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples therefore rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
- ^{NAS} **John 14:27** "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.
- ^{NAS} **Romans 8:15** For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

Shalom for Service

- ^{NAS} **John 20:21** Jesus therefore said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.
- ^{NAS} **Philippians 4:13** I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.
- ^{NAS} **2 Corinthians 12:9** And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Shalom for Faith

- **NAS John 20:26** And after eight days again His disciples were inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst, and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand, and put it into My side; and be not unbelieving, but believing."
- **NAS Ephesians 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;
- **NAS Philippians 1:29** For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,
- **NAS Matthew 16:17** And Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

Shalom for Us

- **NAS John 20:29** Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed *are* they who did not see, and yet believed."
- **ESV 2 Corinthians 5:7** for we walk by faith, not by sight.
- **NAS Hebrews 11:1** Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- **NAS 1 Peter 1:8** and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,⁹ obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

Conclusions

Jesus: Our Lord and Our God

- **NAS Titus 3:4** But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, ⁵ He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ that being justified by His grace we might be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life.
- **NAS Titus 2:13** looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus;