

JESUS SAYS, "THAT IS *NOT* WHO I AM" Absolute Surrender

Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by (1) a spirit or (2) a message or (3) a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.
2 Thessalonians 2:1-2

FIRST, A COUPLE OF TROUBLING QUESTIONS:

- Do your personal experiences cloud your view of reality?
- Do you sometimes try to create Jesus in your own image?
- Do you superimpose your earthly relationships, good and bad, on your relationship with God?
- Have you ever been mad or disappointed with God?
- Do you sometimes view God as hard or disinterested in your life and/or your problems?
- Does God sometimes seem far off and impersonal?
- Do you often wonder why God doesn't answer *your* prayers?
- Do you believe that God *can...* but sometimes doubt that He actually *will*? And if so, why?
- Do you believe that all the promises in Scripture are real and for you? Or, do they seem like wishful thinking?
- Does your view of God impact your devotion to Him? Your witness about Him? Or your passion towards Him?
- Do you ever use the phrase, "my Jesus"? Such as, "Let me tell you about *my* Jesus."

WHO IS THE "OTHER JESUS" THAT PAUL SPEAKS OF?

But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. For if one comes and preaches (1) another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a (2) different spirit which you have not received, or a (3) different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear this beautifully.
2 Corinthians 11:2-3

For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.
2 Corinthians 11:13-15

If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, he is conceited and understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions, and constant friction between men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain.
1 Timothy 6:3-5

I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and (they) will turn away their ears from the truth and (they) will turn aside to myths.
2 Timothy 4:1-4

Primary Point

If we don't know the real Jesus and create Him based on our own personal experience, we will suffer in devotion and surrender to Him. Why? Because we won't see Him for who He is but will embrace (1) another Jesus and receive (2) another spirit that will lead us to believe (3) another gospel.

Beautiful

I can't live a day, without You in my life.
Just to breathe You in, is my heart's desire.
Longing to touch the hem, I reach out to You.
To sing of who You are, is all I long to do.

You are beautiful, so I lift my hands and worship You, oh my God.
You're my saving grace, so I'm on my face
to worship You, oh my God.

Nothing can compare, to Your endless love.
With all that I do, You still call me beloved.
You're my comfort, yeah. And my self-worth.
Your full beauty is a sign that was sent to earth.