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*“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” (2 Timothy 3:16)*

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## IT IS WRITTEN, BUT MANY REJECT THE TEACHING

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Let us continue our consideration of some things that are written in the NT but many “believers” reject.

18. Acts 10:34- **“...Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.”** Paul said: **“For there is no respect of persons with God.”** [Rom. 2:11] In James 2:1 we read: **“...have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ...with respect of persons.”** V 9 says: **“But if ye have respect of persons, ye commit sin...”** NOTE: Although the teaching here is plain, there are many who simply reject it. Do you?

19. 1 Cor. 10:12- **“Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.”**

Heb. 3:12- **“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.”** In Gal. 5:4 we read: **“Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.”** NOTE: Although it is clearly taught in these passages

that it is certainly possible for a child of God *to fall, to fall from grace* and *to depart from the living God*, there are many so-called believers who reject this!

20. Eph. 4:4-6- **“There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”** NOTE: Let us consider the seven “ones” that are mentioned here. It is written very plainly that **“there is:**

(1) **One body.**” It is written in Col. 1:18 that **“he is the head of the body, the church”** and in Eph. 1:22-23 that God put Christ over **“the church, Which is his body.”** Since **“there is one body”** and **“the body”** is **“the church”**, how many *true* bodies are there?

(2) **One Spirit.**” How many *true* Holy Spirits are there?

(3) **One hope.**” How many *true* hopes are there?

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## Editorial...

### WHAT OTHERS THOUGHT ABOUT JESUS

While Jesus was here on earth, He made a number of claims. Here are some of them. He claimed that he:

#### 1. *Came from God.*

In John 8:42 Jesus said: "...for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself. But he sent me." Also see John 6:38.

#### 2. *To be equal with God.*

In Phil 2:5-6 says: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God." Also see John 5:17-18; 1:1-3, 14 & 17:5.

#### 3. *Is the Son of God.*

In John 10:36 Jesus said: "Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest: because I said, I am the Son of God?"

#### 4. *Has all power (authority) in heaven and in earth.*

In Mt. 28:18 Jesus said: "All power is given me in heaven and in earth."

5. *To be the way, the truth the life, the bread of life, the light of the world, the true vine, the door of the sheep, the good shepherd and the resurrection.* See & read carefully John 14:6; 6:35; 8:12; 15:1; 10:7; 10:14 & 11:25.

### WHAT OTHERS THOUGHT ABOUT JESUS

Since we have noticed some claims made by Him, let us now consider what others thought and said to/or about Jesus.

#### 1. *THE ANGEL OF THE LORD.*

In Luke 2:10-11 we read: "...Fear not for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

#### 2. *JOHN THE BAPTIST.*

In John 1:29 we read: "*The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*" In verse 34 John said: "*And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.*"

#### 3. *PETER.*

In Mt. 16:13-17 Jesus said: "...Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said...He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."

#### 4. *THOMAS.*

In John 20:24-28 we read: "But Thomas...was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples...said unto him, We have

seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and thrust my finger into his side, I will not believe. And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.”

#### 5. *DISCIPLES.*

We are told in Mt. 14:2-33: “...And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.”

#### 6. *PAUL.*

In Phil. 3:8-11 we read: “...I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.”

#### 7. *JUDAS.*

In Mt. 27:3-5 we read: “Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests & elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood.

And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed. And went and hanged himself.” In Acts 1:18 we read: “Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity: and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.”

#### 8. *THE CENTURION AND THOSE WITH HIM.*

Matthew tells us in 27:54: “Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.”

#### 9. *PILATE.*

We read in Luke 23:4 that Pilate said “to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man.” In Luke 23:22 Pilate further said: “...I have found no cause of death in him... In Mt. 27:24 we read: “When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.”

#### 10. *DEVILS.*

In Luke 4:41 it says: “And the devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God...”

#### 11. *GOD.*

In Mt. 3:16-17 we read: “And Jesus, when he was baptized...the heavens were opened unto him...And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” On “*the holy mount*” a voice out of the cloud said: “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him” Mt. 17:5; 1 Pet. 1:18.

Candidly consider the above testimony of those who saw Jesus and accept it! (CRS)

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(4) **One Lord.**” How many “lords” do you accept? How many *true* “Lords” are there?

(5) **One faith.**” How many *true* “faiths” are there? Do you believe what is written? The “one faith” is to be obeyed and contended for according to Acts 6:7 and Jude 3.

(6) **One baptism.**” Do you accept this? You should! It is written! Although there had been other baptisms by the time Paul wrote Eph. 4:4-6 he declared that “**there is...one baptism.**”

(7) **One God.**” “...**Though there be gods many and lords many.) But to us there is but one God...and one Lord Jesus Christ...**” [1 Cor. 8:5-6]. How many "Gods" do you accept? How many of the seven "ones" here in Eph.4:4-6 do you accept? Since this is written, do not reject any? It is God's word!

(To be continued) (CRS)

### JOBS AND WORKERS

In 2 Thess. 3:10 we read "**...that if any would not work, neither should he eat.**" Our economy is such that many men are out of work and need jobs. It will certainly help the economy when more jobs are available. However, one great need of the day is: **A real man for every job!** [CRS]

CORRECTION: The Ligon St. Meetings began July 29, 2012 and not as it appeared in last month's **Instructor**. I am sorry for the error!

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## SENTENCE SERMONS

If you skate on thin ice you may end up in hot water. Don't skate on thin ice! Heed warnings!

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Some people are kind, polite & sweet-spirited until you disagree with them.

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A good friend is indeed one of the great treasures here on earth! Be one to someone!

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An obstacle is what you see when you take your eye off the goal! Keep you eyes on the goal!

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If a window of opportunity to do good appears, please do not pull down the shade!

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