



IS CHRIST THE SAME AS JESUS

"And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." (Matt. 16:16)

Did Peter say that the words "JESUS" and "CHRIST" are the same? I don't think so.

"The Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess the he was CHRIST, he should be put out of the synagogue. (John 9:22)

This indicates that CHRIST was something that JESUS could have been.

"God hath made that same JESUS, both LORD and CHRIST." (Acts 2:36)

CONCORDANCE

Strong and Young both agree that CHRIST means ANOINTED. Strong goes even farther to say it means "to smear or rub with oil, i.e. (by implication) to consecrate to an office or religious service: - ANOINT.

They also both agree that the word JESUS means SAVIOUR.

The word "JESUS" means "SAVIOUR." The word"CHRIST" means "ANOINTED."

The Bible uses the word "CHRIST" in connection with <u>another</u> meaning.

BODY OF CHRIST

"Ye are the body of CHRIST, and members in particular." (I Cor. 12:27)

"He gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of CHRIST." (Eph. 4:11-12)

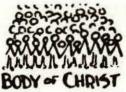
It should be pretty obvious that the word "CHRIST" in the above two scriptures teach that you and I, as members of His church, are members of the body of CHRIST. In this case, "CHRIST" refers to the anointed believer.

CHRIST IN REVELATION

There is a scripture in Revelation that cannot make sense until we see that difference.

"Now is come salvation, and strength, and the Kingdom of our God, and the power of his CHRIST." (Rev. 12:10)

Most everyone believes that this is in the future, and I do too. But when we give some thought to it we realize that JESUS CHRIST already brought all of these things to US. So it must refer to the time when "the power of His anointing (CHRIST)" is going to be in fullness on His Body of CHRIST (the believers). The capital "C" in the word Christ was supplied by the translators because they thought that it referred to the man Jesus Christ. No capitals were used in old Greek. Unfortunately the use of a capital "C" in Christ makes the reader think about the man Jesus Christ but study of the passage reveals that the word CHRIST refers to the body of anointed (CHRIST) believers.



This Monarch subject was prompted by a recent conversation that went something like this:

Q. David, when you talk about JESUS CHRIST, you often show a difference between the word "JESUS" and the word "CHRIST." Is there some difference?

A. You bet there is! The word "JESUS" refers to my saviour. The word CHRIST refers to my anointed (anointing). There is a big difference.

Q. A friend of mine says that "CHRIST" is the last name of a man named JESUS CHRIST. Is it?

A. No. Absolutely not. "CHRIST" is the title of the office of "JESUS." It is not His last name. But your friend is not alone in his mistaken idea about the word "CHRIST." There must be thousands who share the error with him.

Q. What difference does it make? Why be so technical?

A. As a Bible teacher I have to be technical in order to develop followup ideas.

Q. I see. The BODY OF CHRIST is not the same as JESUS CHRIST. Right?



A. Right! Many scriptures that use the word Christ (with a capital "C") make us think that they refer to Jesus Christ when really some of them refer to the "Body of Christ." This error in thinking has caused some people to believe that Jesus Christ is going to come back and do a lot of things to set the world in order - to prepare for HIS kingdom. Most of the things that people believe that Jesus is going to do - will really be done by the Body of Christ. Since we are the Body of Christ, that means that we have been expecting Jesus to do things that are really our job. Look at this chart.

| GREEK | JESUS . | CHRIST |
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| HEBREW | JOSHUA | MESSIAH |
| ENGLISH | SAVIOUR | ANOINTED |

The words "JESUS CHRIST" are really an Anglicized form of GREEK. They are derived from the HEBREW words "JOSHUA MESSIAH." The meaning of the words in ENGLISH is "SAVIOUR ANOINTED." Thus, when you say JESUS CHRIST, you are really saying THE ANOINTED SAVIOUR. The word "JESUS" means "JOSHUA" and that means "SAVIOUR." The word "CHRIST" means "MESSIAH" and that means "ANOINTED."

THE FUTURE

Some Christians have developed the idea that Jesus is going to return some day and set the world right.

Jesus gave US power to: 1.) Cast out devils, 2.) Speak with new tongues, 3.) Be relieved from harm if we drink poison or touch a snake, 4.) Lay hands on sick for recovery. (Mark 16: 17-18). That does not sound like Jesus is going to do any more. It looks like He wants us (the Body of Christ) to complete the job.



"And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached to you, whom heaven must receive until the restitution of all things" (Acts 3:21). That makes us believe that Jesus is <u>not</u> going to restore everything - but someone will! "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God, from henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool." (Heb. 10:12-13 & Psa. 110:1)

That pretty well confirms the idea that Jesus is not going to do anything more until after the perfecting of the world.

When I was an "evangelical" I got the idea that Jesus was going to come back to earth and straighten everything out and take the kingdom from the bad guys and give all the goodies to us good guys who had believed in him.

But that is not what the scripture really says.

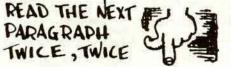


It says that when Jesus returns it will be to <u>receive</u> the kingdom - not to bring it to us. (Rev. 4:10, 5:6-14, esp. v 12)

That makes me think that when Jesus returns - He will <u>receive</u> the kingdom from good guys - not the bad guys. (The bad guys won't give Him anything.)

But presently, the good guys do not possess the kingdom - so how can they give it to Him?

It looks to me like the good guys had better start thinking about possessing the kingdom and restoring all things, because He is not going to come back until they do!



THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST

Now we can better understand a mysterious scripture.

"And did all drink the same <u>spiritual</u> drink: for they drank of the <u>spiritual</u> <u>Rock</u> that followed them: and that Rock was CHRIST." (The anointing) I Cor.10:4) The pastor of a church I used to go to insisted that the <u>Rock</u> was JESUS. I never felt comfortable with that idea because I knew that the man Jesus who was born of the Virgin Mary could not have been walking around the desert 1500 years before He was born.

Now I can see that the reference is to the CHRIST (spiritual anointing) and is not to the JESUS. The spiritual anointing (CHRIST) that produced spiritual meat (V3) and spiritual drink (V4), and numerous other miracles in the life of Moses was the same CHRIST (spiritual anointing) that produced the numerous miracles in the life of JESUS.

One key word to notice is that it was a "<u>SPIRITUAL</u>" Rock, not a natura] physical one.

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The name given to that "SPIRITUAL" Rock in the Old Testament is ELOAH (second Lord in Psa. 110:1). At this point I must suggest that you become familiar with our teachings on the NAMES OF GOD through our tapes and written publications. These connected thoughts will take the lid off of some Bible mysteries.

WAS JESUS MELCHISEDEC?

In the past many pastors have taught me that Melchisedec was JESUS. I had trouble with that also. I did not raise a fuss - but I just could not see how JESUS could have been walking around talking to Abraham some 2000 years before the birth of JESUS.

Now it answers the questions when we see that Melchisedec received that same spiritual anointing (CHRIST) that came upon Jesus some 2000 years later, making Him JESUS CHRIST.

THE LORD SAID UNTO MY LORD

"Jesus asked them (the Pharisees) saying, What think ye of CHRIST: whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of DAVID. He saith unto them, How then doth <u>DAVID IN SPIRIT</u> call him LORD, saying, The LORD said unto my LORD, Sit Thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? (Psa. 110:1). If DAVID then call him LORD, how is he his son? And no man was able to answer him a word." (Matt. 22: 41-46)

We believe that the Holy Spirit has increased our understanding in these days so that we can now provide the answer.

Back then, they could not see that there is a defference between spirit and soul and body. We have been studying about a SPIRITUAL ANOINTING - MESSIAH in the O.T. - CHRIST in the N.T.

This anointing - MESSIAH-CHRIST came upon DAVID and caused "DAVID IN SPIRIT to call him LORD" (Matt. 22:43)

The SPIRITUAL ANOINTING - MESSIAH - CHRIST pre-existed the natural body of DAVID.

Back then they could not see how a man (DAVID) could refer to his own son (JESUS) as LORD. (A father does not call his son, "BOSS"). The answer is that DAVID was not referring to his son (JESUS) when he referred to him as LORD. In that sense, DAVID was referring to the CHRIST -MESSIAH - SPIRITUAL ANOINTING. This same force was actually the LORD of DAVID. But that force predated the body of DAVID. It was the same force that kept Melchisedec alive. It was the same force that gave miraculous power to Moses. It was the same force that came upon Jesus to make Him JESUS CHRIST. It is the same force that comes upon us (the body) to make us the BODY OF CHRIST.

Traditionally, JESUS CHRIST refers to a man. Technically, "it refers to two separate and distinct thoughts.

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