

Jesus Christ, the Same...

Just three nights before our national election, I received a dream I believe was from God which lasted for most of the night. It began by bringing before me the great suffering and loss of life caused by the Coronavirus pandemic. While seeing this horrible scene, I heard the words *“But Jesus, the same....”* I saw the riots and the burning cities, and the violence in the streets; and again I heard *“But Jesus, the same....”* I tossed and turned in bed that night, troubled as I saw our little children being “sexualized” by drag queens, seeking to bring them into the LGBTQ+ community. Yet, in the midst of all this, I heard the words *“But Jesus, the same....”* I call this a dream, but it would have been a “nightmare” if I had not been reassured over and over, *“But Jesus, the same....”*

“Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, today, and forever.” Hebrews 13:8

There is much more to the horror I saw during that night, but in every case hearing, *“But Jesus, the same....,”* I actually woke up rejoicing, knowing that regardless of all that is going wrong in the world around us, there is an answer, and only one answer; *“Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever”* Hebrews 13:8. He was God's answer “yesterday” while He was on earth, and He is God's answer today as He sits at the Father's right hand in heaven.

Many of those in this generation who profess to believe are actually worshipping a “generic god,” which is no god at all. During a Republican primary debate for 2000 presidential election, the candidates were asked which philosopher had influenced them most. George W. Bush answered “Jesus Christ, because He changed my life.” He went on to win the national election by only 537 votes in one Florida county. I believe God gave George W. Bush to be our president because of his profession of faith in Jesus Christ. As president, Mr. Bush chose John Ashcroft, a devout Christian and a member of the Assemblies of God, to be his attorney General. For nine months, there were daily prayer meetings and bible studies in the White House, and President Bush was very vocal in his love for Jesus Christ, his savior. Then came 9/11, when the worshipers of “another god” flew two planes into the twin towers in New York City, and another into the Pentagon in Washington D.C. Almost three thousand American citizens were slain that same day. One of the first responses by the president was a prayer meeting in which representatives of almost every religion prayed to a “generic god.” The Buddhist, the Hindu, the Muslim, along with the Christian and the Jew, all prayed to the “universal god;” an assertion that every

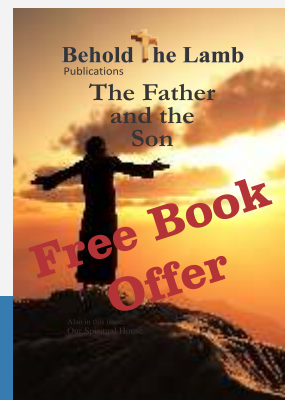
religion worships the same god. There is one problem with this, however. The bible is the Word of God, and in seven separate places, the “true God” is identified as *“the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,”* and also identifies Jesus as *“the Christ, the Son of the living God”* Matthew 16:16, John 11:27.

America has taken the same approach to the name of Jesus Christ that the Jewish Sanhedrin Council took in the early days of the church. After God gave Jesus to die on the cross as *“the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world”* John 1:29, He raised Him from the dead. Some fifty days later, on the Day of Pentecost, God *“poured out His Spirit”* upon a hundred and twenty of those Jews who believed Jesus was their Messiah. On that same day, the Apostle Peter preached the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and three thousand of those who had demanded the death of Jesus repented and were *“added to the church.”* A short time later, Peter healed a lame beggar at the gate of the temple, saying *“In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”* Immediately, his feet and ankle bones received strength, *“and he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God”* Acts 3:8. So many were converted to Jesus that the high priest of the Jews felt threatened, and called a meeting to determine what to do, saying...

“What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it. But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name. And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.” Acts 4:16-18

Without Jesus Christ, America is doomed. Right now, it seems we live in a nation more influenced by demons than by God. There is only one answer; We must turn from the “generic god” and openly declare Jesus Christ to be *“the same, yesterday, today and forever.”* When He came into the Temple, the moneychangers were driven out. When He comes into a heart, sin and Satan are “cast out.” Do you want the “drag queens” out of our elementary schools? Bring Jesus Christ in! I assure you; they will not share the same space, whether in a “heart,” or in a classroom.

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” Acts 4:12



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