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## Caeserea Philippi

When the Lord Jesus, and the apostles came to the parts of Caeserea Philippi, he asked the apostles saying, "Who do men say that I the Son of man is?" Notice that he said, Son of man. Jesus liked to call himself the Son of man to identify himself with us. He used that term Son of man over eighty times in the four gospel accounts. John said, "The word became flesh and dwelt among us." So he identified himself with us when he sat on a well, and asked a woman to give him a drink, and when he fasted forty days and hungered, even though he could say he that believeth on me shall never hunger and thirst. He was like us when he fell asleep in a boat in the midst of a choppy sea, even though it was he who poured all the rivers, lakes, and oceans into their places, and then hung the big dipper in the sky. He was like us when he said, foxes have holes, birds have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head; like us in the very fact that he was born just like us, and was upheld in the arms of his mother, even though he himself upholdeth all things by the word of his power. He was like us when he died, and tasted of death once for every man, like us when tempted in all points like as we are, and yet without sin, like us when as a child he increased in stature daily, and in favor with God and man. Jesus will still identify himself with us at his second coming because he predicted to the High Priest at his trial: "Ye shall see the Son of man seated at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

And because he was like us, Paul could tell us in Acts 17:31 "God hath appointed a day when he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained, whereof he hath given assurance unto all the nations in that he hath raised him from the dead." Remember on the Judgment day according to Matthew 25, it is the Son of man who will sit on his throne, and no one will be able to say: Lord you didn't know what it was like to live on earth poor, persecuted, a member of a minority race. To this the Son of man may say, "O yes, I do, been

there done that."

Who do men say that I the Son of man is? The apostles told him who the people said he was. They said, "You are John the Baptist; some Elijah, and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." The only way the people could explain Jesus was by calling him by the name of someone who had been raised from the dead.

Then Jesus asked the Apostles who they thought he was, and Peter said, "Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God." Why would Peter call him the Son of the living God? Thomas said, "My Lord, and my God." Philip called him the Son of God; the king of Israel. John referred to Jesus when he said these things are written that ye may know that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Peter on another occasion called him the holy One of God.

However in the context of this event Peter called him the Son of the living God, because every one else said he was the son of someone who had been dead for hundreds of years. Jesus was not the Son of a dead man; he was the only begotten Son of the living God.

Jesus then said, "Blessed art thou Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto thee, but my Father who is in heaven." There is a big difference in flesh and blood answers, and the answers of God. One great flesh and blood answer to the question what must I do to be saved is, just bow your head and tell the Lord to come into your heart.

That is not exactly what God said. Actually there is a double whammy to flesh and blood answers. It was Doctor Joseph Gobbles the propaganda minister of the Nazi in World War Two who said, "If you tell a lie over, and over again, people will believe it as the truth." That is the first whammy, and the second whammy is what Jesus said in John 12:43 "Of the rulers, many of them believed on him, but they did not confess it because of the Pharisees; for they loved the glory of men more than the glory of God." If millions of people hear popular preachers say, the Jack

of Diamonds is a greater prophet than Isaiah, they will believe it, if it is said over and over, because they love the glory of men more than the glory of God.

Then Jesus in answer to the God given answer Peter made said, "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" The debate goes on: What is the rock on which the Church is built? Let us ask Peter himself, he ought to know. Peter referred to Jesus in his first epistle chapter two, verses four through eight: as a living stone rejected of men, and we also are living stones, built up a spiritual house. Then Peter referred to Jesus as the chief corner stone elect and precious.

Listen again to Paul in Ephesians two as he declares we are fellow-citizens with the saints and the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles, and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the chief corner stone. Hear Paul again in 1st Corinthians 3:11 "For other foundation can not man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

Then there is a further word from Jesus in the last of Matthew 21 as he referred to himself as the stone the builders rejected, and said, "Whoever falls on that stone shall be broken in pieces, and on whomever it falls it will scatter him as dust." We are reminded also of this in Revelation 6 When many will call upon the rocks of the mountains to fall on them, and cover them from the face of him that sitteth on the throne. The rock that falls on them is the Rock of Ages that will grind them as dust.

Then after it was established that Jesus was the Christ the Son of the living God, the Lord gave them the bad news. He, the Son of the living God would be rejected and crucified. It was Peter again who was the first to speak. He said, "Lord, this shall never be unto thee." This time Jesus said to Peter; "Get thee behind me Satan, for thou art a stumbling block unto me, for thou mindest not the things of God, but the things of men." Peter now was preaching the gospel of the Devil; that is what the Devil said through the chief priests when Jesus was on the cross; "Come down from the cross, and we will believe on thee."

Peter may have thought of that when he warned all rejecters of the blood of Christ; notice again in his words in his first epistle 2:8 "A stone of stumbling and a rock of offence; for they stumble at the word being disobedient." It is ironic that Peter, who many think was the rock, should himself stumble on the rock. Lord this shall never be unto thee. Many a preacher has been advised by the Devil, who tells them don't go to the cross; don't go to Jerusalem.

After this Jesus reminded the apostles that we also have a cross when he said, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whosoever would save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what shall a man be profited if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Sometimes we want as much of the world as we can get. If we get a car, and lose it, we can get another. If you lose a credit card, you can get another, if you lose your coat, you can get another, if you lose your house, you can

get another. But if you lose your soul, it is gone for all eternity.

Someone has expressed it well in these lines: If you make your goal in riches what then? If you dress in pin-stripe britches, what then? If your checkbook has six fingers, when the reaper calls by jiggers what then? When your glory is diminished, what then? When the doctor says you're finished, what then? When the passing moments tell, like the echo of a bell, that you are headed straight for hell, what then?

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## UPDATE FROM IKE & LEE

We salute every one of you out there in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord-Praise His glorious Name! May the good Lord bless you all once again.

**THE TRUTH**—this small but growing ministry is doing very well by the grace of God and the Lord is showering His blessings on us for the work we are doing for Him. Our works in the villages for the past 10 years or so have been very fruitful with more ministries or activities been created or enacted to fulfill the great commission; distribution of Bibles, Tracts, Clothing and Bible Lessons, Sermon Translations, Planting of new Churches, Supporting young Christians/Preachers to manage newly planted churches and Children Welfare (our newly created ministry or program to look for sponsorship or foster parents for children in the Churches of Christ whose parents are alive but cannot care for them due to poverty or whose parents are dead (orphans) and have no one to care for them.

### FIANKO

This newly planted congregation of the Lord's church is doing well with new converts almost every Sunday. The other 5 villages around this village are producing more souls into the church but there is still the need to plant two more churches in two villages, as the people complain of the distance to Fianko. At times, I know it is very difficult to believe someone far away from you when he tells you he is doing this or that for God, and or, the people, but the Bibles says blessed is he who believes and act upon what he believes though he has not seen. But for the soul-winning job we have taken upon ourselves, we would also have been very rich, because we spend between 70-80 percent of our scanty income on our soul-winning operations, something I know most people won't do. Come into our sitting room, you won't get even a sofa to sit on, our house (which has still not been painted since it was built in 1995-2003) still needs some touches but we are managing with it.

We still have more lessons to mail for grading and we are receiving more completed lessons from students ever working day. More letters requesting for enrollment in the lessons are pouring in everyday. We Praise the Lord for the vision given to Ed and Naomi to run this Bible Study program to teach people about His word. Many are understanding the Bible through the lessons and people are giving themselves to Christ. Please continue to contribute towards the lessons to go!

Our Ed's Sermon Translation program too is doing well with lot of calls and invitation to come to let them hear the non-corrupt sermons. We run this program twice a week (Fridays and Tuesdays), and we are okay with it though it is tedious at times because we do our secular work on these days after which we go do this translation job. Please pray for us.

We are begging you who is reading this piece to continue to pray for us as we have been called to urgently plant another congregation at Agona Nkwanta but the fund to go with and to support the Preacher to man this congregation after it is planted has been the delayed factor. There are already members of the Church of Christ in this town but the ability to start the congregation has been a problem for them and they can't travel to worship always. So please, pray for us.

Shalom-Peace! Ike and Lee

## **THE LORD IS THE WAITER**

### **Communion Meditation**

When Jesus fed the five thousand with five loaves, and two fishes, Matthew, Mark, and Luke say that Jesus brake the loaves, and the fishes, and gave to them, and likewise the fishes. Jesus was the waiter.

When the Lord fed the four thousand, with seven loaves, and a few fishes, Matthew, and Mark say, Jesus again was the server when he brake, and gave to them. For the second time, Jesus is the waiter.

When the Lord Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper Matthew, Mark, and Luke say the Lord brake the loaves and gave to them, and likewise also the cup. Again Jesus was the waiter.

In John Twenty One, after the resurrection, seven of the apostles had fished all night, and took nothing. On the advice of Jesus standing on the shore they cast, the nets again, and caught a boatload of fishes, a hundred, and fifty and three. When they came ashore, and saw a fire of coal burning, and fish laid thereon and bread. Jesus said, "Bring of the fish, which ye have now taken," and after this the Lord said, "Come now and break your fast. This would be the Lord's Breakfast, as Jesus came and brake the fish, and bread and gave to them. Once again it was the Lord who was the waiter.

According to Luke in chapter twelve, Jesus again will be the waiter at his second coming. Even if he finds them with their lamps burning in the second watch, he shall gird himself, and make them sit down to meat, and serve them. Once again, Jesus will be the waiter.

Jesus brake the loaves at the feeding of the five thousand, the four thousand; at the institution of the Lords Supper, after the resurrection, and at his second coming. Every time Jesus is the waiter.

It appears that Jesus is the one who gives us our daily bread, either temporal, spiritual, or celestial. Without the

heavenly waiter who serves us, the human race would starve. And so it is especially appropriate, as we eat of the loaf, and drink of the cup at the Lord's Table, that our hearts are filled with gratitude, as we remember the words of a well know gospel chorus:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## **LETTERS**

Hi Sir Ed Bousman!

This is but a dropped by information. I received all the materials you have sent in the mail, Thank you for the Bibles for our Church. I keep on doing well with the congregation in Caba, brother Bousman. I am more on encouraging our brethren here in preaching and discipleship as we are set to extend our group in the town proper. Hope we could see some evident manifestation on this target on the months ahead. Aside from these activities I also received some appointment outside my town. Lately I was in a congregation that requested me to perform funeral service in their place as there is no one among them experiences enough on this kind of presentation. Of course it is always a joy to me to have a large audience and proclaim the Gospel of Hope such as this one. Wish I could have a camera that I could share you some photos on such event. I am planning to send you some letter in the mail soon. Hope I could secure some pictures of our recent activities and share them to you. Thanks so much Sir Ed Bousman for your continuous encouragement. Sometimes I would just stuck in a corner pondering over my situation as I continue to have some sickness. May God Bless You! Please give my thanks & regards to all the brethren who work with you side by side to make your ministry possible of reach for us and for the whole world!

My kudos to all of you,  
Ed from the Philippines.

Dear Brother Ed Bousman,

I greet you and thank you for the good works that you are doing and continue to do. I just wanted to tell you I am thinking of you and praying for you. I have now received 7 boxes, 5 with clothes, 1 with 10 Bible and lessons 1-30 and 1 with 20 Bibles. On study materials, such as Bibles tracks, and consequently Bible study lessons would be highly appreciated if such items are sent to us in big number. We look forward to hearing more from you. Thank you again for your help, God bless you.

With much love, your obedient servant,  
John Evangelist of Solwezi Church of Christ,  
Solwezi, Zambia

Beloved Brother Bousman,

God the Almighty is indeed using you to achieve great, great results worldwide.

I am happy for your serious efforts in reaching out to

millions and even billions.

To God alone be the glory in your life through Christ Jesus, Amen. I have today taken delivery of two boxes of clothing and twenty four Bibles. I thank you so much. Please thank Sister Naomi also for me. I am very happy for this gesture. These are the main things we need in this hard soil. Truly speaking most of the people are very poor to the last extent, it is indescribable. It is common to see me asking assistance from some brethren to assist many at a time I myself is suffering. I thank God for your life, Brother Bousman, I am very grateful for your love, care and concern for the work I am doing here. Life is very tough here for me and my family but I am determined to work harder. The fact is that I don't want to be complaining else I cannot do the job. I have much to accomplish in this hard soil, my brother. Souls are perishing so much in this land. This year we have won more souls and I thank God for that. You are indeed a brother who has serious concern towards the Lord's work. God keep abiding with you and your family through Christ our Lord. Please pray hard for me here. I have much to accomplish to the glory of God in this Muslim dominated sub region. Thanks be to God, things are moving on fine this year and many souls are being won. Thanks. Truly God is just a prayer away, brother. Greetings to Sister Naomi in the Lord. I wish you all continuous peace from God, Amen.

Alexander Ofori, a servant of the Most High God  
from The Gambia, W. Africa

Dear Ed and Naomi Bousman,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. I would like to subscribe for the postal Bible study and the sermons of the week you send on the email. I would be glad to receive it at the following address.

Jacinta from Pune,  
MAHARASHTRA, INDIA.

Dear Sir,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and son Jesus Christ. It is my hope and pleasure that my letter will find you strong as you continue laboring for him. Brother Ed, as stated above I want to convey my gratitude to your ministry. Thanks to God who dedicated me to your ministry I have learnt a lot. Loving brother, with your sermon newsletter and studies in the Bible I can confirm to you that God is at work we have opened a new Church at Wazanga and it's our plan that we plant one in Mindolo. That's why we are requesting you to scout your people for 2 Lord's Supper trays and cups to enable us to fulfill the great commission. Zambia being the poor country we can no afford these things, kindly assist us. I would like to continue any other Bible Studies that you have to send to me. Thanking you in advance.

John from Zambia, Central Africa

Glory be to God almighty for He put His power and grace upon you. "Go! This man is a chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings. . . ." Acts 9:15, "Who will bring charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies." I know you are working for the expansion of the kingdom of God. May God bless you in all you do. I will be delighted if you consider me as one of your students. I need the correspondence Bible Study lessons and the full version Bible which includes the Old and New Testaments.

Yonas from Asmara, Eritrea, E. Africa.

Dear Ed,

I have just received the Bible and the Bible study materials just 2 days before. I really am happy after all and God bless you abundantly for this. I will continue the course of study.

Temish from Eritrea, E. Africa.



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