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Disciples

There has been much going on among the board at CDMI. Because of this, we are putting out a special issue of the New Creation. This will include a message from me and a letter from the president of CDMI. A request will be made to all our readers. Yes, this means you!



We are updating our website (<u>www.cdmi.org</u>). One reason for this is we believe that we can reach more individuals with the Truth, help more individuals become disciples of Christ and strengthen and encourage those who are disciples of Christ more easily through our website. It is also true that many individuals are searching the internet to find the Truth. Another reason is to increase the outreach of the Bible Truth Correspondence Course (which is available for sign-up on our website). We encourage input from our readers. Please use the following email: <u>CDMIonline@gmail.com</u> or write our president.

Jesus Christ said,' I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. **No one** can come unto the Father (Yahweh) except through me (the Messiah).' (John 14:6)

Do you believe this? Why do you believe this? Jesus said, 'Search the scriptures; for in them you think you have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.' (John 5:39) Luke 24:27: Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning the Messiah. (Luke 24:44-48) John 20:17: "Don't cling to me," Jesus said, "for I haven't yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."" (John 20:21)

To what scriptures was Jesus referring when He said search the scriptures? In the days of His walking on the Earth, the scriptures would be what we call the Old Testament. Are you searching these scriptures to see if Jesus was telling the truth?

Here are some:

Isaiah 26:9 - In the night I **search** for you; in the morning I earnestly **seek** you.

Isaiah 65:10 - The plain of Sharon will again be filled with flocks for my people who have **searched** for me, and the valley of Achor will be a place to pasture herds. For only when you come to judge the earth will people learn righteousness.

Psalm 70:4 - But may all who **search** for you be filled with joy and gladness in you. May those who love your salvation repeatedly shout, "God is great!"

Others are: Deuteronomy 4:29-32, 1 Chronicles 16:11, 2 Chronicles 16:9, Psalm 9:10, 34:14, 40:16, 63:1, 77:2, 101:16,105:4, 119:2, 139:23, Proverbs 8:17, Isaiah 34:16, 41:17, 57:10, Jeremiah 17:10, Lamentations 3:25. There are many more!

It is important to point out that the Valley of Achor is where Achan and his family were stoned to death under Joshua's order for stealing from the LORD (Joshua 7) and that in 1878 Jews settled the Valley of Achor as shepherds. This was the first Jewish settlement in Israel after her destruction!

When talking to the woman at the well, Jesus said,

"Woman, believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the *true* worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in *truth*, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in **truth**."

The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us."

Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you-I am He."

It is written that many who came to hear Jesus at this time believed He was the Messiah outlined in the Old Testament.

How do we know that salvation is from the Jews? Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were all told this and Jacob became Israel, the nation of the Jews. Jesus said,' Long after Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had died, God said, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Yahweh is the God of the living, not the dead." (Matthew 22:32, Gen 12:1-3, 26:2-6, 32:9-12, Ex 3:6, 3:9)

Jesus knew who God was and that he was under his Father's authority:

Matthew 11:25-30:

At that time Jesus prayed this prayer: 'O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way! My Father has entrusted everything to me. No one truly knows the Son except the Father, and no one truly knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.'

Then Jesus said, 'Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.'

We see that Jesus' message from GOD is for the humble and those who want to walk with Jesus. Jesus assures us that following Him is not a burden. As another assurance we have:

John 6:37-39:

'But you haven't believed in me even though you have seen me. However, those the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them. For I have come down from heaven **to do the will of God who sent me**, <u>not to do my own will</u>. And <u>this is the will of</u> <u>God</u>: that I should not lose even one of all those He has given me, but that I should raise them up at the last day.'

Just as Jesus had a position under GOD and accepted that position with love, each of us has a role in God's Kingdom and in God's service. GOD loves each human the same. We are each a creation of HIS! However, each of us has a position in the Church of Christ. These roles are outlined in the Old Testament, in Jesus' words, and in the Apostle's epistles. It is important that we search the scriptures daily to determine what that role is and that we accept it with love.

Concerning us doing this will of the Heavenly Father, Jesus says, "Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. (Matthew 7:21) and 'Anyone who does the will of

my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother!" (Matthew 12:50)

In fact, Jesus gives strong warning about doing and accepting the will of God and knowing who God is.

Matthew 23:9-18:

"And don't address anyone here on earth as 'Father,' for only God in heaven is your Father. And don't let anyone call you 'Teacher,' for you have only one teacher, the Messiah. *The greatest among you must be a servant.* But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you shut the door of the Kingdom of Heaven in people's faces. You won't go in yourselves, and you don't let others enter either. "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you cross land and sea to make one convert, and then you turn that person into <u>twice the child of</u> <u>Gehenna as you yourselves are</u>!"

Each one of us is a work in progress. We can let Yahweh be the potter of our lives or not. These are really the only two choices in life that matter. Will you let Yeshua be your role model and your master? Will you be one of His disciples?

In Matthew 12, the Pharisees ask Jesus to give them a sign. He tells them, 'Only an evil, adulterous generation would demand a miraculous sign; but the only sign I will give them is the sign of the prophet Jonah.'

Who is this prophet Jonah? The scriptures tell us:

2 Kings 14:25 - Jeroboam II recovered the territories of Israel between Lebo-hamath and the Dead Sea, just as the Lord, the God of Israel, had promised through Jonah son of Amittai, the prophet from Gath-hepher.

Jonah 1:9 - Jonah answered, "I am a Hebrew, and I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the land."

Jonah 1:17 - Now the Lord had arranged for a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was inside the fish for three days and three nights.

Jesus is telling the Pharisees that He will be in the belly of the Earth for three days and three nights and then GOD will release Him.

Jesus asked His disciples who they thought He was.

Matthew 16:13 – 17:

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But what about you?' He asked. 'Who do you say I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by My Father in heaven.'

Peter who was with Jesus many days knew who Jesus was from the scriptures and the life that Jesus lived. It is interesting to note that the recorder of this event recognizes that Jesus calls Peter the son of Jonah. This must be significant and the Old and New Testaments verify this.

In Matthew 24 Jesus tells the apostles what it will be like just before His Kingdom is to come upon the Earth. After Jesus' resurrection by His Heavenly Father, he appears to the remaining 11 apostles and gives them what has is often called the great commission.

This commission is recorded in the four gospels (Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20 and 21). Matthew 28:18-22:

'I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in **the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit**. Teach these new disciples to **obey** all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: <u>I am with you always, even to the end of the age</u>.'

This commission is very important for us to carry out now. It is our hope to help you become stronger disciples of Jesus Christ and to bring others to become disciples of Jesus Christ. We want you to learn GOD's commands and to share them. GOD and Jesus offer precious promises to those whom are disciples of the Son of God, like the one underlined above.

Here are a few others:

Isaiah 11 (The whole chapter, but here is verse 10) - In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

Habakkuk 2:14 - For as the waters fill the sea, the Earth will be filled with an awareness of the glory of the LORD.

Phil 2:10 - 11 - that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Romans 14:11 - 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bend to me, and every tongue will declare allegiance to God.'

And ... again, there are many more wonderful loving verses like these throughout the Old and New Testament.

After you read the selected verses from 1 Corinthians 15 and then the letter from our president John DiCesare, we hope that you will consider helping CDMI with fulfilling the great commission by submitting an article to Dennis Gorham, sending an email regarding your walk with Christ, or helping CDMI with a donation. (Information below)

Please pray for the CDMI board to use their resources and talents wisely to carry out the great commission and to strengthen, comfort, and encourage the disciples of Christ to do the same and to help those disciples in need.

Reading the Holy Bible daily as a book and as guidance is the most assured way to help you become a better disciple of Christ. GOD wants those who seek to know His Son and His Plan. GOD has a wonderful plan for the world of mankind and He has a special place for the disciples of Christ.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14 - Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong. And do everything with love. J. Sochacki

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1 Corinthians 15 Selected Verses

So much of Paul's writings have sections that do a synopsis of GOD's plan as outlined in the Old Testament. He shows Jesus' role, the role of Jesus' Bride, and GOD's ultimate glorious plan for the world of mankind. Paul, also points out, how important it is that you consider being part of that plan today!

Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also you have received, and wherein you stand;

By which also ye are saved, if you keep in **memory** what I preached unto you, unless you have believed in vain.

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures.

And that He was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

After that, He was seen by more than five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

After that, He was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

And last of all He was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, by man came also the <u>resurrection of</u> the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at <u>His coming.</u>

Then comes the end, when He shall deliver up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when He shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

For He must reign, till he hath put **all** enemies under his feet.

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

For He hath put all things under His feet. But when He says **all** things are put under Him, it is manifest that He is excepted, which did put all things under Him.

And when **all** things shall be subdued unto Him, <u>then shall the Son</u> <u>also Himself be subject unto Him that put all things under Him</u>, **that God may be all in all**. (AMEN!)

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

It is sown a natural body; <u>it is raised a spiritual body</u>. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

And so it is written, *The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.*

Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven.

As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the <u>last **trump**</u>: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (AMEN!)

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Hopefully, these verses give you hope and inspiration. More importantly, they should show you how wonderful GOD's plan was from the beginning and how wonderful it will be once Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father with the Bride on the right hand of Jesus. These three will be ruling over the world of mankind in total love and righteousness. Hallelujah!

Christian Discipling Ministries International A View of its True Significance Letter from the President of CDMI

If you are reading this, you probably subscribe to The New Creation Magazine, and again, perhaps know it is published by Christian Discipling Ministries International (CDMI), that traces its roots to L'Aurora Millenniale, established in 1948, to Christian Millennial Church, incorporated in 1976, and Christian Millennial Fellowship Inc in 1985. As noted on its website, **www.cdmi.org**, its all-volunteer Board changed its name again in 2015 to CDMI to better reflect its then established mission of **"Sharing worldwide a deeper understanding of the Word of God and guidance in living a Christ filled life."** Thus, "discipling" and "ministries" were added to the name in support of its worldwide mission. The above is provided as background, showing the evolution of an organization committed to serve our Heavenly Father, and His Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

With this background, it is important to put CDMI and its many programs in perspective, relative to God's Word. In Revelation 14:1 we read, And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. In a related verse in Revelation 21:2, And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Still related to these verses was what was declared concerning John the Baptist in Mark 1:2, As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. John the Baptist indeed did prepare the way for Jesus, and declared this himself as recorded in John 3:28-30, Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease.

The apostle Paul also speaks of the Bride of Christ, that small flock of 144,000 who were "called, chosen and faithful," in **1 Corinthians 15:52-54,** *In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this*

corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

This 'small flock' of 144,000 out of the many billions who have lived, are described as the "Church of the first born." We read further in **Revelation 20:6**, *Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.* We read again of Christ being the head of the Body (His Bride) in **Colossians 1:18**, *And He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence.*

With all of this background, we can begin to see the real significance of CDMI, even as a very small organization. If it can bring even one person in its 70 years of existence to Christ, that one person could become part of the Church, the body of Christ, and if faithful unto death, a member of the Bride of Christ, who would obtain immortality and reign with Christ in God's coming Kingdom for which we pray.

I have to confess that for years after spending most of my working life helping a relatively small non-profit grow into a relatively large organization I was frustrated that CDMI had not seen significant growth over its 70 years of existence. It was a CDMI student, who signed up for our correspondence course on our website, and one of many assigned to me, that changed my whole view. I witnessed firsthand this student from Rome, Italy grow in appreciation of God's Word. He was so excited. I witnessed his very significant growth in understanding, and I realized as never before its significance. I personally owe a great debt of gratitude to this wonderful student, and new friend.

If just **one** of our New Creation subscribers, or visitors to our website, or readers of our materials on Bible topics, or if just **one** of our hundreds of students are "Called, Chosen and Faithful" as part of the Body of Christ, in all of our 70 years of existence, it would have been all worthwhile. It is my hope you too will join our efforts in service to the Lord, now, and until the end of time.

J. DiCesare

Prayer List

"Far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you." (1 Samuel 12:23)

Let us be Prayer Warriors for our Brethren!



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