

CHRIST EMPHASIS in the N.T.

Notice how many times each word is used in the N. T. from “Romans to Jude” .

“Jesus”:25X

“Jesus Christ”:87X

“Christ Jesus”:60?X

“Lord Jesus Christ”:75X

“Christ”:200?X

“Lord Jesus”:20?X

CHRIST - IT ALL HINGES ON THE REVELATION of the SON 1JOH 2:23

1Jo 2:23 **Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father.** (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and **by him all things consist.**

CHRIST “I AM’s”of Christ ...(are All in John’s Gospel)

I AM The... **Bread of Life** Joh 6:35 (Joh 6:33,35,48,51)

I AM The... **Light of the world** Joh 8:12 (Joh 1:4-5,7-9; 3:19-21; 5:35; 8:12; 9:5; 11:9-10; 12:35-36,46)

I AM The... **Door of the sheep** Joh 10:7 (Joh 10:1-2,7,9;)

I AM The... **Good Shephard** Joh 10:11 (Joh 10:2,11-12,14,16)

I AM The... **Resurrection & the Life** Joh 11:24-25

I AM The... **Way, the Truth, the Life** Joh 14:6

I AM The... **True Vine** Joh 15:1-5

CHRIST : GOD’S TESTIMONY

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT (40X IN OT.) HAD ANOTHER TITLE used 1st!

ARK / TABERNACLE OF TESTIMONY (30X IN OT.)

IT WAS THE MOST SACRED PLACE & RELIGIOUS CENTER OF THE CAMP
PEOPLE OF GOD.

*Re 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, **Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.***

*Re 12:11 And **they overcame him** by the blood of the Lamb, and by **the word of their testimony**; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

*Re 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for **the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.***

One popular trend within the minds of Bible students is that the deep things of God are focused upon future events and the prophecies of those coming events. This usually focuses greatly upon Daniel and the book of Revelation. However, the scripture in Revelation gives us a different insight into the Spirit when it said**The Spirit of Prophecy is the Testimony of Jesus...** even though it may speak of future events. The deep things of the Spirit **focus upon Christ Jesus**. The end-time political and religious events are not the deep things of God.

TESTIFY OF ME JOH 15:26

*Joh 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, **he shall testify of me:***

REMEMBER ME....

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and **bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

SPEAK OF ME... JOH 16:13

Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for **he shall not speak of himself**; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

THEY ALL SPEAK OF CHRIST....HE IS WHERE GOD COMMUNES WITH US

Ex 25:16 And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee.

INTO THE ARK OF THE TESTIMONY ...ARK OF THE COVENANT went MANNA,(PROVISIONS) ROD(LIFE FROM DEATH), TABLES (THE WORD)

Heb 9:4 Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant

ALL FOR A TESTIMONY & THERE WILL I MEET & COMMUNE WITH YOU. ..

*Ex 25:22 And there **I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee** from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.*

“MEET”: ...to meet,to fix upon, ...to summon, ...to engage..betroth, marriage

“COMMUNE”: ...to speak, ...to subdue, ...to answer, ...to promise, ...to rehearse

Jesus is where God meets with us and communes with us. The thrust of the Spirit of Prophecy is Not endtime events, ...but the Testimony of Jesus!

WHICH JESUS DO I KNOW ?

THE NATURAL JESUS

The man Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Judea lived in Nazareth, and had an influence throughout Palestine of Israel. We know him in his visits of his 3 ½ year ministry to Capernaum, Bethany, Gethasemane, Jerusalem and finally his persecution and death at Mount Calvary outside of Jerusalem. Who he was as a man or as a person.

THE RELIGIOUS JESUS

He was born of a virgin, went about as a messenger from the God of Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob. He performed miracles, proclaimed his anointing, himself of being the Christ, Diety and Equality with God. He became the religious Icon of one of the largest religions upon the earth. Who he was as a religious person -- His teachings and doctrines.

THE SPIRITUAL JESUS

The Jesus who was to return in a spiritual form and take up residence in each of his followers. The Inner Jesus. The Spiritually Living Jesus. The revelation of Jesus Christ within the Inner Man by the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ on the inside.

CHRIST LEARNING ALL of the SPIRIT's EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, ..FOCUS is CHRIST

*Ephesians 4:20 But ye have not so **learned** Christ;*

*Ephesians 4:21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been **taught** by him, as the truth is in Jesus:*

*Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and **learn of me**; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

*Mark 3:14 And he ordained twelve, that they should **be with him**, and that he might send them forth to preach,*

*2 Timothy 3:7 **Ever learning, and never able** to come to the knowledge of the **truth**.*

*John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, **the truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

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The goal of the Spirit's operation and education is Christ. Learning Christ is point of it all. It always was. We may let themes, doctrines, etc become our driving focus, but the driving force and focus of the Holy (Ghost) Spirit of God is Christ. To learn the Way to God, to learn the Truth of God, to learn the Life of the Spirit is to learn Christ. The Holy Ghost, the indwelling Spirit of Christ, is not trying to teach us things, as much as He is trying to teach us the Person of Jesus Christ.

We may of thought that he wanted to teach us doctrines and etc..... thus doctrines then become our pursuit, ...rather than a relationship with the Person of Jesus Christ. It is a subtle, mis-direction by the spirit of religion and the spirit of anti-christ which always leads us somewhere further into the natural man, ...rather than into the Spirit Man, Christ Jesus.

When this happens, we somehow separate the Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost, in our minds, ... from the Spirit of Christ. The Holy Spirit, the Holy Ghost is the Spirit of Christ whose principle focus is to teach us Christ,not to teach us things and doctrines **about Christ**.

All that man focuses upon should not be learned ...except as by the Spirit of Christ teaching us. Religious man learns too much that is not of the Spirit's teaching. He said, "**learn of me**". "**Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth**" has come to mean the knowledge and facility in using a specific christian system's doctrines and practices. But, the truth of God is more than letters on paper. Truth is Jesus Christ. More than dogma. More than systematic Christian principles or Christian law. If not careful, the Old Testament Law has been replace by another New Testament Christian law of a denomination, organization, movement, creed or doctrine.

CHRIST IS

JACOB'S LADDERwhere angels are descending & ascending

BETHEL The house of God

TABERNACLE... SOLOMON'S TEMPLE...(David's) **EZEKIEL'S TEMPLE**

VOICE OF GOD the oracle of God, the place of his speaking of authority

LIGHT OF THE WORLD...."the path of the just is as the shining light which shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (mid-day) (Prov 4:18)

THE MERCY SEAT....

COMMUNION WITH US THERE ...

THE GLORY THAT FILLS THE HOUSE

THE SHEKINAH GLORY THAT LIGHTS THE HOLIES OF HOLIES ...

CHRIST'S ANOINTING:

CHRIST'S CORNERSTONE

CHRIST'S FOUNDATION:

CHRIST'S SACRIFICE:

CHRIST'S DEATH:

CHRIST'S BURIAL:

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION:

CHRIST'S POWER:

CHRIST'S WORD:

CHRIST'S KINGDOM: COL 1:13 EPH 5:5 2PET 1:11

CHRIST'S CHURCH: COL 1:17-18

CHRIST'S BODY: COL 1:17-18

CHRIST'S HOUSE: HEB 3:6

CHRIST'S BUILDING:

CHRIST'S TEMPLE:

CHRIST'S TRUTH:

CHRIST'S LIFE:

CHRIST'S WAY: OUT.... THRU.... IN....

CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS :

CHRIST'S SPIRIT:

CHRIST'S MIND:

CHRIST'S KNOWLEDGE:

CHRIST'S WISDOM

CHRIST'S FACE reveals the glory of God2COR 4:6

CHRIST PRE-EMINENT, ABOVE ALL

Colossians 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

(All things are held together)

*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.** (He is not one among many, he is chief only, he is above all,)*

*Col 1:19 For it pleased the Father that in him should **all fulness dwell**; (permanent dwelling or residence)*

*Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what is **the riches of the glory of this mystery** among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**:*

It is the Kingdom of His Dear Son Kingdom of the Son of His Love (from margin)

CHRIST ALL IN ALL

*"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 pre-eminence**" (Colossians 1:18). (foremost (in time, place, order or importance):--before, beginning, best, chief(-est), first (of all), former.)*

*"Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but **Christ is all, and in all**" (Colossians 3:11).*

"the fulness of Him that filleth all in all" (Eph. 1:23)

CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, & FOREVER heb 13:8

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

This life is filled with variations and non-constants. Variations in the weather.
But He is UN-varying UN-alterable Constant ... UN-Changeable

CHRIST GOD'S ANSWER & OUR ANSWER to Satan & the powers of darkness

CHRIST THE LIFE / LIVING OF ALL

1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

CHRIST & GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSES

It is all about Jesus Christ exaltation. The secret is Christ in you, you, & you, & you. The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

I thought it was all about me ... my eternal security, my blessings, my promises, my gifts,
No. It's not about furthering a teaching. ... a doctrine. ... a movement. ... a denomination.
... a fellowship. ... a creed ... a system of truth. ... a non-denomination. It is all about glorifying
Christ Jesus; that is God's ultimate purpose.

Hell is against harvesting souls into Christianity, but ... **Hell is more opposed to and fearful of the Revelation of Jesus Christ.**

Christ in you, the hope of glory. He that denies Jesus Christ is come in the flesh... is anti-Christ.

Much ministry today is focused upon.... my salvation, my being saved, my blessing, my satisfaction, my healing, my miracle, my testimony...., my ministry, my gratification, my being pleased ...

Yes, we are included in God's primary purpose, as the body is to the head. Christ in you is the hope of glory YOU in you? No. Christ in you. He's preeminent. Not us.

CHRIST & HIS CHURCH

The word Christianity brings to our mind images different than what God has in his mind. His desire was not an organized movement with an organizational center. God's design and intent was to call a people out of all other peoples and systems and attach them to the head Christ Jesus. Hell would

fight against it, but would not prevail. God would have a people whose head is Christ. Whose all in all is the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Col.3:11: "Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, bond-man, freeman; **but Christ is all, and in all.**"
"the fulness of Him that filleth all in all" (Eph. 1:23),*

CHRISTthe FULNESS OF GOD..... THE CHURCH FULNESS OF CHRIST
CHRISTthe EXPRESS, VISIBLE IMAGE OF GOD
CHRISTthe ONLY RIGHTEOUS ONE
CHRISTthe DEEPEST DEPTHS OF GOD

CHRIST APPREHENDED

to take eagerly, i.e. seize, possess, etc. (literally or figuratively):--apprehend, attain, come upon, comprehend, find, obtain, perceive, (over-)take.

*Philippians 3:12-13 Not as though I had already **attained**, either were already **perfect**: but I follow after, if that I may **apprehend** that for which also I am **apprehended** of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have **apprehended**: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,*

CHRIST'S CROSS – imprinted on our lives

One of the great areas of thorny conflict and inward wrestling is coming to grips with the unexplainable bad things that happen to each of us. The accuser of the brethren leans heavily upon our individual short-comings and the endless concern of our dis-obedience to God, as the cause of life's crowding issues. Financial reverses, family conflicts, health issues, spiritual inadequacies, etc ... the list is ever increasing. Some we can identify in others because we have had the same experiences.

Besides direct stubbornness, rebellion, and disobedience; ... what could be the answer to all of our trials, tests, difficulties, and pressures of life.... ? We might ought to look at the imprinting of "the Cross" of the Lord Jesus Christ upon our lives.

To Jesus, the cross represented public humiliation, elimination of pride, and complete submission to the will of the Father's Spirit. Christ Jesus went through some really pain-full and traumatic experiences. Scripture says that he learned obedience by the things that he suffered. *Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;*

A person's SELF never has to submit ...*to comfortable circumstances*. There is no measure of of WILL submission when all things are going the way we desire them to go. Believe it or not, Christ driving purpose is not about the satisfying and gratification of the SELF or the FLESH. CHRIST is all about 100% submission, yielding, and obedience to the SPIRIT, ...which is all at the expense of the Flesh.

Some where each believer has to come into a set of circumstances which are designed just for him or her. The Spirit of God thru Christ's Spirit within us will deal with me one way and with you another. All the time, ...it is bringing about a level of submission in our earthly, fleshly nature of self unto the Spirit of Christ.

Jesus let the Spirit of God be his purpose, his desire, his why, his all in all. God's plan is that each of us comes to that same place in every facet of our life. Thereby, over and over, Christ's will becomes

our purpose, our desire, our why, our all in all. Each time we overcome and yield to the Spirit, it becomes another experience in applying or **imprinting of the Cross** upon our natural life.

He said, that *“except I take up my cross and follow him, I am not worthy to be his disciple”*. Apostle Paul, after serving the Lord Jesus for 15 to 20 years expressed it this way. *Gal 6:14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.*

Thus if we are truly a child of God, dedicated and given over to the yielding of the working of the Spirit in our life, ...the cross's imprint is evidence of a dying of our self-will to the will of God. This explains so many of our difficulties in walking with God. The cross of Christ is not simply a one time spring-board of faith, ...the cross becomes a part of our whole being and a part of our whole walk with God.

CHRIST THE MOTIVE

Each individual uses a drive, zeal, and efforts which they are accustomed to using in their secular world, to accomplish tasks under the direction of what ever motives that are driving them.

This same set of human natural, outer man motivations, drives and fleshly efforts often find themselves busy in the work of the Lord. A believer often sets his sights on a target for God from the Spirit ...maybe a sermon, maybe a teaching, maybe an inspiration to complete a task for God. Then if they are not careful, they go about fulfilling this task, ...sermon preparation, teaching, assignment by using their human natural, reasoning, human techniques, energies, and schemes to accomplish what they think God wants.

What is our motive? Is it to graftify our natural soul ... or to satisfy the Spirit of Christ? Is it one of pride and self-exaltation? Is it one to satisfy some desire of the flesh?

Our is it that something which the Spirit of Christ has initiated in our life for us to do, becomes something we do for him, rather than allowing him to do it through us, his way. It could be much of what we do ... for God, is really not a Christ motive, but simply a self-motive in keeping us busy to look involved in the things of the kingdom, or the work of the Lord. To bring honor ultimately to us.

Am I working for Him or ...is He working thru me ?