

# Knowing Christ

“...though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet henceforth know we him no more.”

- 2 Corinthians 5:16

## 1. Jesus Christ is God

- a. Jesus Christ is a member of the Godhead. Three bear record. (1 Jn 5:7)
- b. Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb 13:8)
- c. Christ was before the beginning, He will be at the end. (Jn 1:1, Eph 1:10)
- d. The character of Jesus Christ does not change. He is equal with God. (Phil 2:6)

## 2. Jesus Christ is before the red letters

- a. Jesus Christ created all things. (Col 1:16, Gen 1:1, 2, 16)
- b. No man hath seen God. Then who? The image of God, Jesus Christ. (Jn 1:18, Col 1:25)
- c. The “Lord appeared” (20x). Before MMLJ. (Gen 12:1-3, 7, Gen 26:2, Ex 33:22-23)
- d. The scriptures speak/testify of Jesus. (Jn 5:39, Dan 3:25)
- e. What is His Son’s name? (Pr 30:4, Jn 20:31)
- f. The prophets spoke of Jesus since the world began. The Christ that would save Israel. (Lk 1:67-70)

## 3. Jesus Christ according to prophecy

- a. Jesus Christ of Nazareth is that Jesus. The Messiah, the King (Acts 2:21-22, 3:17-21)
- b. He was made of woman, under the law. (Gal 4:4, Col 2:9)
- c. He ministered to the circumcision. (Rom 15:8)
- d. He died for a better covenant with Israel. (Heb 8:6, 8:8)
- e. His followers followed Him on earth, awaiting His return there. (Mt 4:17-20)
- f. His followers preached to believe on His name. (Jn 20:31, Acts 2:21)
- g. He ascended to one day return with the kingdom. (Jn 14:2-3)

## 4. Jesus Christ according to mystery

- a. Yet there is more to Jesus than what the prophets spoke. (Eph 3:4, Col 4:3)
- b. We no longer know Jesus after the flesh, we know Him according to a mystery. (2 Cor 5:16)
- c. Different administrations, the same Lord. (1 Cor 12:5)
- d. This is not another Jesus or a new Jesus, but Jesus according to what hadn’t been revealed.
  - i. Preaching of Jesus Christ... kept secret. Glory in the cross. (Rom 16:25, Gal 6:14)
  - ii. The fellowship of the mystery... hid in God. (Eph 3:9, Deu 29:29)
  - iii. Had they known... they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. (1 Cor 2:8)
- e. He is the head of the body of Christ. A new creature, not Israel. (Col 1:18)