

## Come let us Grow Together: Beware of False Doctrines

Come let us Grow Together is a weekly series that deals with the many topical categories that exist within the Word of God. The purpose of this series is to grow in wisdom, knowledge, and understanding in things pertaining to God.

But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. (Gal 1:8-9 KJV)

I would like to speak to everyone concerning a grave false doctrine that abounds. This false doctrine is teaching people that the name of Jesus in the New Testament is not the correct name of the Messiah. They insist that the name of God, which is YHWH, should have been used.

These teachers will show you that in the Old Testament when speaking of YHWH that due to Jews believing that the name of God was either too Holy to say or was afraid of blaspheming the name of God they instead substituted replacement names such as LORD when speaking of the name of God. These teachers also teach that the New Testament is the inspired word of God and is accurate in all its teachings, but that the name of God was replaced to Jesus and thus not the name of God. They are also teaching that the name of Jesus is of pagan origin.

Let us address this teaching.

According to what they are teaching they believe that the name of Jesus is pagan. The scriptures teach us that the Holy Ghost was sent from the Father in the name of Jesus. We also know from the Old Testament that our God is a jealous God and will not share his glory with another.

So in essence what they are teaching is that God will fill a believer with the Holy Ghost in a false pagan name that is not his own. They are also teaching that God will remit the sins of a believer in a false pagan name or any other name since the believer is sincere. This teaching goes against both the Old and New Testament and is thereby false. This would be saying that our God who's name is Jealous would be sharing his glory with a false pagan name and filling believers with His Spirit in that name and remitting their sins in that name. (See Jn 14:26, Ex 34:14, Is 42:8)

I also wanted to point out that the name of Jesus and Joshua are the same name. One translated from Hebrew to English and the other translated from Greek to English and therefore the spelling of the name changed due to differences in alphabets.

Moses renamed Oshea the Son of Nun to Jehoshua which was contracted to Joshua or Jeshua. According to this false teaching that we are addressing they would be claiming that Moses renamed Oshea the Son of Nun to a pagan name.

These are the names of the men which Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Oshea the son of Nun Jehoshua. (Num 13:16 KJV)

Also see Exo 33:11 and Neh 8:17 where the name of Jehoshua was contracted to either Joshua or Jeshua.

These false teachers also take great effort to point out that before the letter J was used in our English language that Jesus appeared as Iesus and then claim that the name of Jesus is only around 245 years old. This trying to prove to us that the name of God has changed and since the name of God is everlasting that this could not be.

This is a failure to recognize that all languages undergo various changes of pronunciations and also possible changes in spelling due to new pronunciations of words. This also fails to recognize that the name of Jesus is the name that God chose to reveal to us in the New Testament. The name of Jesus meaning Jehovah Savior or Jehovah is Salvation. Let me also point out that these false teachers claim that the name of Jehovah is a mistranslation of God's name.

Let us not forget:

“And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them. (Ex 6:3 KJV)

Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory. And in his name shall the Gentiles trust. (Matt 12:18-21 KJV)

How could the gentiles trust in the name of Jesus if the name of Jesus was not His name? Would God fill you with His Spirit in a name that was not His own? Would God remit your sins in a false name that was not His own? The answer is no. If we say that He would, then we make God a liar. For our God is a jealous God and will not share His glory with another.

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