



ECC Devotion:

A contrast of 2 statements:

- Has anybody besides me ever wondered what is important to God?
- Has anybody besides me ever wondered what occupies God?

Well, If we were to read a book or listen to a lecture, a good measure of what would be important would be the amount of time spent on a certain part.. or in the case of a book, the dedication of the number of pages.

As we open scripture and begin to read, what is the most apparent accomplishment of God?

- ANSWER: CREATION

However, as we continue to read, what is the crimson thread or the CONSUMING STORY that scripture foreshadows in the Old Testament and is fulfilled in the NEW?

- ANSWER: The coming of the Messiah and the REDEMPTION of mankind and all creation through the crushing of God Himself in the person of Jesus Christ...

29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is *the work* of God, *that you believe in Him whom He sent.*" John 6:29

- The **WORK** of God: (ergon) –
 - 1) business, employment, **that which any one is occupied**
 - a) that which **one undertakes to do, enterprise, undertaking**
 - 2) any product whatever, **any thing accomplished by hand, art, industry, or mind**
 - 3) an act, deed, thing done: the idea of working is emphasised in opp. to that which is less than wor
- To Believed: pisteuō –
 - to think to be true, to be persuaded of, to credit, place confidence in
 - to trust in Jesus or God as able to do something: saving faith
 - And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. **Mark 1:15**
 - 67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "**Do you also want to go away?**" 68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 Also we have come to **believe** and **know** that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." **John 6:67- 69**
- **To Believe:** Pisteuo
- **To Know:** ginōskō – To come to know, to learn to know – and intimate knowledge.
 - Goes beyond intellectual knowledge.
 - Enters to the intimacy of marriage..

My friend it is the **business** of God – it is His **undertaking** and **enterprise to accomplish** by His hand, by His creation (art), by His means or by his mind that we would **repent** and be **persuaded** that Christ is the Messiah, **to place confidence** in Christ as the way the truth and the life, to trust in Him as our ONLY means of salvation from the wrath of God.

In the gospel of John, ch.6: 67-69, Jesus had just finished making friends and influencing people by telling them that they must eat his flesh and drink his blood. Many left him.. then he says...

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 - Do you HEAR the ABANDONMENT in the words of Simon Peter?
 - Do you realize that total abandonment leave you no other choice but to follow Christ because it is in HIM that we live and move and have our being..
 - Even if scientist found what they think is rock solid truth that the evolution was true
 - It would not shake my faith nor my belief, because I have totally committed myself to Christ.
 - It does not matter what this world says,
 - It does not matter what this world does,
 - It does not matter what they find, prove, dig up, or postulate..
 - The response of the Christian should be the same as Simon Peter's response 2000 years ago,
 - *"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 Also we have come to **believe** and **know** that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

This contrast is no more evident in the scene of the LAST SUPPER:

Matt. 26:20-25 we read...

Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve. And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, **Lord, is it I?** And he answered and said, He that dippeth [his] hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me. The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born. Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, **Master, is it I?** He said unto him, Thou hast said. Matt. 26:20-25

- Lord – Kurios – This is a title of Supremacy - It is a title Given to God the Messiah..
- Master – rhabbi – Teacher – honorable sir..

You see, to **all of the other disciples**, Jesus was LORD.. He was Supreme in ever sense, He was God in the Flesh.. He was Messiah.. **To Judas** – Jesus was RHABBI.. He was honorable SIR...

Do you want to occupy yourself with what occupies God?

- Continually live in a state of believing in Christ - Continually live in a state of repenting believing in Christ.
- As we believe by the renewing of our mind in prayer, with study and meditation in the Word - as we drawn to repentance and are transformed, as we are totally abandoned to Christ, we will impact our surroundings with our speech and with our actions and fulfill God's plan for our lives...

Is Jesus LORD or is he just MASTER?