

LEARN OF ME (Part 1): Jesus, Yes and Amen

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I. INTRODUCTION

- A. The ultimate purpose of our following Jesus (discipleship) is to know Him (John 17:3); to truly know Him, we must come to Him and learn of Him (**Mat. 11:25-29**):

[Jesus]: ²⁵“Father... You have **hidden** these things from the wise and learned, and **revealed** them to little children... ²⁷No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to **whom the Son chooses to reveal Him**. ²⁸Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take My yoke upon you and **learn from** [**“of”** – KJV, AMP] **Me**, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

- B. We have much to learn—His love, power, grace, wisdom, and mercy are all unsearchable (lit. “past finding out”)—yet He wants us to search!
1. **Rom. 11:33**: *Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! **How unsearchable** His judgments, and His paths **beyond tracing out**!*
 2. **Eph. 3:8** (AMP): *To proclaim to the Gentiles the **unending (boundless, fathomless, incalculable, and exhaustless)** riches of Christ [wealth which **no human being could have searched out**].*
 3. **Eph. 3:17-19**: ¹⁷...And I pray that you... ¹⁸may have power, together with all the saints, **to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ**, ¹⁹and to **know this love that surpasses knowledge**—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.
 4. **Eph. 1:17**: *I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and **revelation**, so that you may **know Him better**.*
- C. The Holy Spirit will teach us and reveal Jesus to us
1. **John 14:26**: *But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will **teach you all things** and will **remind you of everything I have said to you**.*

2. **John 15:26:** *When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, **He will testify about Me.***
 3. **John 16:13-15:** ¹³*But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth... ¹⁴**He will bring glory to Me by taking from what is Mine and making it known to you.** ¹⁵The Spirit will take from what is Mine and make it known to you.*
- D. So, in these next few weeks, we want to *come to Jesus*—press in, draw near to Him—and learn more about His boundless, unsearchable love, faithfulness, power, etc., etc. We will break it down into three separate topics:
1. Jesus: Yes, and Amen (Part 1)
 2. Jesus: Alpha and Omega (Part 2)
 3. Jesus: High Priest in the Order of Melchizedek (Part 3)

II. JESUS, YES AND AMEN

- A. The Jesus Paul and others preached was not “Yes” and “No” or “Maybe”—He was always “Yes” (**2 Cor. 1:16-22** – NKJV):

[I intended] ¹⁶*to pass by way of you to Macedonia, to come again from Macedonia to you... ¹⁷When I was planning this, did I do it lightly? Or the things I plan, do I plan according to the flesh, that with me there should be Yes, Yes, and No, No?* ¹⁸*But as God is faithful, our word to you was not Yes and No.* ¹⁹*For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—**was not Yes and No, but in Him was** [“always” NIV] **Yes.** ²⁰For all the promises of God in Him are **Yes**, and in Him **Amen**, to the glory of God through us. ²¹Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, ²²who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit [“as a deposit” NIV] in our hearts as a **guarantee.***

1. This is exactly what Jesus taught in His Sermon on the Mount (**Mat. 5:36-37**): ³⁶*And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. ³⁷Simply let your “Yes” be “Yes,” and your “No,” “No”; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.*
2. Unlike many modern preachers, Paul did not preach a “Maybe” or “Sometimes” Jesus—the Jesus he preached was always “Yes!”

B. All of the promises of God are always “Yes” in Christ

1. It is impossible for God to lie (Heb. 6:18; Tit. 1:2)
2. He doesn’t promise and then change His mind
 - a) **Num. 23:19:** *God is not a man, that He should **lie**, nor a son of man, that He should **change His mind**. Does He speak and then **not act**? Does He promise and **not fulfill**?*
 - b) **Josh. 23:14:** *Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your heart and soul that **not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed**. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed.*
 - c) **Mal. 3:6:** *I the LORD **do not change**.*
 - d) **Heb. 13:8:** *Jesus Christ is **the same** yesterday and today and forever.*
3. It is impossible to have faith in a “Yes” and “No” God or in “Maybe” promises
 - a) “Yes” or “No” produces a double mind which results in doubt (**James 1:5-8**):
*⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. ⁶But when he asks, he must believe and **not doubt**, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸he is a **double-minded man, unstable** in all he does.*
 - b) We can only have “full assurance of faith” when every promise is “Yes” (**Heb. 10:22**):
*Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in **full assurance of faith**.*
4. Whatever our need, the answer in Jesus is always “Yes”:
Can God save/forgive me? ...heal me? ... provide for me?
... give me deliverance, victory? ... help me? YES, YES!

C. All of the promises of God are always “Amen” in Christ

1. The Laodiceans were lukewarm—neither hot nor cold (a little bit like “Yes” and “No” or “Maybe!”)—they needed a special revelation of Jesus (**Rev. 3:14**):

*To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the **Amen**, the **faithful and true witness**, the ruler of God's creation.*

2. “Amen” is not just a word we say to finish a prayer—it is one of Jesus’ names!
3. The Greek word *amen* means “sure, certain, firm, true”; it is found 126 times in the New Testament, and Jesus used it 80 times, not at the end of prayers, but at the beginning of sentences (translated “verily” or “truly”; “de cierto” Span.)
 - a) **Mat. 5:18** (NASB): *For **truly** I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.*
 - b) Mat. 5:26; 6:2, 5, 13, 16; etc.
 - c) Sometimes Jesus repeated “amen” twice for emphasis, as in John 3:3, 5, 11; 5:19, 24-25; etc. (lit. “Amen! Amen!”)
4. Jesus is the “Amen”—so be it, it is finished, it is sure and certain—to every one of God’s “exceedingly great and precious promises” (2 Pet. 1:4 NKJV)

III. CONCLUSION

- A. The Jesus Paul and the apostles preached in the First Church was not “Yes” and “No,” He was always “Yes!”
- B. We can’t have real faith in a “Maybe” God
- C. Whatever our need, God has given a promise to meet that need—and every promise is “Yes” and “Amen” in Jesus!
- D. And God gave us the Holy Spirit to “guarantee” every promise!
- E. “Amen, faithful and true witness” is Christ’s name—it’s who He is!
- F. We need to say “Amen” (2 Cor. 1:20 NIV): “Through Him the ‘Amen’ is spoken by us” (see 1 Chron. 16:36; Deut. 27:15-26)
- G. Amen is God’s final word (**Rev. 22:20-21**):

²⁰*He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” **Amen**. Come, Lord Jesus.* ²¹*The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. **Amen**.*